

Costume pics, Trick or Treat on Main Tuesday

Halloween arrives Tuesday, bringing with it two traditions in Crittenden County: - Trick or Treat on

Main in Marion will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday. The event is for children 12 and under. Costumed children can begin hunting candy at the Marion Welcome Center and continue visiting participating downtown businesses with flyers in their storefront indicating they have goodies for all the ghouls and goblins.

- The Crittenden Press will once again be taking Halloween costume photos to appear in the paper. Photos will be taken from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday at the office. The cost is \$10. The pictures will appear in next week's issue.

Band headed to state semifinals Saturday

Crittenden County Marching Band is headed to the Class A state semifinals of the Kentucky Music Educators Association competition Saturday in Shepherdsville. The band, led by firstyear Crittenden County director Lindsey Maddux, advanced to the semifinals by placing eighth with a score of 64 in last weekend's Class A West Regionals in Owensboro. The middle and high school musicians' top marks came in musical effect

CEO: CHS not in danger of closing

By DARYL K. TABOR PRESS EDITOR

Acting Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) CEO Terry Nichols evoked the words of Mark Twain last week when offering community leaders a state of the hospital report.

"The rumors of the closing of your hospital have been greatly exag-

gerated," Nichols told a couple dozen influential community mem-

bers at last Friday's quarterly leadership breakfast. "You have my word, your hospital is not closing. Not even close.

Nichols was addressing

speculation throughout the community over the last few months that CHS is on life support, in danger of shuttering at any moment. A low patient census, numerous layoffs, removal of services and shake-ups at the top of hospital administration are among the visible signs of struggle that have alarmed some in the county.

But Nichols, the lead administrator with the Rural Community Hospitals of America (RCHA) management group brought in by the hospital's board of directors to run the health care facility, said CHS is faring better than many small hospitals throughout America.

"CHS is in very good shape," he said of the 48bed, short-term, acute-care hospital. "We actually have money in the bank, unlike about 80 percent of hospitals.'

CHS is not without its woes, however. Nichols explained the hospital has been "bleeding" red ink the last eight months, depleting reserves and leading the board of directors to call on the services of an outside management group. Board Chairman Charlie Hunt said cash on hand is roughly \$800,000 with \$3.8 million

operating suite completed in Nichols said. late 2013.

Nichols said 81 community hospitals have closed in the last two years, and struggles are the norm for rural facilities.

> "It's a very common occurence," he said. The local hospital

Nichols is surviving on what it has done in the past, living off savings built up over several years. And it has a few feathers in its hat, the CEO explained. An onsite MRI, quality surgeons, a new walk-in clinic and the \$4.6 million operating suite are a

in debt remaining on a new solid base on which to build

"You don' t see that kind of suite in rural hospitals too often," he said. "It's one of the better ones we've seen."

RCHA is a Kansas City, Mo.-based, financing and operating company that manages and oper-

ates small rural hospitals, mostly in the Midwest. Nichols was scheduled to present RCHA's plan for CHS's recovery Tuesday evening to the hospital board

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Escapee warning system goes back to basics

By DARYL K. TABOR PRESS EDITOR

The next time an inmate is on the loose in Marion, don't be surprised to hear about it on the street. Literally.

On the heels of an incident early this month involving a prisoner escaping the custody of an inmate transport service, some local officials and residents near Crittenden County Detention Center were clamoring for an improved notification tem. The solution appears to b the modern equivalent of a town crier - a deputy jailer driving the area and making an announcement through a police loudspeaker. Marion Mayor Jared Byford was at last Thursday's fiscal court meeting. He was there to relay to Crittenden County magistrates his personal concerns as well as those of angry constituents who felt their safety was at risk on the evening of Oct. 6 when as many as three inmates were believed to have escaped from a transport bus. Marion City Councilman Don Arflack, who was also at the meeting, said nearby res-

School campuses off limits for family pets

Crittenden County School District has recently announced that its campuses are off limits for pets. No pets are allowed on campus during school hours or after-school events.

Oval track at park undergoing repairs

The quarter-mile oval track at Marion-Crittenden County Park will be off limits for walkers or runners this week while routine repairs are made. A contractor will be filling cracks, resealing the track then re-striping it. Work was scheduled to begin Tuesday and should be done by Friday

Public meetings

Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday in the fiscal court room at the courthouse. On the agenda is first reading of an ordinance to refinance detention center debt.

Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at 5:25 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.



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Title tears

His players celebrate in the background Friday night on the field of Rocket Stadium while Crittenden County High School football Coach Al Starnes steps away for a rare emotional moment. It came after the 27-year coach led his team to a district championship with a 22-21 victory over Russellville, remaining perfect in district play. The title is his sixth and final as the Rocket skipper. Starnes is retiring in 2018. For more, See Page 9.

Halloween decor greets Tyner-Belt's house guests

By ALLISON EVANS STAFF WRITER

Skittish souls beware.

This time of year is one of Becky Tyner-Belt's favorites, but any number of things in her house might scare the living daylights out of you if you aren't expecting them.

Tyner-Belt was raised watching black and white horror movies with her dad in Tolu, where she decorated her bedroom as a young girl with plastic models from "The Creature from the Black Lagoon." Her love of all things Halloween continued through adulthood, enjoyed also by her late husband Herschel, and now includes an impressive collection of Lenox pumpkins and Christopher Radko figurines along with a set of delicate vintage mummies and funeral home fans

Yes, funeral home fans. Tyner-Belt has collected the fans, which served two purposes in the days before air conditioning - to cool guests in the funeral parlor as well as advertise their services. She has about 100 in her collection,

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IOTO BY ALLISON EVANS. THE F The gift of a zombie baby from one of Becky Tuner-Belt's friends is the perfect welcome mat at her home during Tyner-Belt's favorite season, Halloween.

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Governor appoints District 3 magistrate

By DARYL K. TABOR PRESS EDITOR

The new magistrate appointed last week by Gov. Matt Bevin to fill the unexpired term of Glenn Un-

derdown is a generation younger than anyone else on Crittenden Fiscal Court.

Blood-Zack worth, 31, was chosen from 11 applicants hoping to take the District



Bloodworth

3 seat on the county government. The seat came open upon the Sept. 20 death of longtime Magistrate Glenn Underdown, 74. A father of two young children and husband of a Crittenden County Elementary School teacher, Bloodworth wants to help his adopted home move forward.

"I'm excited about digging in and doing what I can and helping the community," said the Caldwell

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1st step to address pension crisis taken

It's no secret that Kentucky's pension systems have been on a crash course

for quite some time, and as I have stated on numerous occasions, the crisis we now face requires us to take action. To refuse to do so would be a dereliction of duty to all the citizens of our great state. The first steps

in addressing the crisis were taken last week when the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House held a joint press conference to unveil an outline of

their proposal to revise the eight pension plans within the three major retirement systems in the Commonwealth. The bill itself with the details of the proposed legislation has yet to be finalized and sent to the General Assembly for action, but any legislation that is passed will not be effective until July 1, 2018. This will

allow all employees ample time to understand and review all the options of their

respective plans. It is my hope that when full details are finally released, we will see that it helps to ensure benefit obligations both today and in the future.

Current employees who are in the Defined Benefit Kentucky Employees Retirement (KERS) Non-Hazardous and the **County Employees** Retirement (CERS) Non-Hazardous Systems, will be able to continue

their defined pension plan until 27 years of service, or age 65 as promised. New hires will enter a defined contribution plan with an employer match, mirroring what the private sector offers. Current retirees will continue as before with no reduction in cost of living adjustments (COLAs). KERS, CERS, and the

State Police Retirement System (SPRS) Hazardous employees will continue with the current cash balance plan with a 4 percent guaranteed rate of return. Red tape issues that existed for death benefits will be removed so that the families of those killed in the line of duty receive the benefits they deserve. New employees may elect to switch to a defined contribution plan if they so desire.

As in the other systems, Kentucky's teachers who participate in the Kentucky **Teachers Retirement System** (KTRS) will continue in their defined benefit plan and the retirement age will not change. New hires will enter in a defined contribution plan with an employer match. There will be no reduction in previously granted COLAs for current retirees, but future COLAs will be suspended for five years and COLAs for future retirees will begin after five years in retirement. As before, there will be no Social Security coverage for current or future teachers.

Kentucky's Judicial and Legislator retirement systems will also change. Instead of these plans being separate from other systems, they will be placed under the Kentucky Retirement System (KRS) umbrella and treated exactly like the systems in place for other public workers. Current Judicial retirees can continue to work until 27 years of service, or age 65. and new entrants in the system will enroll in a defined contribution plan identical to KERS and CERS. However, Kentucky Legislators will have their defined benefit plan frozen and will be enrolled in KERS non-hazardous 401(k) type defined contribution plan. The plan will base Legislator benefits on time of legislative service only, not any other public sector position.

Health care benefits for all retirees remain as is, but all plans include 3 percent of an employee's salary as an additional contribution to fund the retiree healthcare program.

Funding of the plans will

move to a level dollar amortization (much like a fixed mortgage payment) instead of a percentage of payroll as it is now. This will enable consistent funding for the systems rather than the unpredictable nature of salaries and number of employees in any one year that have plagued our funding calculations in the past.

These structural changes should improve Kentucky's credit ratings which have been downgraded due to the burgeoning unfunded pension liability and high fixed costs. In fact, the state has already received positive feedback from credit agencies as a result of the outline.

There are many more details in the framework that was announced last week and more will undoubtedly be in the bill when it is finally released, but I believe the points covered above represent the essential items that concerned most people who have contacted me.

While the outline of the proposal looks good, I am

well aware that it does not please everyone. The nature of legislation, however, requires compromise in an effort to get to workable solutions. To that end, I pledge to read the bill in its entirety once it becomes available so that I am able to understand it before I make a commitment as to how I will vote.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and thank you for contacting me with your concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the Fourth District.

I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181, directly at (502) 564-8100 or by email at Lynn.Bechler@lrc.ky.gov.

(Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, is a state representative for District 4, which includes Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston and a portion of northern Christian County.)

Pension fix plan worries senator

The wait is finally over - kind of.

After months of closed-door meetings on how to address Kentucky's pension challenges, the governor and Republican leadership released an outline of a plan. I will be carefully reviewing that outline in the upcoming days, with an eye on the fact that 14 percent of Kentuckians depend on the pension system to retire in dignity.

I cannot say this proposal eliminates my fears. I am worried about attracting young people to teach, to test our drinking water, to protect our children when they are being neglected or abused. And, I am worried about keeping those qualified employees once we have them. Public employees serve the people of this Commonwealth



The majority of new hires, including teachers, would go straight into the 401 (k)-style plans. The teachers' 401 (k)style plans would be more lucrative, however, because they still wouldn't receive Social Security benefits.

The outline doesn't include some of the most outrageous recommendations by some well-heeled Philadelphia consultants. The governor's consultants actually suggested slashing benefits for many current retirees by 25 percent or more.

As they say, however, the devil is in the details. And even this outline has some details that are of immediate concern. One would suspend for five years cost-of-living benefit increases paid to retired teachers. Another would require all public employees and teachers to begin paying 3 percent more next year for retiree health care benefits.

The next step is for the legislative staff to take this outline and draft a bill, a

been released.

The governor has said he wants to call a special session to consider that bill before year's end, but he hasn't announced a date for the session. A special session would likely be five days, the minimum number of days it takes for a bill to get through the legislative process.

I will know more when the actual bill is released. In the meantime, I encourage you to share your thoughts on the pension outline. Does the bill meet "the legal and moral obligations owed to current and retired teachers and public servants," as the governor said?

I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181, directly at (502) 564-8100 or by email at Dorsey.Ridley@lrc.ky.gov.

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LETTERS

Family grateful for friends, time in Marion

To the editor:

incident, Chris Hardesty was not impaired. After the event, Chris voluntarily submitted to drug and alcohol testing. These samples were taken at Livingston Hospital in Salem. All test results were negative. At the present time, we are awaiting the state test which we also know will be negative. Chris has never drank or used drugs. We are hopeful that you will publish this letter so the public knows that Chris was not impaired at the time of this incident. Chris truly did not see the operator of the moped. In fact, he thought his vehicle had hit a deer, which is a common occurrence in Livingston County, as no doubt readers will attest. He stopped at his first safe place to visualize what damage the deer may have caused his vehicle. It was at that time that another vehicle operator stopped and told him of the incident with the moped operator. After learning of that, Chris fully cooperated with everyone concerning the matter. We are parents who believe in our son. We are hopeful that the readers of (this) paper will likewise believe in him and recognize that on the night in question, he was not impaired, nor was he under the influence of any alcohol or drugs. He regrets this very unfortunate incident and looks forward to being totally vindicated by Livingston District Court.

and the governor has only released an outline, but there are some themes I want to highlight. It would transition most public employees from traditional pension plans to

401 (k)-style plans with the exception of hazardous duty employees, like our Legislative Review police officers and firefighters.

Most current teachers and other government workers would have their pension benefits frozen once they reach 27 years of service under the outline, although they would be able to take advantage of a 401 (k)style plan at that point to continue saving for their retirements. Teachers who have 27 years of service or more would have a three-



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in many ways. What we lacked in competitive salaries – we made up for with the promise of a pension.

year window before they would have to switch to the 401 (k)-style plans to avoid a wave of retirements.

process that is already underway. Such a bill is likely to be hundreds of pages long, and no such bill has actually

Troublesome city intersection altered

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) has changed the location of stop bars at the U.S. 60/West Gum Street and U.S. 641/South Main Street intersection in Marion

A contractor placed new traffic signal stop bar pavement markings for U.S. 60 West eastbound traffic and U.S. 641 northbound traffic about 20 feet back from their original location. This realignment is designed to help provide a wider turning radius for tractor-trailers attempting to make a right turn from U.S. 60 West onto U.S. 641.

Almost 10,000 vehicles travel through the intersection in an average day.

Turn issues for trucks at

intersection prompted many truckers to take an alternate route along Country Club Drive, a city street. However, damage to the roadway along Country Club Drive prompted city officials to consider closing it after spending about \$88,000 to repair two sections of pavement damaged by heavy truck traffic.

While there has been an unscheduled project to widen the U.S. 60/U.S. 641 intersection in Marion for many years, there has been no funding available. KyTC District 1 engineers attempted to get improvements funded through a state safety program. However, the crash rate at the site is below intersections of similar design, making the site ineligible for those safety program funds. KyTC engineers continue to explore other lowcost ways of improving the intersection turn radius for trucks and other large vehicles.

In addition to placement of the new stop bars, the KyTC traffic crew moved sensors that detect traffic back to match the new

pavement markings. Motorists are reminded that if they drive beyond the white stop bar on the pavement, their vehicle will not be detected by the sensors and the light will not be prompted to change phases.

Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford said he is pleased by the adjustments at

USDA suspends CRP enrollment

the intersection, calling them a good start.

"I think the city council will be watching how these adjustments at the U.S. 60/U.S. 641 intersection impact truck traffic on Country Club Drive," he said. "We're hopeful it will improve the situation for both truckers and the city." Motorists should be

aware of the changes in stop bar placement for eastbound U.S. 60 traffic and northbound U.S. 641 traffic at the traffic signal. Motorists should stop behind the stop bar to assure clearance for turning trucks and to assure their vehicle will be detected by traffic signal activation sensors in the pavement.

Words cannot express our gratitude to the people of Marion. While our family only resided here for seven years, this community truly felt like home.

We cannot thank you enough for all of the well wishes, cards, kind words and gestures for our next adventure. A special thank you to all of those who furnished the "good-bye" event and all who stopped in to offer words of support.

This community will always hold a place in our hearts.

> Becky, Chris and Mckenzi Zahrte Madisonville, Ky.

Son will be vindicated in court: Parents

To the editor:

We are writing you this letter in response to a story your paper published (June 29, "Local man faces 2 charges after Livingston crash") about our son, Chris Hardesty and his involvement in an incident in Livingston County with an operator of a moped.

We recognize that as parents, our view of this matter is certainly biased. However, so that everyone is well aware, on the night of this

Gary and Linda Hardesty Marion. Ky.

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of directors at its regular monthly meeting.

Nichols said RCHA will be offering a short- and longterm plan for what the board should consider going forward, including bringing back discontinued services like swing beds as well as additional specialists.

'We're just figuring out what we're good at and what we need to do and concentrate on it," he said of RCHA's assessment since taking over day-to-day management Oct. 3. "(We can't) be everything to everybody."

RCHA will begin a search for a new permanent CEO and CFO after the first of the year. RCHA's management contract is only temporary.

STAFF REPORT

The USDA announced Friday that it will process many pending eligible offers for land enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and it will temporarily suspend accepting most new offers until later in the 2018 fiscal year.

The CRP acreage cap is a provision of the 2014 Farm Bill. Current enrollment is about 23.5 million acres nationwide. USDA is accepting all pending continuous enrollment offers that were made beginning on May 4, 2017, and extending through Sept. 30, 2017, except Pollinator Habitat Initiative offers. Pollinator acreage offers are being declined because the program has met its acreage enrollment goal.

immediately, Effective USDA is suspending acceptance of all new CRP continuous offers received or submitted after Sept. 30, 2017. The suspension will continue until later in the 2018 fiscal year.

Steven J. Peterson, Acting Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrators, said USDA will continue to accept eligible offers for state-specific Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and CRP Grasslands enrollment. Offers received on or after Oct. 1, 2017, are subject to fiscal year 2018 rental rates which have been adjusted to reflect current market conditions and were established after careful review of the latest USDA Na-

tional Agricultural Statistics Service cash rent data.

In return for enrolling in CRP, USDA, through FSA, provides participants with rental payments and costshare assistance. Landowners enter into contracts that last between 10 and 15 years. CRP pays farmers and ranchers who remove sensitive lands from production and plant certain grasses, shrubs and trees that improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat. Payment totals for 2017 announced earlier last week total more than \$1.6 billion.

For more information about CRP, contact the Crittenden/Livingston County FSA office at (270) 988-2180 or visit FSA.usda.gov/crp.

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County native.

Bloodworth is new to the county, at least as a resident. He has lived on Axel Creek Road in the southwest portion of the county just more than a year, the minimum period of residence to qualify for magistrate. But his wife Heather has been a teacher in the school system for almost nine years, and he has worked at Par 4 Plastics for the last six years. His daughters Kylie, 8, and Korie, 4, play soccer in the county and he has coached the sport here. Kylie has been schooled on in Crittenden County, and the family also belongs to Mexico Baptist Church.

"I consider ourselves a Crittenden County success story," he said, adding that neither have any family here. "We both enjoyed working here so much, we wanted to move here.'

At Par 4, he is the director of quality assurance and program management. He studied business at Mid-Continent University after graduate from Caldwell County High School.

Like his predecessor on the fiscal court, Bloodworth

Party favor

Last Thursday, Gov. Matt Bevin, a Republican, selected fellow GOP member Zach Bloodworth from 11 applications for the District 3 seat on Crittenden Fiscal Court left vacant with the death of longtime **Republican Magistrate** Glenn Underdown. The applicants and their party registration were:

REPUBLICAN

- Kathy Bechler
- Zach Bloodworth
- Jeremy Collins - Willard Guill
- Justin Lewis
- Rick Mills
- Junior Martin
- Felicia Myers
- Jason Singleton

DEMOCRAT

- Martha "Marty" Kaiser **OTHER**

- Marty Wallace

is a Republican. He joins Judge-Executive Perry Newcom as the only GOP members of the fiscal court. He has never held public office before, and his term ends in **Magisterial District 3** Crittenden County Precincts 4, 8 1 4 2 6 Crittenden 3 5 County Magisterial District 3 includes voters in Precincts 4 and 8, who vote at the Marion Ed-Tech Center and Grace Baptist Church in Frances, respectively. It includes the southwest quadrant of Marion south of West Gum Street and West of South Main Street. It continues outside the city with U.S. 60 West as the northern boundary; U.S. 641 to Rieter View Road as the eastern boundary; Rieter View Road to Mexico Road, south to Amos Road, west to Frances Road, south to Ky. 855 North, south to Ky. 70 and Ky. 70 to just north of Dycusburg as the eastern boundary; and the border with Livingston County as the western boundary.

December 2018. However, Bloodworth could choose to run in next year's election. While he is 20 years younger than any other magistrate, he is not the

youngest to hold a seat on the fiscal court in recent memory. District 2 Magistrate Curt Buntin, 51, was in his late 20s when he was first elected 23 year ago.

"Sometimes (youth) can bring some energy to the Bloodworth said. team." "And with some of the skills I have, I feel can bring a new way of looking at things, a different perspective."

Bloodworth was selected by a Republican governor over eight other fellow party members - including former magistrate and city councilman Junior Martin and Kathy Bechler, who is the wife of state Rep. Lynn Bechler - one Democrat and one "Other" party member. Three women applied for the post.

Newcom is excited to help the new magistrate get acclimated to the new job.

"We are working to get him involved as quickly as possible," the judge-executive said. "I told him he would feel as though he were drinking from a fire hose for a while.

Bloodworth was first introduced to his five fellow magistrates at last Friday's community leadership breakfast. And while Bloodworth is eager to get up to speed, he doesn't plan to rush into any decisions related to the issues facing the county.

"Anytime you go into something new, you want to take the time to learn as much as you can," he said.

Governments up technology for services

STAFF REPORT

Three local governments are stepping up their technology to better serve constituents.

The City of Marion now has municipal ordinances available for viewing on and download from its website, MarionKy.gov.

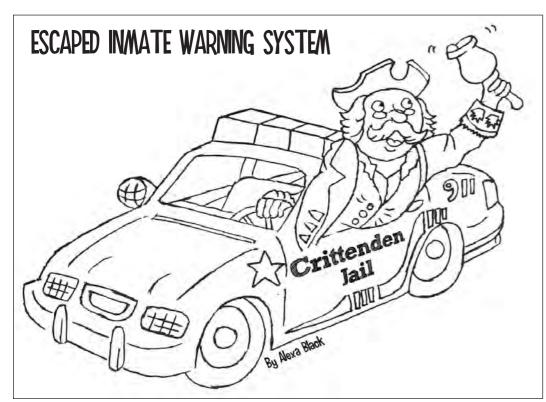
In Salem, starting in January, city hall will begin accepting credit and debit cards and beginning an automatic payment program for utilities.

And last Thursday, Crittenden Fiscal Court approved an agreement with Louisville Geek, an information technology company, to provide email service and addresses for county employees and elected officials. The cost would be about \$170 a month for 25 addresses.

Perry Judge-Executive Newcom said this will allow the county to better manage communications both internally and externally with constituents and organizations.

A county government website is also being designed. The email and internet domain will be Crittenden CountyKy.org.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



County looks to refinance jail debt - Extension service:

STAFF REPOR

The county is looking to refinance debt from the \$7.7 mil-Crittenden County lion Detention Center that opened in 2008. The move could save taxpayers \$110,291 over the remaining 20-year life of the debt.

At the end of the year, the interest rate on debt with Bank of New York is expected to jump as much as 0.75 percent to 6 percent. But through the Kentucky Association of Counties Finance Corp. bond pool, the county would be looking at a rate less than half that.

Refinancing would not extend the life of the note.

Magistrates looked at the matter last Thursday at the regular meeting of Crittenden

Fiscal Court. First reading of an ordinance to refinance will be given at a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday.

Election cost

The cost of last month's special election, a referendum on a proposed school tax increase, was \$20,695. That total is paid by the school district.

Tax collection

Sheriff Wayne Agent presented magistrates with a total of 2017 property tax bills sent out by his office. Of the \$3.2 million grand total, the school tax accounted for \$1.75 million. Other totals were:

- State: \$502,014.
- County: \$422,431.

- Library: \$181,704.

\$142.437. - Health board: \$109.023. - Lower Tradewater River

- watershed conservancy: \$2,528.
- Forest fire protection: \$1.902.

Collection is never 100 percent, but most taxing districts also receive motor vehicle taxes collected in the clerk's office.

From the \$30 fire dues on tax bills for property outside the city, fire departments can expect to receive the following:

- Crittenden: \$35,280.

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idents were irritated they were not notified in a more timely manner, if even at all.

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"I'm telling you, we have some very irate people," Arflack told magistrates.

Just three days earlier, Byford had presided over a city



ESCAPE

notified fast enough," said Byford Byford.

who

works as a loan officer a block from the jail at Farmers Bank & Trust Co. "We had doors open to the bank. My wife and kids were outside in the yard playing. There was a football game (at Rocket Stadium)."

In Crittenden County, there is little to no technology in place to alert the general population to emergencies like disasters or escaped inmates. There is only passive notification with tornado warning sirens throughout the county. Push notifications or texts for smart phones or even reverse 911 calls are not available, though the school system uses a reverse call system to notify parents and staff of school cancellations and other important information.

All were considered as solutions last Thursday. But piggybacking callouts on the schools' system would reach parents of students and staff, which is only a small portion of the population within no specific geographical area. Using warning sirens would lead to only more confusion among those unclear of the purpose, warned Kirk. Finally, advanced technology could cost around \$12,000 annually and would require trained operators to send out alerts. Kirk said having that in place since he took office three years ago would have cost \$36,000 for only two escape incidents.

"I respect that, Robbie, but you can't put a price on public safety," Byford said.

In response, Kirk offered the low-tech, inexpensive so-

the fiscal court with an inmate census and housing income re port from the previous month. The following data were provided at last week's fiscal court meeting:

Each month, Crittenden County Jailer Robbie Kirk provides

Detention center census

Inmate count as of Oct. 19

State inmates	
Federal inmates	41*
Prisoner transport services	
Other counties	3
Crittenden County	
Total inmates	
Weekenders/work release	
Out to court.	
Actual total inmate bed count	
*Highest federal inmate count	the jail has ever reported

September housing income

State housing	\$132,098.10
Housing days4,215	
Daily housing rate\$31.34	
Federal housing	\$35,730.64
Federal transport payments\$2,382.64	
Housing days794	
Daily housing rate\$42.00	
Prisoner Transport Service of America	\$12,180.00
Number of days290	
Daily housing rate\$42.00	
Other county housing	\$2,650.00
Housing days106	
Daily housing rate\$25.00	
Weekend/work release	\$1,152.00
Housing days	
Daily housing rate\$32.00	
Total housing	\$183.810.74

September Crittenden County inmate report

Housing days	
Daily housing rate	
Average daily population	
Cost of Crittenden County inmat	

lution of dispatching a deputy with an external vehicular public address system to drive the area warning residents.

"We could do that quickly," Kirk said.

Magistrates, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, the mayor, Arflack and neighbors of the jail seem to like that solution.

"As someone who lives two blocks from the jail, I think that would be nice," said city resident Linda Schumann.

Newcom said the mobile PA system could offer a second purpose during a jailbreak.

"Of course, this may also serve to further scare the escapees should they hear the announcements being made from a car knowing that there is an effort to blanket the area with enforcement and notification efforts," he said. "I'm just glad we rarely have to deal with such instances.'

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Citizens enjoy Halloweens of yesteryear

How about some Halloween fun from over 100 years ago? Marion in the early 1900s was a festive place, and it seems Halloween was a favorite time for having fun parties.

The young people knew how to throw an entertaining party with good food, exciting imaginary games and good friends. Their parties seemed to not get started until very late in the evenings and would continue until the early morning hours.

These articles from the old Crittenden Presses tell us a delightful story of some of these parties. Halloween seemed to be a particular good time for some good fun. October 1900. A Stormy Night But a Gay Party at R. C. Walker's.

Halloween was not very generally observed in Marion, the blinding torrents of rain, which fell incessantly, sadly interfering with the mischievous propensities of the youngsters. But despite the steady downpour there was one residence in Marion where lights flashed to the beating of happy hearts and joy reigned supreme.

About 8 o'clock in the evening carriages began unloading their occupants at the residence of Mr. R. C. Walker, and by 9 o'clock the parlors were comfortably filled by as joyous a party of young ladies and gentlemen as ever assembled to honor the occasion.

The hours were whiled swiftly and pleasantly away with games of forfeit and other delightful diversions, when the doors of the supper room were thrown open and the guests sat down to just such a lunch as Mrs. Walker knows so well how to provide, dainty, elegant, abundant and appetizing.

Midnight drew on space and the joyous revelers bade their entertainer's adieu and again plunged into the dark-

Walker, Maud Roney, Della Barnes, Pearl Cook, Kitty Wood, Lillie Cook and Ruth Thomas; Messrs. Ed Doss, R. J. Morris, Hugh Hurley, Dave Kevil, Ed Gray, Will Clark, Edward Squire, Sam Gugenheim and Tom Clifton.

October 1904. Delightful Halloween Reception.

Mesdames J. W. Blue and J. H. Orme gave the first of the season Halloween entertainments at the residence of Mayor J. W. Blue, on the corner of College St., and Wilson Avenue.

Among those who attended were noted the following: Mes-Ollie dames M. James, Henry Η. Savre, C. Maxwell, Thomas H. Cochran, Sidney M. Jenkins, Wm. J. Deboe, I. H. Chas. Clement, Evans, Avery Η. George Brenda Reed. Μ. John Crider, J. Underdown Clark, Harry Α. County Historian Haynes, Robert F. Haynes, Frank Forgotten Walker, Thos. Passages Clifton, E. J. Hay-

ward, George C. Gray, Perry D. Maxwell, Henry K. Woods, Clem S. Nunn and James R. McFee.

Guests were first ushered into the reception hall and then all invited to the Halloween room where beautiful decorations of pumpkin vines, apples and oranges; sketches of witches riding broom sticks, skulls and cross bones, bats and skeletons were galore. Candies of different kinds and colors gave a soft glow to the jacko'-lanterns.

Several contests were indulged in such as bean and candle, guessing the number of candies, witches, etc. After this a "nose contest" which was the most enjoyable of all.

Guests were then invited into the dining room where they feasted on cider, pumpkin pie, ginger preau

joyable time was had, and the season's reception was opened auspiciously.

Spooks and Spirits Visit Marion

That the spirits of the unseen world had been in our little city the night before could be readily seen by anyone passing along the streets the morning after Halloween. Signs were changed so

that furniture men were barbers, grocery men were selling dry goods "cheap for cash" or in the millinery business the millinery ladies were selling gro-

ceries, etc.

To have seen the buggies on the concrete broad, walk in front of the post office, one would think that postmaster Crider was running a livery stable or rather, perhaps a blacksmith shop.

There had been several parties the night before and to see the smiles on the faces of the young ladies and young gentlemen

who attended them, it was evident that the spirits had revealed to them a pleasant companionship.

One of the most unique and novel entertainments of the season was the one given by Miss Carrie Moore on Halloween night to a few of her friends.

Silently, yet swiftly the word sped around that a number of Miss Moore's friends would meet with her in order that they might delve into the mysteries of the unforeseen and gaze into "Magical mirror" and the meet their fate face to face.

The evening of entertainment began with a dumb supper set at midnight and the young ladies present, including the fair hostess, selected their plates.



These vintage photos from previous issues of The Crittenden Press reveal the interest the community has always had with Halloween activities.

Then in came the gentlemen all enshrined in sheets and took their places at the table. When the masks were removed, well, a surprise pleasant beyond description, the short were matched with the long, the thick with the thin.

As there were 10 ladies and only nine gentlemen the one that was left out was to be the "old maid." This fate fell to Miss Carrie and of course everyone laughed for they knew that was indeed a joke and would not be a reality.

After an enjoyable hour in the dining room the guests were invited to test their fortunes in different ways, one by removing apples by the stem from a large reservoir of water, thereby proving their power to capture anyone desired.

Another by searching for the ring, thimble and button.

In the last many fates were still unsettled. After two hours of feasting and solid pleasure each one went his way declaring Miss Moore to be one of the sweetest and most pleasant entertainers that it had been their privilege to meet.

Another party going in town that same night was being hosted by Mrs. Jim Henry, assisted by Mrs. Charley Moore. They very delightfully entertained a crowd of young people in her home on West Bellville Street. Games and contests were engaged in.

Henry Haynes won the prizes given for the "Advertisement Contest." Miss Daisy Towery also won a prize. It being Halloween, of course, fortune telling was popular, each one drawing his or her fate from a pumpkin

At another popular household in town a Phantom Party was being held. As the young people arrived, the young ladies were ush-

ered into one room and the young gentlemen into another, there each guest was robed in white from head to foot, all the robes being precisely alike.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

All then assembled and for more than an hour these grave specters wandered about and it was impossible to recognize anyone.

At nine o'clock the phantoms paired off and then each mask was lowered and instead of the death like countenance of the ghost was seen the happy face of some young lady or gentleman.

Refreshments were served and at 11 o'clock the young people dispersed, all agreeing they had a delightful time

A good time was had by all that were fortunate to attend these Halloween parties of yesteryear.



and the storm and were whiled homeward. Those who participated in this pleasant event were:

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Misses Ruby James, Lucy

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Local Faith-Based Events & Church Outreach

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Area Deaths

Rushing

Charles W. Rushing, Sr., 79, of Princeton died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017 at Princeton Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a retired heavy equipment operator at Vulcan and member of Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years; Janis Rushing; two daughters, Star Corum (Tim) of Earlington and Deanna Michelle Rushing of Dale, Ind.; a son; Charles W. Rushing Jr. (JoAnn) of Hopkinsville; two sisters; Carol Croft (Deon) of Demont, Ind. and Freda Poindexter of Paducah; seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Carlos Albert Rushing and Oma Campbell Rushing.

Services were Friday, Oct. 13 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton with Bro. Wayne Duncan and Rev. Ryan Scott officiating. Burial was at Meeks Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International, Lyon Caldwell Gideon Camp, P.O. Box 421, Eddyville, KY 42038.

Hunt

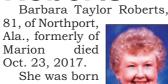
Helen M. Hunt, 83, of Marion died Monday, Oct. 23, 2017 at her home. She was a member of Repton Baptist Church.

Surviving are her daughter, Linda (Jerry) Scarbrough of Paducah; a son, Tracy (Audra) Hunt of Marion; grandchildren, Denise (Trent) Guess, Shana (Ken) Geary and Jeremy Wheeler all of Marion, Lauren Hunt of Paducah and Sydney Hunt of Murray; and five greatgrandchildren, Seth, Preston, Allie, Ella and Isabell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sylvan Hunt; parents, Glen Estill and Una Hunt and a brother.

Services were Wednesday, Oct. 25 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.



She was born Calloway in County and attended Murray State University

where she received a bachelor of science and master's degree in home economics and science. Most of her career was spent teaching in Crittenden County where she was Educator of the Year in 1969. She was a member of Five Points Baptist Church in Northport, Ala.

Surviving are her daughter, Shannon Roberts Morris and her husband Bill; a son, Dr. Stephen Alan Roberts and his wife Melinda of Northport, Ala., sisters; Mae Frances Vance, Sylvia Sanert and Lynda Cooper, all of Murray; her grandchildren, Jessica Lauren Newby (Andrew), Dakota Cates Roberts and Savannah Leigh Morris; great-grandchildren, Emma Jeanne and Cora Mae Newby; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Leslie and Neva Mae Taylor, sisters; Ruvene Moffitt, Martha Wallace and Lottie VanEtten; and brothers; Codie Taylor, Bill Taylor and Ruble Tavlor.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Murray.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society PO Box 22478 Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or charity of your choice.

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Christmas in Marion

Christmas in Marion and The Shoppe Next Door were once again a popular weekend attraction for mid-October in Crittenden County. Altogether, 795 people got a jump on Christmas shopping at the fair, including 335 from out-of-town and 34 more from seven states. Above arts and crafts vendors and shoppers crowd the floor of the gym at Crittenden County Middle School, home to the 31st Christmas in Marion. Next door in the multi-purpose room, the seventh annual Shoppe Next Door featured dealer representatives, home businesses and organizations. Christmas in Marion is sponsored by the Community Arts Foundation, and The Shoppe Next Door is sponsored by the Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Association.

Crittenden ranks 8th in Trust for Life count

STAFF REPORT

For the month of September, Crittenden County ranked eighth in the state in donations to Trust for Life, Kentucky's organ donor registry. Statewide, 55 percent of people are registered.

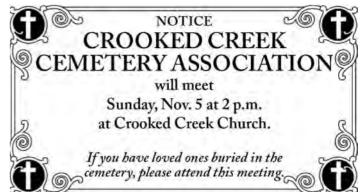
Last month, 100 of 155 people issued a driver's license by Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill donated \$1 to the Trust for Life, which celebrated its 25th anniversary earlier this year. The 64.5 percent was good enough for eighth among the state's 120 circuit clerk's offices. Ballard County at fourth with 73.1 percent was the only western Kentucky office to rate above Guill's.

Twenty-two names from Crittenden County were also added to the state's organ donation registry, putting the county at 48th for September.

The office consistently receives donations from at least three of every five licensee. In July, Guill's office ranked sixth in the state with 69.8 percent donations; in May, 66 percent ranked just out of the top 10 at 11th

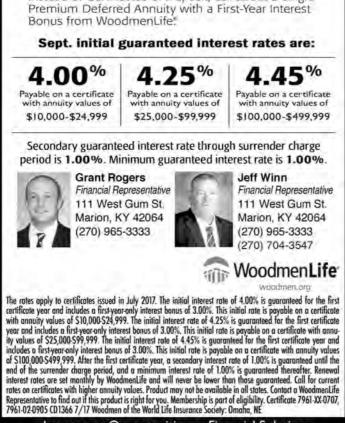
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Crittenden County **Extension District Board** will meet at 5:15 p.m., Nov. 9 at the Ed-Tech Center.

- The small walking oval track at Marion's City-County Park is closed this week for re-sealing and restriping. It is uncertain when the repairs will be complete.

- Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department will host its annual deer hunter's breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 11, the first day of modern gun season. Breakfast is \$8 and raffle tickets for a rifle to be given away around noon are \$1.

Carlson earns **Corrections** promotion Marion native Shea Holli-

man Carlson has been promoted second to command at Northpoint Training

Center (NTC) in Burgin, Ky. Kentucky Department of Correc-

sioner



Commis-Carlson Jim

Erwin said the

promotion at the medium security facility is effective Nov. 1

"Carlson will bring a wealth of experience to this new role from having previously worked in both minimum and maximum custody facilities," said Erwin. "I am pleased to have the opportunity to promote her to the executive management of the prison.'

Carlson began her career working as a deputy jailer at the Crittenden County Detention Center in 2007. She was promoted through the ranks to lieutenant, overseeing the Class D program. In 2009, Carlson transferred to the Department of Corrections as an office support assistant II at Kentucky State Penitentiary (KSP) in Eddyville. In January 2011, she was promoted to transfer coordinator at Western Kentucky Correctional Complex in Fredonia. Later that year Carlson was promoted to accreditation manager in the procedures office at KSP. She was promoted in 2013 to unit administrator and served as the re-entry coordinator for the institution. In 2016, Carlson was promoted to program administrator in the classification branch at Central Office. In February 2017, she transferred to Blackburn Correctional Complex in Lexington as a unit administrator. During her career, she facilitated the process of migrating KSP toward an electronic file system for American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation. In 2013, this move enabled the 125-year old institution to receive the highest ACA accreditation score in its history. Carlson is a 2014 graduate of Mid-Continent University in Mayfield, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and counseling. In 2016, she received her master's degree in justice administration from the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Ky. She is certified as an auditor for the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and is a 2013 graduate of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program.



Rocket Role Models September Rocket Role Models at Crittenden Elementary were selected based on the character

trait respect. Pictured (front from left) are Eli Taylor, Olivia Mattingly, Barret Greenwell, Maddie Henry, Kasen Whitfield, (second row) Adley Sutton, Jackson Morries, Karlee Jent, Connor Miles, Hayley Day, Matthew Counts, Hayden Hughes, Kylie Musser, Daryl Sherer, (third row) Ally Martin, Aliza Maraman, Aiden Butts, Mason Damron, Azariah Rich, Gunner Topp, River Rogers, Shelbi Belt, Winston Lynch, (back) Ally Williams, Madison Walker, Jaisen Lineberry, Aly Yates, Morgan Ricketts, Jayson Ford, Taylor Ford and Jaylea Bivins.



October Domestic Awareness Month

Crittenden Fiscal Court last Thursday approved a proclamation naming October Domestic Abuse Awareness Month in the county. Rheda Torrian (standing) of Sanctuary Inc., a domestic violence shelter in Hopkinsville, was on hand to request the proclamation from the fiscal court. Since 1981, the observance serves to educate communities, individuals, couples and families about Family Advocacy Program services and other community resources that can help prevent, raise awareness of community responsibility and resources for addressing domestic abuse. Sanctuary Inc., which participated in signings in nine Pennyrile counties, is a non-profit that offers counseling and emergency shelter and assistance 24/7 for domestic abuse and sexual assault. Contact the 24-Hour Crisis line at (800) 766-0000 or call (270) 885-4572 or visit The-SanctuaryInc.com for more information.

Senior Menu

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those 60 and older or \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Thursday (today): Menu is chicken parmesan, baked potato with margarine and sour cream, broccoli casserole and pineapple delight.

 Friday: Menu is breaded pollock, pinto beans, cole slaw, vanilla pudding and cornbread. Bingo sponsored by Lifeline

Home Health begins at 10:30 a.m

 Monday: Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and pear crisp. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio will begin at 9:45 a.m.

- Tuesday: Menu is southwest pork roast, baked sweet potato, peas and pearl onions, cornbread, apple crisp and margarine.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day.

Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center. The center is a service of Pennyrile Allied Community Services.



Fun from the farm

Marty Hill and Crystal Wesmoland, co-chairs of Crittenden County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, share with Crittenden County Elementary School students information about how farm products are used at the Fall on the Farm event at the school last week.



Fall Fling a success

Carrsville Community Association (CCA) members (from left) Deanna McDonald, Heather Banning and Shelly Hughes enjoyed Carrsville's Fall Fling last weekend. The gathering attracted people of all ages who helped to raise money for acoustical improvements at the community center.

Extension

The Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday at the Extension Office. No matter what level of quilter you are please join in on the fun! Dates and times for future workshops are being planned.

- Does cooking for one or two people leave too much in the pan? Do leftovers haunt your refrigerator? Join us for our next Extension Homemaker Leader Lesson and learn how to cook for a small number at 2 p.m., Tuedsay at the Extension Office.



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Rockets 22, Russellville 21 DISTRICT **CHAMPIONS**

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Rockets complete plan, making coach district winner 1 last time

Some moments are just bigger than the game.

In his last chance for a crown, the Rockets gave 27-year head coach Al Starnes something he will cherish for a lifetime.

A farewell Class A First District title was presented to the longtime skipper during his final season, as unranked Crittenden County upset No. 6 Russellville 22-21 at home Friday night.

It was the sixth Class A district title since Starnes took over the program in 1991. Crittenden last won the league crown in 2008 en route to a regional championship and substate appearance.

This one was special, no doubt.

Starnes was emotional after the game, as customary giving all the credit to his boys.

"I couldn't be prouder of a group of kids than I am this group right here," he said, choking back tears. "They played with so much heart. I haven't seen a team fly around like that and gang tackle like they were."

For a team lauded for its high-scoring passing attack - it had posted 178 points in the previous three games and broken a number of team and even state records for offense - it was the defense that held things in order down the stretch. Two fourth-quarter stands, one at their own six-yard line, made Crittenden's 22 first-half points enough for the unlikely championship.

"The defense played great the whole game against a very good Russellville offense." Starnes said, singling out several players including ends Sean O'Leary and Adam Beavers and defensive back Mason Hunt. The team's three freshman linebackers -Tyler Boone, Caden McCalister and Braxton Winders - also had big games.

The boys dug deep into their emotional souls. Junior defensive end O'Leary said there was a team meeting on Tuesday, unbeknownst to the head coach. It was a meeting meant to motivate the troops

"We met in Coach (Sean) Thompson's



Rocket football coach Al Starnes raises his hands in triumph at the end of Friday's game as his team captured the sixth district championship of his coaching career.

classroom early this week and had a big talk about wanting to get this district championship for coach Starnes, for his last year," said O'Leary, who had 10 tackles, recovered a fumble and recorded a sack in the game. "We wanted this really bad for him."

Junior running back Devon Nesbitt rushed for a game-high 132 yards as Crittenden played more of a ball-control, clockmanagement game than it had in previous outings. There were some big catches at key times in the passing attack, though. Junior quarterback Hunter Boone was 10-for-23 and had a couple of interceptions. His receivers covered 108 yards, none bigger than Cody Belt's 30-yard reception late in the second quarter, taking the ball to the five-yard line and setting up the Rockets' last touchdown. A conversion pass from Boone to his top receiver, Ethan Dossett, provided what turned out to be the game winner by the slightest of margins.

The victory ensures the Rockets home field advantage throughout the first four rounds of the playoffs.

First, Crittenden closes out the regular season this week at Hopkins Central.

The Rockets will host winless Caverna a week from Friday in the opening round of the playoffs. A win against the Colonels would likely pit the Rockets against Bethlehem, a team they have lost to in the last two regional semifinals.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Russelllville	7	6	8	0
Crittenden County	14	8	0	0

SCORING PLAYS

C-Hunter Boone 1 run (Cody Belt kick) 8:44, 1st R-Josh McMurry 28 pass from Jacob Naylor (Hunter McDowell kick) 6:51, 1st

C-Branen Lamey 5 pass from H.Boone (Belt kick) :43, 1st

R-Edward Barber 1 run (kick failed) 7:17, 2nd C-Devon Nesbitt 5 run (Ethan Dossett pass from H.Boone) :47 2nd

R-Javern Robey 67 run (Naylor run) 2:41, 3rd **TEAM TOTALS**

First Downs: Crittenden 15, Russellville 14 Penalties: Crittenden 1-5, Russellville 10-97 Rushing: Crittenden 32-154, Russellville 45-257 Passing: Crittenden 10-23-2, 108 yds., Russellville 8-14-0. 94 vds

Total Yards: Crittenden 262, Russellville 351 Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 0-0, Russellville 3-2 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Crittenden: Nesbitt 26-132, Caden McCalister 3-12, H.Boone 3-10. Russellville: Za Coleman 1-2, Barber 14-43, Jacolbie Mason 13-71, Robey 8-96, Naylor 9-45. Passing

Crittenden: H.Boone 10-23-2, 108 yds. Russellville:

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Senior lineman Adam Beavers blocks as junior quarterback Hunter Boone looks downfield for an open receiver during Friday's victory.

Naylor 8-14-0, 94 yds.

Receiving Crittenden: Dossett 7-67, McCalister 1-6, Lamey 1-5, Cody Belt 1-30. Russellville: Robey 1-5, McMurry 1-28, Barber 2-37, Devin Quarles 4-24.

Defense Adam Beavers 7 solos, 8 assists, TFL, caused fumble; Brady Birk 2 solos, 5 assists, TFL, fumble recovery; Mason Hunt 9 solos, 5 assists, TFL; Joe Estes 4 assists; Mitchell Joyce solo, 4 assists; Branen Lamey 5 solos, assist; Brock Langston solo; Sean O'Leary 7 solos, 3 assists, sack, fumble recovery; Payton Riley 6 solos, 5 assists; Travis Guess assist; Tyler Boone 7 solos. 7 assists: Caden McCalister 6 solos. 5 assists: Braxton Winders 5 solos, 6 assists.

Players of the Game: Defense Mason Hunt, Adam Beavers, Sean O'Leary; Offense Devon Nesbitt; Lineman Ian Ellington; Special Teams Branen Lamey. Records: Crittenden 5-4 (3-0), Russellville 6-3 (2-1)

Junior Pro Rockets



Seventh grade Rocket basketball players are (seated from left) Parker Case, Seth Guess, Preston Morgeson, Evan Belt, (back) Kaden Langston, Charlie Morris, Case Gobin, Kaleb Nesbitt and Caden Riley.



Eighth-grade Rocket basketball team members are (seated from left) Tanner Beverly, Tristan Davidson, Trace Derrington, Logan Young, Luke Crider, Logan Bailey (back) Coleman Stone, Maddox Carlson, Bryson Baker, Dane West, Peyton Purvis, Tucker Sharp, Ben Evans and Hayden Adamson.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE CCMS ROCKETS

Oct. 26	Trigg County
Nov. 6	Livingston County
Nov. 7	at Lyon County
Nov. 9	Caldwell County
Nov. 13	at Livingston County
Nov. 14	at Trigg County
Nov. 16	Union County
Nov. 17	John Paul II (8th only)
Nov. 20	at Caldwell County
Nov. 21	at Webster County
Nov. 27	Lyon County
Nov. 30	Dawson Springs
Dec. 5	at Union County

Dec. 7-9 7th Grade Tournament, Marion

Dec. 11-16 8th Grade Tournament, Princeton

Critenden County Middle School

LAST WEEK'S BASKETBALL SUMMARIES

8TH GRADE GIRLS Dawson Springs 37, Crittenden 33 CCMS Scoring: Grace Driskill 10, Macie Hunt 10, Natalie Boone 2, Taylor Guess 3, Riley Smith 4, Addie Hatfield 4.

John Paul 47, Crittenden 16 CCMS Scoring: Hunt 3, Boone 2, Guess 7, Smith 2, Hatfield 2.

7TH GRADE GIRLS Crittenden 24, John Paul 17 CCMS Scoring: Hunt 4, Boone 9, Guess 8, Smith З.

8TH GRADE BOYS Crittenden 41, John Paul 13

CCMS Scoring: Derrington 5, Evans 2, Sharp 6, Stone 6, West 2, Beverly 2, Crider 2, Davidson 5, Baker 4, Morgeson 7.

undefeated this fall; title tilt is Saturday

Crittenden County's third- and fourth-grade Junior Pro football team remains undefeated after beating Webster County 26-13 last Saturday at Dixon.

The young Rockets are 5-0 on the season and tied with Caldwell County Gold in the league standings. The two undefeated teams meet Saturday to determine the regular-season champion. Kickoff for the showdown is 6 p.m., at Rocket Stadium

The boys had their hands full at Webster last weekend and led by only one point at the half. However, the offense awakened down the stretch and Crittenden scored three times in the final two periods. Avery Thompson and Quinn Summers each scored twice in the game.

The fifth- and sixth-grade team won for the second time this year, beating the Trojans 40-20. Crittenden scored early and often as Levi Piper led the rout with two rushing touchdowns.

Crittenden is 2-3 on the season and will play the winless Caldwell Gold team on Saturday.

Statistics 5th & 6th Grade Game

Passing Newcom 6-8, 62 yds., 1TD. Rushing Belt 12-101 yds., TD; Newcom 7-62 yds.; Piper 8-23 yds., 2 TDs; Belcher 2-25 yds., TD; McDaniel 1-7 yds.; Howard 1-5 yds. Receiving Howard 3-34 yds., TD; Hatfield 1-14 yds.; McDaniel 1-5 yds.; Belt 1-9 yds.

Tackles Miniard 6, Belt 5, Howard 5, Piper 5, Blazina 4, Crider 3, Travis 3, Newcom 2, McDaniel 2, Atchison 2, Millikan 1, West 1, Fowler 1.

Cross Country Results

CCHS individual results from Saturday's cross country meet at Graves County: BOYS

BOIS		
Place Name Grade	Time	
5 Aaron Lucas 12	18:08.82 3	
30 Jayden Carlson 10	19:51.79 25	
45 Tyson Steele 12	20:36.32 35	
75 Hunter Holeman 11	22:21.93 56	
76 Pate Robinson 11	22:31.01 57	
97 Maddux Carlson 8	25:54.39 66	
GIRLS		
7 Kate Keller 9	22:01.53 4	
27 Kali Champion 9	25:29.80 17	
57 Trinity Haves 10	30:19.93 36	
63 Jessie Potter 9	34:08.10 37	
64 Taylor Stoner 9	34:11.51 38	

Upcoming Hunt Seasons

Squirrel	Aug. 19 - Nov. 10
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Archery Deer/Turk	key Sept. 2 - Jan. 15
Raccoon Hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Crossbow	Oct. 1 - Oct. 22
Crossbow	Nov. 11 - Dec. 31
Rifle Deer	Nov. 11 - Nov. 26
Fox	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Squirrel	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Rabbit	Nov. 13 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trap	Nov. 13 - Feb. 28
Quail	Nov. 13 - Feb. 10
Duck	Nov. 23 - Nov. 26



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Heritage wins Cup

Golfers representing Marion's Heritage Golf Course won the Trail of Tears Ryder Cup format tournament last weekend at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. The Marion group beat the Livingston County team 37-11. Pictured at right are members of the Marion squad.



Local Golf Events

 DARE Golf Tournament 9 a.m., Saturday at Deer Lakes. Entry fee \$240 fourman team.

• Rockets Glow Ball Tournament Saturday, Nov. 4 at Deer Lakes. Team fundraiser with a chili supper, too. Cost is \$50 per team and it will be a 2-person scramble format. Registration and supper at 5 p.m.

Adair County home to top prospect

He's helped the United States win a gold medal in international competition as

well as leading Bowling Green High School to the state championship last year as an eighth-grader. He recently became only the second freshman to be invited to Big Blue Madness in John Calipari's nine years at UK.

So how did Zion Harmon – who said Madness "was great" after his trip – end up at Adair County High School in Columbia

for his freshman

season this year? "He chose to go to Adair County," said Mike Harmon, Zion's father. "He has a good spiritual base and keeps things low key. At Adair County he can focus on what he needs to do 120 percent of the time. It will be a good balancing thing for him. If he gets caught up in rewards and not what it takes to get rewarded from hard work, then he has a problem.

"He has been the No. 1 player in his class since second grade (when he was 11 and in the fourth grade the NBC-TV affiliate in Washington, D.C., noted how the 93pound Harmon normally scored 30 to 40 points per game in AAU play). He's played with top AAU teams. At a young age he flew all over the country to play basketball. But with privileges and being in the limelight you have to learn how to balance everything.

"He could have gone to a number of prep schools. He has an opportunity to go to Adair and lead a team from nothing to something. With all his accomplishments and talent, we thought it would be a perfect opportunity for him to do something special." Rivals.com basketball recruiting writer Krysten Peek said to write Harmon off because of his size is a

> big mistake. "The first thing

that sticks out about him is how much smaller he is than most players, but he's one of the quickest guards you will see. He has great court vision and is able to find guys in the post," said Peek. "He's young, but the way he carries himself is something special. He uses his size and quickness to his advantage. He can

pickpocket anyone at any time. He was really impressive at the USA training camp."

Harmon's father says his son needed major leadership skills to help Bowling Green win a state title. That's why he wants him to set high goals for Adair County this season.

"Adair County is a major challenge for him but I believe they can shock the state and country," Mike Harmon said. "For me as a father, coming to Adair County eliminates a lot of week day distractions for him. He can focus on the work he needs to do behind the scenes to get where he wants to go and to keep going there. I don't ever want him to the point where he's satisfied."

While Zion Harmon is one of the top recruits in the 2021 class, he likely will reclassify to the 2020 class. Harmon, who turned 15 in March, is taking six core classes at Adair this year.

"He's a pretty smart kid. He never struggles in school," his father said. "Our goal is to finish high school in three years. That's why he's already getting stuff taken care of academically. I want him to stay focused and keep grind-

Ky. receives extension on Real ID until October 2018

KENTUCKY TODAY

Kentucky has received another waiver from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to allow more time to come into compliance with the federal Real ID Act.

Kentucky and other states who recently passed legislation to comply with Real ID provisions, were granted an extension until Oct. 10, 2018. Kentuckians to keep a standard driver's license instead of the enhanced version.

The Real ID compliant license will cost \$48 and will be good for eight years. The standard license will cost \$43.

The federal Real ID law was enacted in 2005 as a measure to combat terrorism. ing. He's a good kid at heart and adjusts to what comes his way."

He already has scholarship offers from Tennessee, SMU and Stephen Austin with plenty more to be coming soon.

He's from the Bethesda, Md., area but lived in Tennessee before coming to Bowling Green last season. Now he's in a completely different type of spot in Columbia.

"Moving to Adair County has been tougher on him than I thought," his father said. "But with great sacrifice comes great rewards. Besides, on weekends he's always away doing stuff. During the week now he can just focus on academic/athletics and just grind. In the long run, this will be really good for him. Some kids get swallowed up in the limelight. I want him to understand the source of everything he has become is because of Christ and to keep that focus and trust God in the midst of the many rewards he's already got.'

Optimism shattered

Before Kentucky lost 45-7 at Mississippi State, most Kentucky fans were optimistic that UK was going to beat the Volunteers this year. Now going into Saturday's game, the whole mood has changed because of the way UK was dominated by State. Of course, it doesn't take

much to get UK fans paranoid about playing the Volunteers. Since 1965. UK has just five wins over Tennessee. That's five wins in 52 years. Four of those wins came between 1976 and 1984. The other one came in 2011 with receiver Matt Roark playing guarterback because of injuries to UK's other quarterbacks. But five times in 52 years. That's embarrassing and why winning Saturday against the Vols is so important to UK fans.

The Vols have been in disarray. Coach Butch Jones, the coach many UK fans wanted when Mark Stoops was hired, has lost the Tennessee fan base with a 3-4 record and most UT fans want him fired now. The Vols have had disciplinary issues — a player made an obscene gesture to Alabama fans last week after returning an interception for a score. They have not scored an offensive touchdown this month.

Kentucky played its worst game of the season at Missis-

sippi State. How it plays against Tennessee will define the 2017 season for coach Mark Stoops' team — and possibly Stoops' tenure at UK. Beat Tennessee, re-energize the fan base and keep talking about a nice bowl. Lose to Tennessee, see the fan base waver even more and keep talk alive about whether UK's 5-1 start was "fool's gold" and not a sign of progress.

Hamidou Diallo

Hamidou Diallo didn't try to copy any one particular player when he was developing his style of play. Instead, he had four or five players he watched and tried to emulate in some way.

From NBA star Dwayne Wade, he tried to take his "craftiness" and various shots he had. He liked NBA star Russell Westbrook's "speed and how he always goes downhill." With Jimmy Butler, it was how he played defense as hard as he did offense. Toronto's DeMar DeRozan had a midrange offensive game that Diallo tried to copy.

"I really liked Wade. I wear No. 3 because that is his number," Diallo said. "I think he is top five all time."

Diallo has learned to study more film since arriving at Kentucky. He started watching film as a high school sophomore and then went to watching YouTube videos of his favorite players.

"But here I learned more about what to look for on film," he said. He knows his biggest

strength is that he's a "competitor" on both ends of the court. "I just have to work on being consistent and not tak-

Quote of the Week

ing plays off," he said.

"I wouldn't say bossy, I mean he is really talkative, he's a leader on the court. I love playing with point guards like that. He always knows what to do and he is always getting everybody in their spots. He loves winning, so he's a great point guard," UK freshman P.J. Washington on point guard Quade Green.

Quote of the Week 2

"I don't see a sure win left on the schedule. Kentucky has to eat some humble pie and get back to work," UK Radio Network football analyst after UK lost 45-7 at Mississippi State.



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Volleyball closes out

Crittenden County High School's volleyball team missed an opportunity to play in the regional tournament after losing in four sets to Trigg County last Thursday in the 5th District Tournament opener at Smithland. The Lady Rockets lost 26-24, 25-14, 27-25, 25-18 to the Lady Wildcats, a team they had split with during the regular season. The Crittenden girls ended their season with a 3-15 record. Trigg County and Livingston Central advanced from district play to earn berths in the regional tournament. Two CCHS juniors, Kenlee Perryman (left) and Paige Gilbert, were named to the All-District Team. Perryman was also named to the All-Region Team.



Without it, people would need to present passports or other documentation approved by DHS to enter federal facilities such as military bases and for boarding all commercial airline flights, domestic or international, in January 2018.

But, Kentucky's new law doesn't take effect until January 2019, so the state will need to seek another extension to cover the intervening period.

"I'm confident because of the progress we're making, we'll be granted that extension," said John-Mark Hack, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Vehicle Registration commissioner.

Under House Bill 410 approved by lawmakers this winter, there is an option allowing





Soccer honors

Crittenden County junior Ashley Wheeler was selected to the All-2nd Region Soccer Team despite her squad being last out of the region's 13 teams with a 4-11 record. Wheeler led the Lady Rockets in scoring and assists.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Senior sports

Margaret Gilland plays a round of shuffle board in the 31st annual Pennyrile Senior Games held recently in Hopkinsville. The games give area residents 50 and over the chance to compete against one another in a variety of events. Six participants from Crittenden County made the trip to Hopkinsville for the three-day event. In the Age 70-74 division, Karen Ordway earned first in shuffleboard, disc throw and croquet and second in corn toss while Linda Davis earned first in softball throw and second in disc throw and mile walk. Barb Steele won first in washer toss and disc throw in the Age 75-79 division and second in ring toss and third in mile walk. In the Age 80-84 division, Shirley Conway took home top prize in corn toss, soccer kick and washer toss and second in disc throw and third in softball toss. Gilland, Age 80-84, placed second in shuffleboard and croquet and third in lawn bowling. Polly Schofield also participated.





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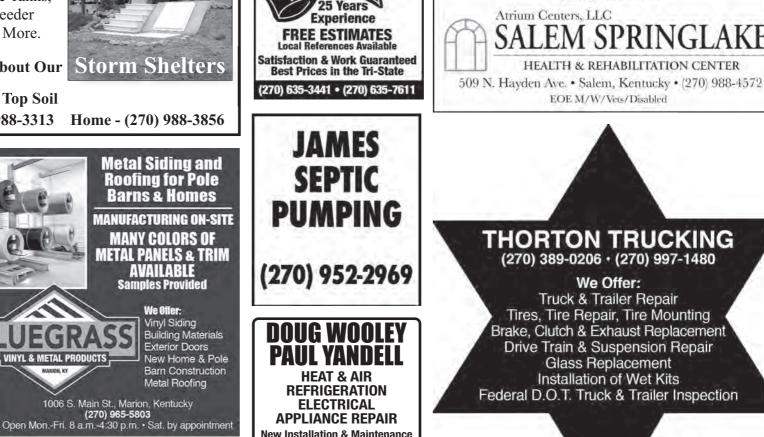
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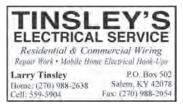
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After more than four decades as owners, Charlie Hunt and Keith Hart are ceding ownership of Marion Feed Mill next month to Randell and Margie Lanham and their son Michael. Clockwise from top left, Michael waits on customer Brenda Foster; Hart looks up an order for Foster; Hunt (left) has a converstation on the store floor with Bob Campbell; the extended family of the new ownership as well as the outgoing partners (front, from left) Hunter, Landon, Peyton, Marlee, Tiffany, Lindsey and Lauren Lanham, (back) Hunt, Margie, Dustin, Michael and Randell Lanham, Hart and Shawn Lanham.



Hunt, Hart give up grind to new ownership

By CHRIS EVANS PRESS PUBLISHER

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Memories have been milled by the bushel basket over the last 40-plus years as Charlie Hunt and Keith Hart have owned and operated Marion Feed Mill.

Next week, a changing of the guard begins as Hunt and Hart give way to new feed mill owners, Randell and Margie Lanham and their 36-yearold son, Michael.

Hunt and Hart have supplied everything from feed and fertilizer to hardware and rat poison to three generations of customers. It's been a lifestyle for the two partners, who met in college as fraternity brothers and have shared more than just a business over the last four decades. Their ties run much deeper.

"I like to tell people that Keith and I lived together for a year then decided to get married," quipped Hunt, who bought the feed mill in 1974 then took on his new partner three years later.

Hunt's father and uncles – John A., Bill and Shorty – had operated the Hunt Bros. Feed Store just up the street for 30 years, until Charlie Hunt says he finally ran them out of business – with tongue in cheek of course – in 1984.

Hunt is 66 and Hart turns

64 on Tuesday, the day they officially hand the keys over to the Lanhams. Hart and Hunt plan to stick around for a couple months, but then will be at least semi-retired. They might show up and help at the mill if needed. Hunt says he will maintain an office at the store where he will run a few of his other enterprises, including a hunting outfitting service and other local investments.

"I'm going to travel," Hart said. "I don't feel old enough to retire, but I didn't want to wait until I was 80. I enjoy spending time with my wife, and I like to travel. I enjoy seeing places I haven't ever seen."

Both of their wives have also retired in the last few years, making this seem natural, but Hunt admits he's glad he'll still have a presence at the mill.

"I can't bring myself to leave here," he said.

Michael Lanham will be the most visible new owner for the time being. Eventually, his mother will be at the mill daily. She plans on retiring from the local school district next summer.

"I don't like change and people don't like it either," Michael said in explaining what customers will find different at the Marion Feed Mill

once the baton is exchanged. "It's going to be the same," he added.

Clifton Etheridge is one of four employees currently working at the mill, besides Hunt and Hart. Etheridge has been a fixture at the mill himself. Next summer will mark his 40th year there.

The entire crew says the mill has been a place where relationships have grown. It was originally a few hundred feet closer to town, on the other side of the railroad tracks, but the partners were leasing that operation. They built their own mill in 1979 and remodeled the mill and store in 2006, expanding the retail business to include clothing and other home and farm items.

In days gone by, the mill was a place where men hung out, whittled, ate peanuts and left their shells on the floor. It was a place to find the latest news and get a commodity and weather report. There were several characters who were regular loafers at the mill. Roy Beashers, Kernie Crider, Todd Wilson, Lee Lamb and Gleaford Easley were among those who first come to mind when the mill gang starts reminiscing about the past. And former employees Dave Hunt and Keith Gipson were always up to something and kept things lively around the mill.

The Lanhams are lifelong farmers and understand the business. They say the switch over in management will be seamless and would likely go unnoticed if it weren't for new faces at the checkout counter.

"I'm going to miss my customers," said Hart. "That's going to be the hardest thing. I will miss them and the salesmen who have called on us for years."

Marion Feed Mill has been more than a retail business in Marion under Hunt and Hart's management. It's a landmark and their individual marks on the community are wide and long as both have been heavily involved in civic and community affairs throughout their business careers.

SPOOKY

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own frightening greetings. It takes several weeks for Tyner-Belt to prepare her home for the October holiday. Begin1980s likely recall the toepincher coffin that L.B. Gaston's construction class made for her classroom. a pagan or Satanic holiday; it was a harvest celebration," she says, surrounded by her "boys," canine companions Capone



A combination of fall foliage and funeral home fans cre-

which she and friends have picked up at antique stores.

Through the years, gifts from friends have been quite frequently Halloween decor.

There are conversation pieces at every turn, from the front door to the back, where guests are welcomed by a baby zombie and a vintage talking clown.

The heads of Count and Countess Dracula sit overlooking a festive dining room table while a life-size witch periodically expresses its spooky sentiment when activated by motion or sound, as does a floating clown that dances along the hardwood floor, sharing its ning in August she unpacks totes and replaces traditional wall art with witchy canvases and temporarily stashes modern throw pillows to make way for black and orange ones. Her guests enjoy visiting during Halloween, especially when she makes cheese balls in a skull mold or miniature chocolate pie crusts that look like skulls.

Her love of Halloween doesn't stop with decor. Tyner-Belt has a collection of scary novels and the season's coffee table book is a hardcover featuring the Bonaventure Cemetery – one of her favorites – in Savannah, Ga. Tyner-Belt's students at

Frances Elementary in the

"When I was teaching, every holiday I decorated for the kids, and someone asked me once what kind of decorations I had, and I told them I had a coffin," Tyner-Belt said. "I had it for years after I retired until I took it to the farm, where Herschel and I used to decorate the woods."

Tyner-Belt has always been interested in the history of Halloween, specifically its Celtic roots in the Samhain festival, celebrating the end of the harvest season.

She said she was raised in a Christian home and was encouraged to enjoy Halloween.

"I was raised that it was not

and Mr. Barlow, named for the vampire in Stephen King's Salem's Lot.

"The Samhain was a happy time, it was a festival of the harvest, and a time when the spirits of dead loved ones came back to join in the bounty," Tyner-Belt says. "It's exciting to think there may be spirits among us."

As a child, she never feared Halloween.

"I wasn't ever scared, I was taught not to be scared, because as Christians we know God is there to take care of us.

"I don't think it is satanic, to me that isn't the point of Halloween." ate a spooky arrangement, perfect for Tyner-Belt's Halloween entertainment.

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