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Officials: Avoid outdoor burning

The increased danger of wildfires continues despite most areas of the state receiving some much needed rainfall last week. Warm temperatures and winds have already caused dry conditions to return.

The mid-autumn leaf drop adds a new layer to already dry fuels amplifying fire activity. A warm, sunny day may seem like a good opportunity to clear dead limbs and leaves from your yard, but Kentucky Division of Forestry officials say now is not a good time to do any outdoor burning. The Division and local firefighters are asking everyone to wait until conditions change before doing any outdoor burning.

During the fall forest fire season, which lasts until Dec. 15, it is illegal for any person to burn between the daylight hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. While it is not illegal to burn after 6 p.m., forestry officials say the dry conditions make burning at all times dangerous.

"A substantial amount of rainfall over several days is needed to improve the current conditions," said Bill Steele, Kentucky Division of Forestry Director. "Until then, we're counting on the public to refrain from outdoor burning."

Comer coming to Marion on Friday

James Comer, the Republican nominee for the open 1st Congressional District seat held by Ed Whitfield for 22 years, will visit Crittenden County Friday on a whirlwind "Boots and Jeans Tour" that will take him to all 35 counties in the district in the matter of a week. Comer will be at Crittenden County Courthouse beginning at 3 p.m. in the fiscal court room. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said Comer will be around for about an hour.

Comer and his opponent, Sam Gaskins, will appear on the ballot twice for the same seat — once to fill Whitfield's unexpired term and once to earn the post for the next two years in Congress.

Public meetings

- Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the library for its regular monthly meeting.

- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. next Thursday at Marion Tourism Center.



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City courts new administrator

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

Marion City Council has offered its city administrator's position to a man currently serving in a similar role in Iowa.

Adam Ledford, 39, was chosen unanimously Monday evening by the council — Councilman Junior Martin was absent — after almost an hour-and-a-half-long inter-

view with elected officials behind closed doors. Ledford has not formally accepted the job, but is expected to within days.

Marion has been without a full-time city administrator since late July when Mark Bryant was fired after being arrested on drug trafficking and other charges. Since



Ledford

that time, Gary Barber, who several years ago served as Marion city administrator, has handled the job on a part-time basis.

Ledford is currently city administrator in Sac City, Iowa, a small town of about 2,200 in the northwest corner of the Hawkeye State. He has served in that role

the last nine years, and comes highly recommended, said Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander.

"When I contacted his references, one guy was almost in tears when he found out he might be leaving there," the mayor said.

A native of Eldorado, Ill., about 50 miles from here across the Ohio River, Ledford said he came across the job posting during one

of his occasional glances at career opportunities closer to home.

"I am not looking to leave Iowa," he said after Monday's council meeting, "I am looking to come to Marion."

Ledford's wife Brandie, a library director in Iowa, is a native of Harrisburg, Ill. They have an 8-year-old

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★ ★ Election HQ ★ ★

See you at the polls!

Election workers on front lines of keeping democracy working

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

Spoiled ballots. Zero tapes. Provisional ballots. Tally bags. Overvotes. Signature rosters.

That's just some of the terminology the county's 48 poll workers and five alternates have to know like the back of their hand on any Election Day.

It's certainly not the pay or glory that has enticed Sonia Guess to work the polls the last 43 years in one of two Frances precincts near her home.

"It can be thankless," said the 75-year-old, who will make next month's election her last. "But I just enjoy working and seeing the people."

She believes the fellowship shared between election officers and the voters is what motivates most people to sign up for the job.

For the men and women who work the county's 12 precincts, the day is not as easy as it may seem. It

goes far beyond checking in voters and sending them on their way with an "I voted" sticker. In fact, in America, it may be the most critical job on any given Election Day, for these men and women are the front lines of seeing that democracy is carried out fairly.

The day begins before the sun comes up and ends well after it has sunk below the horizon. Each of the two Democrats and two Republicans at every precinct has a 12-hour day overseeing balloting, but they are asked to arrive an hour before the polls open at 6 a.m. And shutting down and delivering votes can easily take another hour beyond closing time at 6 p.m. ... if all goes as planned.

"Getting up early doesn't bother me," Guess said. "I get up early anyway."

But because this year's presiden-

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PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Crittenden County poll workers take their oath last Thursday during an election school taught by County Clerk Carolyn Byford and Ross Roberson (above) with Harp Enterprises, an election services company.

Crowded Marion council field highlights downticket balloting

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

Leaner and meaner.

That's the direction many of the candidates for city council believe Marion should head.

All of the eight men and three women on the only local downticket ballot Nov. 8 favor streamlining city government; none advocate a tax increase of any kind as the answer to the city's problems; and all seem to

think it is time for nuisance property owners to clean up their act.

Last month, The Crittenden Press sent a questionnaire to all 11 candidates for the six non-partisan Marion City Council seats asking the same questions on some hot-button issues in the city. And their answers offer a bit of insight as to how each would approach their role as an elected leader over the next

two years. (See pages 8-9.)

The friendliness of the city and small-town atmosphere is what attracted or kept those running for council here, according to their collective responses. And by running for a seat on city government, they hope to make Marion even more welcoming to residents and businesses.

The five incumbents running offer a combined 53 years of experience in

governing the city and stand by the work that's been done under their terms while offering a few changes for the future.

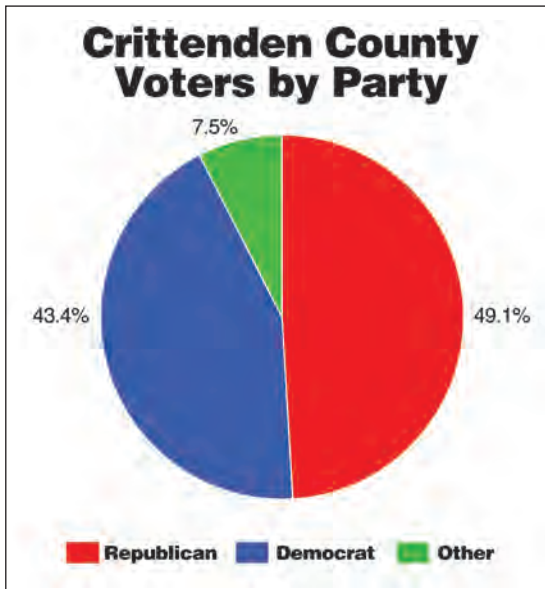
"Any vote that I have cast as a councilman has always been what I thought was in the best interest of the citizens," said Dwight Sherer, a 16-year veteran of the council and current mayor pro-tem.

Darrin Tabor is the only current councilman not

seeking re-election.

Of the six challengers, only Mike Harris has spent time on Marion City Council (1998-2000). Despite that lack of combined experience, there is no shortage of answers to issues confronting the city, with greater accountability to the people as a common theme. In August, following former City Administrator

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County's registration swings by 1,000

STAFF REPORT

An election, in the end, is simply a game of numbers.

And the numbers in Crittenden County and across Kentucky spell bad news for Democrats. Since President Obama became his party's nominee in the summer of 2008, the GOP in the commonwealth has grown at a pace nine times that of its counterpart.

Final figures from the Kentucky Secretary of State's office before next month's election show Democrats in May 2008 outnumbered Republicans by more than

600,000. But since that time, the GOP has closed the gap by more than 250,000 voters.

Locally, party majorities switched back to Republicans a couple of years ago, after almost 40 years with Democrats holding that title. The GOP majority continues to grow, too.

Since Obama won the general election in 2008, Republi-

Red county

Below shows Crittenden County registration numbers at various points in time:

DATE	GOP	DEMS
Oct. 2016.....	3,286	2,889
Sept. 2016.....	3,258	2,913
Aug. 2016.....	3,251	2,909
July 2016.....	3,255	2,921
Nov. 2008.....	2,694	3,310

cans in Crittenden County have added 592 to their ranks while 421 Democrats have jumped ship. That's a swing of more than 1,000 voters in eight years.

Since October of last year, 10 of the county's 12 voting precincts added Republicans, while two lost. Marion Precinct No. 3

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What is the Bill Clinton, Loretta Lynch plan?

When Bill Clinton waited on the tarmac in Phoenix for Loretta Lynch – head of the Justice Department, which controls the FBI – to hold a private and secret meeting with her on the plane, did he promise her if she would not indict Hillary that Hillary would give her a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court if she wins?

Within hours the world was told by the FBI there would be no indictment.

President Obama promised us he would fundamentally transform America.

America's foundation which was built on the Judeo Christian principles, the Constitution and Bill of Rights has been damaged

almost beyond repair. This was done by the bulldozer job of Obama's foundational transformation. Our country is in such desperate need of God's divine intervention.

We all were told Obama wanted to kill the unborn, he supported homosexuality and his whole raising was extremely questionable, but millions would not listen. They wanted their party in even if the whole world burned.

Millions of those, and now many more, want his destructive evil work to continue with Hillary. Her top minions are making fun of fundamental Christians and Catholics, and don't care that she has stated "that the religious

people are just going to have to change their views."

How true the words of William Penn in the early 1700s, who suffered months in a British prison for his stand. He said, "A loose and deprave people love laws and an administration like themselves."

The most deadly and damaging thing about a Hillary win would be her appointments to the Supreme Court. They will uphold killing the unborn (she calls it women's choice), and everyone marrying anyone they "loved," and carry out her demand that we religious people change our views.

Now who is acting like Hitler or Stalin?

She would continue to demand our guns, gut the military, bring in many more Muslims, have open borders for all the world to come in, continue to control the FBI and most all of the national

media and the Justice Department which is head of all law enforcement in our country.

America, do we want a proven dishonest, power-hungry 68-year-old woman, who will do or say anything it takes to be the first female president? We are facing all the evil in the world, in ISIS whose plan is to destroy all of us. Can we stand 4-8 more years of Obama's reign and rage?

My hope was a good, honest, patriotic man would get the nomination. Surely we all know we need strong men to take on evil. We need powerful men ruling while we are against the most dangerous nations on earth.

Donald Trump was not my first choice.

Now I know he may be as crooked as Hillary, but he can't be any worse. At least there is a chance he will do all he has promised.

You have to have a lot of

good in you to have raised five unusual children. Even highly-respected born-again ministers say they are good kids.

If he is one half as good as he says he will be, then that is the only way to go.

We desperately need a shakeup in Washington. Trump cannot be bought with money or power. I've read he will not take a salary for being president. That would sure be a switch.

Trump gives thousands of men and women jobs, how many jobs has Hillary created?

Trump's father, Trump, and his children have given their lives in building an empire that serves their nation. How many things has Hillary built?

By internal standards, he exhibits tremendous characteristics of courage, fearlessness and aggressiveness blended with a natural ability to lead people, get jobs

done and fight for good.

These internal God-given traits are what we so desperately need.

God chose men who were not perfect to do a job for Him. He chose King Cyrus in 536 BC to help His chosen people rebuild the House of God in Jerusalem. Can God not use Trump, who was chosen over 15 other good contenders, in a seemingly miraculous way and make him an exceptional president to lead and protect a nation?

Right now he is our – and seemingly God's – only hope to head off certain disaster for the next four years.

Think about it, and talk to God about it.

(Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

County native appreciative of festival support

To the editor

I wish to thank the many people and organizations that helped make the third annual "Bluegrass on Beshear: Pickin' Life" music fest on Oct. 9 such a great day.

DJ Kent Crider professionally recorded an ad and WPKY in Princeton played it for us at no cost. The Crittenden Press gave our event newspaper exposure. The Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council helped defray costs and organized volunteers. Hopkinsville Knights of Columbus joined us and ran a superb concession stand. Our neighbors on Lake Beshear generously donated their properties for parking and their golf carts to help transport our guests to and from the lake front.

Five great acts, headlined by Justamere Bluegrass Band (featuring Marion's Steve Crider) donated their time and considerable talent to entertain the crowd. Special treats included performances by Marion's child prodigies Cutter and Cash Singleton and the Bright Life Farms Choir.

Hundreds of people gave unselfishly to support Madisonville's Door of Hope, Benton's HOPE Clinic and Hopkinsville's Alpha Alternative, the three faith-based pro-

life pregnancy care centers that were the focus of the event. Donations to date have exceeded \$7,000. We will continue accepting donations for this year's "Bluegrass on Beshear" through the end of October. We've already started planning next year's event, which will take place on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017. We hope many in Crittenden County will take part in next year's music fest as we join together – Pickin' Life!

Laura Mills Smith
Dawson Springs, Ky.

Museum visits, public support appreciated

To the editor

Crittenden County Historical Society would like to thank everyone who has shown their interest this year by visiting the Crittenden County Historical Museum and supporting it financially by paying their yearly dues. We appreciate these efforts by the community and also our loyal members from out of state.

Our community's history will not be found in encyclopedias nor in other great halls of history, so the historical society and museum depend on you and your support to help keep our past alive for the future generations. We continue to strive to have colorful and informative displays of your local

history for all to enjoy.

The museum will close for this year on Saturday at 3 p.m. Thanks to everyone for your support this year and we look forward to the new season in April 2017.

Brenda Underdown
Chairman, Crittenden County Historical Society
Marion, Ky.

Writer believes not voting for Trump mistake

To the editor

I have appreciated and mentally applauded you most every time you have written in The Crittenden Press, Mr. Tabor. This time however, in your Oct. 13 column, I feel I must respond.

Although I have been registered as a Democrat for over 50 years, I cannot vote for Hillary Clinton ... for the same reasons you mentioned and quite a few more, but although I am not a Trump supporter (I do not like him!), I will vote for him, because the one who becomes our next President is not just one person. This one will bring on thousands of appointees and bureaucrats who will carry out their basic real world view and will write policies and regulations affecting Americans' futures.

Yes, this President will put forth Supreme Court judges and hundreds of federal judges

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Letters to the Editor should be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday the week before publication. Submissions must include only the author's full name – anonymous letters and letters written under pseudonyms will not be considered. For verification purposes only, they must also include the writer's home address, e-mail address (if applicable) and telephone numbers. as well as an address, phone number and signature. Phone numbers and addresses are required, but will not be published.

Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300 words or be submitted under the same name within 30 days of the last submission. They may not have been submitted to, posted to or published by any other media.

Letters in regard to the Nov. 8 election for next week's issue will not be accepted.

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who either believe they have the obligation to write laws according to their politically-correct view or that they have the obligation to be guided by the standard of the Constitution, which has allowed us to become a strong and great nation.

I don't like Trump or Clinton, but not voting for him means a vote for a candidate who has the most extremist view ... that a human child has no right to protection (from killing with chemical solutions or stabbing in the neck or providing no aid) even right up to the moment

before birth.

Not voting for Trump means a vote for a President who will not protect religious freedom, but instead has said that "outdated religious views" must be changed."

Not voting for Trump is a vote to continue policies that allowed ISIS to grow from a tiny movement (which Obama called the "JV team") to one that is now in 32 countries, including our own.

Not voting for Trump is a vote for continuing the economic policies that have given us the weakest recovery in our

history, increase in poverty, increase in those unemployed from 80 million to 95 million, a labor participation rate equal to that of 1978, devastation in black inner city communities and nearly eight years with GDP below 2 percent when we need at least 2.5-3 percent to even keep up with population growth.

Not voting for Trump is a vote for a woman who was willing to put our national security at risk (either because of ignorance, selfishness or evil design) by doing all her emails and national business on an insecure server.

Not voting for Trump is a vote to continue with corruption which has surrounded the Clintons for years and is very apparent in the pay-to-play connections of the Clinton Foundation and increasing evidence of collusion between her campaign and the national media. (Compare willingness to cover Trump's admittedly disgusting speech of a decade ago when and her email and Clinton Foundation scandals by comparing hours of coverage.)

I, personally, do not like Donald Trump at all ... I am not a Trump supporter. I do like that his choice of a running mate is solid. I do like seeing his Supreme Court choices, and I do believe his party's platform is best for freedom America. I cannot do "None of the Above."

Marilyn Iddings
Marion, Ky.

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son.

While Ledford is eager to start his new position in Kentucky, it could be Dec. 1 or even Jan. 1 before he is ready. He has promised Sac City he would get them through its 2017 budget planning period.

"You have a lot to be proud of here. Absolutely," said Ledford, who has spent several hours driving around the community on multiple occasions.

He has lived in metropolitan areas, but prefers small towns to city life.

Ledford holds a master's degree in public administration from City University of Seattle (Wash.), and a bachelor's in management from Park University in Parkville, Mo.

Ledford is expected to accept the job knowing a new council that elected in November might entertain the idea of doing away with the position of city administrator as early as 2019. That would be in exchange for moving to a full-time mayor who would manage the city on a daily basis. Right now, the mayoral post is only part-time.

"I feel I can come in and put their minds at ease over that," he said.

Complaints not heard

The council made quick work of a short agenda fol-

lowing their decision on a new city administrator. Though it is the first time elected city officials have met in October, because the meeting was held outside the usual third Monday, it was considered a special meeting, meaning no business not already on the agenda could be discussed.

That was much to the chagrin of several in the audience who appeared to have complaints to bring before the council.

Linda Schumann, who regularly attends council meetings, shared her prepared statements with The Crittenden Press regarding a housing matter on her street. For months, she has wanted the city to force Paul Yandell, owner of a mobile home at the end of West Depot Street, to remove or comply with the city's zoning ordinance she believes he is violating. She says the mobile home cannot meet all 10 requirements of the city ordinances.

"I hereby request and fully expect that a citation will be issued immediately with a daily penalty sufficient to encourage Mr. Yandell to move the trailer within the next 30 days," Schumann wrote.

She said Bryant had erroneously given Yandell the go-ahead to move the mobile home onto the lot and not follow the letter of the law. She said that approval was in error and should be corrected.

Alexander said the only violation of ordinances he is aware of relates to the mobile home's intended purpose. To be in compliance, the home must be owner-occupied and not used as rental housing. The mayor said he has informed Yandell of such.

Calls to Yandell had not been returned at press time Tuesday.

Paying for mistakes

The council was forced to make a decision on another apparent overstep by Bryant before he was let go.

The former city administrator had approved the pouring of a new sidewalk over the summer on North Walker Street at the request of Phyllis Sykes. However, when it came time for the bill

to be paid, Bryant had already been dismissed and the city said he had no right to approve sidewalk installation without council approval. Sykes and contractor Zach Thomas of T&T Concrete appeared before the council Monday asking the city to pay for the work.

Since Bryant had overreached his authority, City Attorney Bart Frazer said an attempt was made to pay the bill under the former city administrator's bond, but the claim was denied.

"Mark didn't follow procedure," Frazer said.

However, the council agreed to pay \$3,400 to T&T with Sykes to pay the balance of the \$4,200 bill for concrete poured for a walk extending toward her home from the one installed paral-

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Crittenden County Schools Local Planning Committee Public Forum and Meeting

Crittenden County Schools' Local Planning Committee (LPC) will conduct a PUBLIC MEETING on November 3, 2016, at the Crittenden County High School Library located at 519 ½ West Elm Street, Marion, KY. This is the fifth in a series of meetings to develop a District Facilities Plan for the Crittenden County Schools. This meeting is the fourth public forum scheduled for November 3, 2016. The forum will start at 5:35 p.m. and is followed immediately by a meeting of the Local Planning Committee. This meeting is an informal gathering to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Crittenden County School District.



Crittenden County Elementary School students (from left) Riley Kirby, Laycee Lynn, Seth Lynn and Billy Hazel show their thanks to bus drivers during the school's own Bus Drivers Appreciation event.

CCES thanks bus drivers

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Elementary School students last week handed out breakfast treats and held signs thanking bus drivers for what they do in the community.

CCES Principal Melissa Tabor said the student council sponsored the Bus Driver Appreciation event.

Bus drivers are becoming a rare breed in Crittenden County and beyond, says Superintendent Vince Clark.

"It's not just here. It's all over the state," he said. "We need seven people right now."

Bus driving isn't the easiest chore in the world, but

the pay is okay and the work day isn't too long. In fact, it's broken up into two sections, morning and afternoon. It can be a second job for many, or it's a good place for older folks to supplement their retirement income or pay for health insurance.

The school district has 20 bus routes. Some take less than an hour, some take more than two hours. The base pay for a bus driver is \$11 to \$16 an hour depending on experience. A commercial driver's license is required. Drivers are guaranteed at least four hours per day, five days a week. Most of them work two hours in the morning and two in

the afternoon.

There are opportunities to pick up additional pay after school driving teams or groups to sporting events or other off-campus activities.

The school district keeps several full-time substitute drivers on its rolls, and a few other part-time subs. Because their normal driver pool is dwindling, the district is using almost all of its normal subs for regular routes. A few school teachers and other full-time school staff are also being asked to drive routes.

"We are in a situation that could become desperate," said Al Starnes, transportation director for the school

system.

Starnes said a handful of current drivers are facing potential long-term or short-term leaves due to medical issues. When that happens, the need for drivers will become serious. More staff and administrators will be asked to get behind the wheel unless the district can attract new drivers.

"No one is responding to our advertising for drivers so we have no other choice than to start looking at other staff to do it," the superintendent said.

And that's not the best scenario for the district or the employees with other responsibilities.

County jail numbers up to 200 inmates; autumn right-of-way mowing under way

STAFF REPORT

Since the opening of the new restricted custody center next to the Crittenden County Detention Center, prisoner figures have skyrocketed to an all-time high, as anticipated.

Jailer Robbie Kirk reported to the Crittenden Fiscal Court last week during its regular monthly meeting that at a couple of points last month, the jail was housing 200 inmates.

"We are certified at 172 beds," Kirk said. "That is 100 percent full. So obviously, we've been over a few times recently."

Kirk said the jail was holding 193 inmates last week. Those figures represent the detention center and RCC, where work-release inmates are now being housed.

The RCC recreation area,

which had become a sore spot with local residents, has been boxed in with an eight-foot wooden privacy fence, Kirk reported. He said that should alleviate most problems with neighbors.

The jailer also discussed with magistrates a request from the City of Marion for financial help dealing with a sewer issue created when the RCC opened. Kirk and Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom outlined the issue, explaining that the sewer lines in the area of the RCC are too small to handle the volume being created. An overflow valve is allowing raw sewage to seep into the backyard of a nearby residence.

After a good bit of discussion, the county opted to forgo any financial assistance to the city at this time.

In other business:

- A public hearing was held to discuss closing a portion of Olive Branch Cemetery Road in the Shady Grove district. A homeowner has asked that part of the road be discontinued because it's actually within about 10 feet of where their house is being built. Magistrates approved beginning the process to close 187 feet of the road. If approved following final review of the measure, the road will be become 1,180 feet long.
- Audi Maraman, road foreman, gave magistrates an update on the fall right-of-way mowing program. He said most mowing is complete with the exception of some in District 2. After that is complete, mowing would be finished for the season. There is still boom mowing going on in District 1, he said.
- A number of county roads

received a new layer of pavement and six got new chip and seal.

"We're also doing some FEMA work right now, replacing tiles that got washed out," Maraman added.

- Magistrates approved changing the county road foreman's pay back to an hourly position after only a few months ago making it a salaried job. Due to a new interpretation of the Fair Labor Standards Act by the Obama Administration, county officials believe it is in the best interest of local government to switch the salary back to hourly and pay overtime when necessary. The new labor laws go into effect on Dec. 1, requiring all salaried workers to earn at least \$47,476 annually, unless exempted. The road foreman makes a few thousand dollars less than that during a normal 40-hour work week.

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COUNCIL

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Mark Bryant's arrest on drug trafficking and other charges, four of the challengers began regularly attending council meetings, asking for a comprehensive citizens audit of city government.

One of those, Cletis Hunt, whose answers are often critical of the current council, calls for more transparency and responsiveness by the "mayor and city administrator in dealing with (the) city council and citizenry at meetings and programs of the city" as one of his three goals, if elected. Hunt is also a member of a city government audit committee led by resident Linda Schumann.

Bryant was fired by Mayor Mickey Alexander following his arrest and Marion has gotten by with a part-time, pinch-hit city administrator for nearly three months now.

Harris believes a shakeup in city government could help to "restore integrity" and "change the attitude of our city council to ensure our safety, security and way of life."

Full-time mayor

The very position of city administrator has come into question, with at least three current council members and four of the challengers clearly supporting a move to a full-time mayor that would eliminate the position altogether, despite the current council having agreed at Monday's meeting to hire Adam Ledford as the new full-time city administrator. (See related story on Page 1.)

"I strongly favor this move and have been an advocate of it for some time," said Councilman Donnie Arflack, who believes Bryant in his former position held too much control over city finances and decision-making. "Doing away with the city administrator position will save us a small amount of money, but will give the council more control over spending."

Arflack believes the mayor, as a full-time elected official like the county judge-executive, should be the one to oversee the day-to-day operations of the city. That individual would be held accountable by voters every four years and be more accountable to the six-person council, he believes.

Alexander, a full-time investment broker with Edward Jones in Marion, has said he does not want to be a full-time administrator of city government. He does not think the move is in the best interest of the public, as it is more difficult to remove an elected official from a post than an employee who can be fired for cause.

Arflack says the decision should be made by the new council elected next month and taking office in January. The position of mayor, unlike the council, is elected every four years, and Arflack would like to see the new form of city government begin after the 2018 mayoral election.

Councilman Jared Byford, though, is opposed to the proposed change.

"The city administrator's position is a highly-skilled, technical job, and it would be nearly impossible to be sure a full-time, elected mayor would have the technical background to immedi-

ately assume the duties of mayor and city administrator," he said in his survey response.

Housing

Perhaps the largest single concern across the list of candidates is the state of housing in the city. A study a couple of years ago conducted by the city found an extraordinarily high number or rental units, unoccupied homes and nuisance properties that have many around Marion worried about perception and property values.

"I really think this is a major issue in our city," said challenger Phyllis Sykes.

A variety of answers are offered by candidates as to how to begin solving the housing problems, but it could take an overhaul of city ordinances and new approaches by the code enforcement board, planning and zoning commission and the council itself. Code Enforcement Officer Terri Hart has said it will take a commitment of more money from the council to put more teeth into enforcement.

Another area of concern voiced widely across the city is the condition of infrastructure, from pock-marked streets to crumbling sidewalks. Challenger Ricky Winders lists as his top priority installing a sidewalk along Sturgis Road to make travel safer for pedestrians walking along the busy business district. That has been on the city's radar for many years, but no progress has been made.

But financing infrastructure improvements is difficult for a city that has cut staff and programs in order to balance the budget. That's why Winders believes voters "need to elect new people or have old city officials change their way of thinking" in order to find creative means to see the projects through.

Sewer plant

One infrastructure project the city must pursue is a new wastewater treatment plant. The facility has been mandated by the state to replace the current one that has proven to be inadequate during times of heavy use. During downpours, the plant is unable to treat the millions of gallons of combined storm and sewer water flowing through the system, emptying untreated sewage into Rush Creek. If the city does not act on this perhaps \$12 million project, they face hefty fines for each future environmental violation.

Finding a place for the new facility is some time off, but will probably be a question the new council has to answer with the advice of engineers. The city currently owns enough acreage off Old Morganfield Road where the Victory Gardens are located, but Industrial Park North has also been proposed as a possible site, though that land would have to be purchased.

"The reason we bought that (Old Morganfield Road) property was for future expansion," said the longest-serving councilman, Mike Byford, who is seeking a 10th term. "The industrial park is not a suitable place for a sewer plant."

Most candidates feel the least expensive route is the answer, but challenger D'Anna Sallin says that cost should not be the only determining factor.

"The location is best determined by the engineering

‘Rigged’ election no worry locally

STAFF REPORT

Election officials in Kentucky, whether Democrat or Republican, doggedly defend the integrity of the commonwealth's voting methods against claims by GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump that, nationwide, the system is "rigged" against him.

"I feel pretty comfortable with our machines and our process," said Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford, who has overseen more than 30 elections in the county since taking office in 1999. "You'd have to work pretty hard at trying to do something like that."

Byford, a Republican, said the system of checks and balances in Kentucky would make it very difficult to bring into question the credibility of elections. While it could, and has happened, there have been no allegations of such in



Byford

Crittenden County as far back as Byford can remember, so there's no reason for local voters to be concerned about the legitimacy of the vote here.

"I don't feel like they should," she said to the question of whether the voters should worry about the integrity of local results. "I don't think there's any way (voting machines) can be hacked."

In Frankfort, Kentucky's chief election official, Democrat Alison Lundergan-Grimes called Trump's claims irresponsible.

"They are fanatical scare tactics and bear no resemblance to the truth," she said in a statement. "Such claims discount the good work thousands of Kentucky citizens and hundreds of thousands of Americans do to ensure everyone has a chance to exercise their right to vote and to make certain that our elections are fair and accurate ... I

firm hired to make such decisions," she wrote in her survey response, " however, we need to take into consideration the concerns of the neighboring property owners."

Other races

President

Five political parties have sent a nominee to the presidential ballot and there is also one independent. Everyone should be aware of Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump, but the Libertarian, Green and American Delta parties also have a candidate in the running. There are also at least 20 write-ins eligible. (See story on Page 5.)

Following are the candidates, their running mates and their party:

- Donald J. Trump/Michael R. Pence, Republican
- Hillary Rodham Clinton/Timothy Michael Kaine, Democrat
- Gary Johnson/Bill Weld, Libertarian
- Rocky Roque De La Fuente/Michael Steinberg, American Delta
- Jill Stein/Ajamu Baraka, Green
- Evan McMullin/Nathan Johnson, independent

U.S. Senate

After a failed bid to earn the Republican nomination for President, U.S. Sen. Rand Paul will try to keep his seat in the upper house of Congress. He will face the Democratic Mayor of Lexington, Jim Gray.

Paul is projected to win a second term, which would help the GOP in its bid to maintain its narrow 54-44-2 majority. But voters will get a chance to better weigh this race when, after months of dodging the same stage as Gray, Paul will debate his challenger on Halloween night at 7 p.m. on KET.

- (R) Rand Paul
- (D) Jim Gray

U.S. Representative

Voters in Kentucky's 1st Congressional District,

strongly denounce this dangerous rhetoric and its implications."

Grimes has taken a hard-line approach against vote tampering. She created and chairs the Kentucky Election Integrity Task Force, which meets before and after each primary and general election to discuss efforts to defend against and root out any effort to improperly influence elections. Members include the U.S. Attorney's office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security the Kentucky Attorney General's office and Kentucky State Police.

The state attorney general's office is also heavily involved in order to ferret out and prosecute election fraud. Representatives of the office make a random visit to a precinct in each county on Election Day, and after the election, the names of several counties are randomly selected for an election audit.

which includes Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties, will vote twice for someone to replace longtime U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield. It may seem tricky, but it's not.

Whitfield, who served almost 22 years and was the first Republican ever elected to the seat, resigned Sept. 6. To fill his unexpired term, there will be a special election, sending the winner of the two-person race to Capitol Hill in a matter of days. To fill the next two-year term that starts in January, the same two men will face-off. It is conceivable, but not likely, that two different congressmen could be elected to one seat on the same ballot.

Former Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner and candidate for governor James Comer is the favorite, which would help the GOP in its bid to maintain its tenuous 234-201 majority.

- (R) James R. Comer
- (D) Samuel L. Gaskins

State representative

In his bid to win a third term to the Kentucky House, Lynn Bechler, a Crittenden County Republican, is a lock. He is running unopposed for the first time in House District 4 – Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a part of Christian County.

Currently, the House is made up of 53 Democrats and 47 Republicans. Democrats have held the House for 95 years, but that stranglehold on the party's only state legislative chamber in the South is precarious due, in part, to the environmental platform pushed by the top of the ticket.

At a March town hall meeting, referring to her party's push to transition to clean energy, Clinton said, "We're going to put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business."

That has made Trump somewhat of a hero in coal country. "The New York real estate developer's anger on

the campaign trail matches the mood of many in Appalachia, where job losses associated with the declining coal industry have fueled a backlash against national Democrats that has slowly trickled down to the local level," a recent Associated Press story reported. The same can be said for those dependent upon the coal fields of western Kentucky.

Kentucky is one of only seven states where the legislature is split, as the GOP controls the Senate 27-11. Republicans hold legislative control in 30 of the 49 states with both a house and senate. Nebraska has a unicameral, non-partisan legislature.

Crittenden County

Board of Education

Besides the Marion City Council race, three educational districts will be voting for school board representatives. However, all three will be unopposed. They are Bill Jay Asbridge, Christopher E. Cook and Pam Collins.

Livingston County

Salem Mayor

Two filed to run for the top office in Salem currently held by Stanley Wallace, who is not seeking re-election. The mayor's race is non-partisan.

- Todd Hansen
- Rell Peck

Salem City Commission

Like the mayor's race, the election for Salem City Commission is non-partisan. All four incumbents will be re-elected to the four-person city government body.

- Crystal Belt-Franklin
- Gary Damron
- Janet L. Hughes
- Craig Dossett

Carrsville City Commission

No one filed to appear on the ballot.

Board of education

Voters in the Joy and Burna areas of the county will elect a new member to the board of education. There will be two choices.

- Joseph K. Smith
- Kathleen Sullivan Cockrel

Meantime, voters in the Lola and Salem areas will send David Kitchens back to the board. He is unopposed.

Caldwell County

Fredonia City Council


At least two-thirds of Fredonia's six city council members will change after next month's vote. Four current members – Steve Stewart, Glenna Rowland, Hannah Brasher and Denny Brasher – are not running again. Angela Blair and Donnie Boone will keep their seats. There are only five individuals on the ballot.

- Angela Blair
- Donnie Boone
- Melissa "Missy" Faughn
- Mollie Bennett Tabor
- Jimmy Don Seibert

Board of education

Bill Clift will be running unopposed in the district that includes Fredonia.

FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS



As a teacher in the Crittenden County Schools for 32 ½ years, I had the privilege of working with thousands of Marion's youth and their parents.

Now those children are adults, and I would be honored to represent all of you on the Marion City Council.

I will take your ideas and concerns to the council and help make Marion the best it can be for the next generation. With your support, we can accomplish this task!

I Would Appreciate Your Vote Nov. 8

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MARION CITY COUNCIL

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20 write-ins crowd field on Ky.'s presidential ballot

Many voters in this election have had a difficult time swallowing their party's nominee for President. Between Trump and Hillary, some just cannot stomach the thought of casting a ballot for either.

Sure, there are third parties – three on the Kentucky ballot – and the routine choice of an independent candidate, but most voters may not realize their options are much, much wider. Yes, I mean the write-in candidate.

Just about every election has the tired, old "Mickey Mouse" write-in from someone who thinks they're clever. Mickey's never won an election and never will. There are rules to elections, after all.



Daryl K. Tabor
Press editor
My2cWorth

But you can support Santa, send Mr. Smith to Washington or write in a couple of animals besides The Mouse.

There are no less than 20 official write-in candidates for President in Kentucky. But there are literally scores of them across the country.

It's not hard to become an official write-in candidate who can actually amass a real vote total on Election Day. Why, even you could become a candidate for President.

In Kentucky, it takes little more than \$50, filling out a simple one-page form and getting it to the secretary of state's office by 4 p.m. Frankfort time on Friday. So you'll need to hurry if you have designs on earning Kentucky's eight

electors to the College.

This time, there truly is a Santa running – Santa Roy Clark, who, in fact, looks like Kris Kringle – a real Mr. Smith – Mike Smith of Colorado – and the animals I mentioned – Cherunda Fox and Laurence Kotlikoff's running mate, Edward Leamer. So it's not spelled like our primate cousin the lemur, but you get the point.

There are even four Kentuckians eligible as write-ins.

The variety of write-in candidates runs the gamut of political philosophies from A to Zutler – as in Daniel Paul Zutler.

It's simple to vote for one, too. Just darken the box beside "Write-in" on your paper ballot and, well, write in your candidate's name. You won't see a list of write-in candidates for office without asking poll workers for a glance at the list. But you won't be able

to take that list into the booth, so if you fear you might not remember how to spell "Schoenke" – as in Marshall Schoenke – you may want to jot it down on a piece of paper.

Election officials won't say it, but they have to hate write-ins. Each write-in has to be verified by the local election board – County Clerk Carolyn Byford, Sheriff Wayne Agent, Hugh Highfil and Sharon Hunt. So that means every "Mickey Mouse", "Willie Nelson" and even "Jesus Christ" gets tossed aside. Hey, democracy is a serious matter ... and you gotta pay to play.

After kicking out the silly names, election officials counting inside the clerk's office that night must try to decipher illegible scribbles, analyze scratchings that look like a nervous house cat had ink on its claws and translate brutal misspellings. With this year's

likelihood of numerous write-in votes cast because of the candidates us are scraping the bottom of the likability barrel, it could be a frustrating night for election officials ... as well as Mickey Mouse.

"I have a feeling it's going to take us a while," Byford said of tracking write-ins.

- Following are the write-in candidates for President on Kentucky ballots as of press time Tuesday listed with their running mate and place of residence:

- Santa Roy A. Clark / David L. Knight (Ashland, Ky.).

- Craig Ellis/Irving D. Smith (Louisville).

- Denny Carroll Jackson/Michelle Faye Hicks (Milton, Ky.).

- Timothy Allen Stevens/ John Paul Mabry Jr. (Olive Hill, Ky.).

- Darrell L. Castle/Scott N. Bradley (Indiana).

- David Perry/Eric "Rick"

Seiley (Tennessee).

- Marshall Schoenke/ James Mitchell Jr. (Illinois).

- Tom Hoefling/Steve Schulin (Iowa).

- Scott Cubbler/Michael Rodriguez (Texas).

- Chris Keniston/Deacon Taylor (Texas).

- Richard Duncan/Ricky Johnson (Ohio).

- Ben Hartnell/Dave Marshall (Ohio).

- Michael A. Maturen/ Juan A. Munoz (Michigan).

- Cherunda Fox/Roger Kushner (Michigan).

- Jerry White/Niles Niemuth (Michigan).

- Laurence Kotlikoff/Edward Leamer (Massachusetts).

- Joseph Maldonado/ Douglas Terranova (Oklahoma).

- Mike Smith/Daniel White (Colorado).

- Sheila "Samm" Tittle/ R. Charles Casper-Kacprowicz (Virginia).

- Daniel Paul Zutler/Valerie M. Michaels (Florida).

Voter 411

Answering the 5 Ws (and 1 H) of voting

WHO?
Anyone over 18 who registered to vote in Crittenden County by Oct. 11.

WHAT?
The general election will decide everything from President of the United States to Marion City Council.

WHEN?
Polls are open Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone in line to vote at 6 p.m. will get to vote. If you will be out of town on Election Day, you can vote on the absentee machine inside County Clerk Carolyn Byford's office until 4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 7.





WHERE?
There are 12 polling precincts in Crittenden County. If you are unsure where you vote, contact Byford's office at (270) 965-3403 or visit [GoVoteKy.com](#) and click on the "Review Your Registration" tab. The precincts and their locations are as follows:

Crittenden County Courthouse.....Marion No. 1
Emmanuel Baptist ChurchMarion No. 2
Marion Baptist ChurchMarion No. 3
Marion Ed-Tech CenterMarion No. 4
Crittenden County Gun ClubFords Ferry No. 5
St. William Catholic ChurchMarion No. 6
Mexico Baptist ChurchFrances No. 7
Grace Baptist ChurchFrances No. 8
Deer Creek Baptist Church.....Sheridan No. 9
Tolu Community CenterTolu No. 10
Mattoon Fire Department.....Rosebud No. 11
Shady Grove Fire Department.....Shady Grove No. 12

WHY?
While American voters don't directly elect the President, votes in Kentucky will decide to whom the commonwealth's eight electoral votes will go. Voters, however, do directly elect their representation in Congress, statehouses and in local races. That's why the general election is so important despite a lack of enthusiasm by some voters for the presidential race.

HOW?
There are two types of voting machines at each poll. The eScan machines use a paper ballot on which you will vote by darkening in the box next to candidates' names and running it through the electronic scanner. The eSlate machines allow you to vote digitally on a screen where you will make your selections. There is no paper ballot involved. Election workers are encouraging voters to use both machines, as presidential elections produce a higher turnout. Younger voters will, in general, be more comfortable with the digital eSlate machines, while senior voters find the eScan machines to be the easiest method for them.

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 2016.

STRAIGHT PARTY	
<div><div> REPUBLICAN PARTY</div><div> DEMOCRATIC PARTY</div><div> LIBERTARIAN PARTY</div><div> GREEN PARTY</div></div>	
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Party</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian Party</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> American Delta Party</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Green Party</div>	
PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES (Vote for One)	
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Donald J. TRUMP Michael R. PENCE</div>	REP
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Hillary Rodham CLINTON Timothy Michael KAINE</div>	DEM
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Gary JOHNSON Bill WELD</div>	LIB
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Rocky Roque DE LA FUENTE Michael STEINBERG</div>	AMD
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Jill STEIN Ajamu BARAKA</div>	GRN
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Evan McMULLIN Nathan JOHNSON</div>	IND
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</div>	
UNITED STATES SENATOR (Vote for One)	
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Rand PAUL</div>	REP
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Jim GRAY</div>	DEM
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</div>	
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS 1st Congressional District (Vote for One)	
<div><input type="checkbox"/> James R. COMER</div>	REP
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Samuel L. GASKINS</div>	DEM
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</div>	
SPECIAL ELECTION	
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE in CONGRESS 1st Congressional District (Unexpired Term) (Vote for One)	
<div><input type="checkbox"/> James R. COMER</div>	REP
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Samuel L. GASKINS</div>	DEM
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GENERAL ELECTION	
STATE REPRESENTATIVE 4th Representative District (Vote for One)	
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Lynn BECHLER</div>	REP
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</div>	
COUNTY SURVEYOR (Unexpired Term) (Vote for One)	
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</div>	

ALL PRECINCTS

NONPARTISAN "SCHOOL CANDIDATES"
MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION 1st Educational District (Vote for One)
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Bill Jay ASBRIDGE</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</div>
MARION #4, FRANCES #7, AND FRANCES #8
MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION 3rd Educational District (Vote for One)
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Christopher E. COOK</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</div>
MARION #1 AND FORDS FERRY #5
MEMBER BOARD of EDUCATION 4th Educational District (Vote for One)
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Pam COLLINS</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</div>
MARION #2 AND ROSEBUD #11
NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT
CITY COUNCIL City of Marion (Vote for up to Six)
<div><input type="checkbox"/> Jared BYFORD</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Donald ARFLACK</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Dwight SHERER</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Mike HARRIS</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Minnie Lou BROWN</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> D'Anna Browning SALLIN</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Michael BYFORD</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Junior MARTIN</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Ricky WINDERS</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Phyllis A. SYKES</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Cletis O. HUNT</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____</div>

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Unraveling the mystery on building ‘one new man’

BY FELTY YODER

In his letter to the church at Ephesus, the apostle Paul briefly relates the revelation he received, and his knowledge in the mystery of Christ. Concerning this mystery, he writes that it had not been made known to the sons of man in other generations. But now it has been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the spirit, "that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel." (Eph. 3:16).

This great mystery is that it had now become possible for both the Jew and the Gentile to become "one new man," on account of what took place in the body of Jesus. Paul explains that Jesus broke down the barriers of the dividing wall, the enmity that stood between the Jew and the Gentile. "He abolished in His flesh the

law of commandments contained in ordinance, that in himself He might make the two into one new man, thus making peace."

There was no difference between the flesh of the Jew and the Gentile. Nothing good dwelt in their flesh. It was full of affections, and lusts, which are the cause of all the corruption that is in the world. In this respect the Jews were helped by the law, and had the advantage over the Gentiles. Sin was punished, and people feared to sin, but it still didn't make them a "new man." The law with its commandments and ordinances has a task to perform as long as the affections in the flesh have not been put to death. Jesus abolished the law contained in commandments or ordinances, by putting sin to death in His flesh. Thus, the law became superfluous. This is that great mystery of

godliness. "Jesus was revealed in the flesh, and justified in the Spirit." (1 Tim. 3:16). Jesus partook of flesh and blood same as we have, that is why He calls himself "the Son of Man."

We read that God condemned sin in the flesh so that the righteous requirements of the law might be fulfilled in us who walk in the Spirit. When sin in the flesh was mortified, the law was fulfilled and lost its power. All those who receive the Holy Spirit, and walk in the Spirit, are led to the same offerings in the flesh to which the Son was led to the same offerings in the flesh to which the Son was led to by the Father. We belong to Christ by affections and lusts crucified. Thus we can be built up to be one body, "one new man." Then we are His body.

This is a great mystery to religious people who only

speak of Jesus who kept the law in our place. There is no understanding of what God did in the body of Jesus for our salvation. That is why there is no transformation, and fellowship in the Spirit, as members of one body.

All Christian denominations know full well that there is an enmity that has become "second nature" for everybody. Nevertheless, many have been sincere in their own way, and have made attempts to eradicate the enmity by coming together, and if they should manage to agree on certain points of doctrine, that in many cases has nothing to do with victory over sin, they imagine they have accomplished something wonderful. Others set up committees and charities, where they get together and entertain with music, reading, etc., while they try to slay the enmity with human

love. They talk about doing good and making others good. But still, one can not become good or do good before the cross has slain the self will. Unless one crucifies the flesh, he will go on his way after the gatherings, bearing the same enmity in his breast, just like everyone else that is under the law.

What does death to sin, and a cozy religious atmosphere have in common anyway?

(Editor's note: Felty Yoder, of the Salem area, shares his views periodically in this newspaper. His opinions are his own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.)

Memorial giving brings in help for Baptist food pantry



Evelyn Barnes

The Food Pantry of First Baptist Church in Fredonia has grown thanks to a substantial memorial contribution from the Evelyn Barnes family.

The pantry serves people of the community by providing food for those in need. The pantry is supported by funding of the church and donations of food and money from church members and others in the community. The pantry is open on the third Thursday of

each month from 1-3 p.m.

Evelyn Barnes was a beloved member of the church congregation. She passed away on Oct. 3 and her husband Bill, and sons, David and Mark, chose to have gifts in her memory go to the church food pantry.

"Evelyn and Bill have supported the food pantry from the beginning. Evelyn will be greatly missed, but she will always remain in the hearts and thoughts

of those who knew and loved her," the church said in a news release announcing the gift of more than \$3,000.

So far, through the memorial donations, the church has taken in \$3,025.

"The church is grateful and appreciative for all the donations that have been made in Evelyn's memory for the food pantry," the news release said.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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CRAYNE, KY

CHURCH NOTES

•Enon Church will host its Fifth Sunday soup and sandwiches along with Bright Life Farms starting at 5 p.m., Sunday at the church.

•Creekside Baptist Church will have its Fifth Sunday singing at 5 p.m., Sunday. Finger food will be available after the singing.

•Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church is hosting a hay ride on Sunday. The annual fall event begins at 3 p.m. at the church and will be followed by a cookout with hot dogs provided by the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry. Guest are asked to bring a side dish or dessert.

First Baptist Church of Fredonia is hosting a community Fall Festival from 5-8 p.m., Sunday. The festival will be held at the Family Life Center located on Cassidy Ave. in Fredonia. Bro. Presley Lamm is the pastor and Bro. Chris Oliver is the youth pastor. There will be food, hayride, photo

booth, games, face painting and trunk or treat. For more information, you may call the church at (270) 545-3401. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy an evening of family fun.

There will be a Fresh Fire Conference at Fohs Hall in Marion on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Bro. Ed and Sis. Deanna Nichols of Gamaliel, Ky, will be ministering. For more information, call (270) 836-9048.

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A native of Montevallo, Alabama, D.J. began serving as senior pastor of Anderson Mill Road Baptist Church (a.k.a. The Mill) in January of 2004. He is a graduate of Auburn University (B.S.), New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (D.Min). He and his wife Laurel have been married for 15 years and have five children. Outside of his church, he has served in several different capacities within the Southern Baptist Convention, the most recent being the president of the South Carolina Baptist Convention. D.J. has a heart for biblical preaching and pastoring as a servant-leader. He loves the outdoors and especially enjoys hunting whether it is deer, turkey or an occasional golf ball.

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Area Deaths

Dunbar

Johnnie Ray "Chigger" Dunbar, 59, of Marion died Sept. 26, 2016 at his home.

He was a member of the Baptist Faith.

Survivors include his son, Sean Dunbar of Bedford, Ind.; granddaughter, Jackie Dunbar of Bedford, Ind.; sisters, Sheila Binkley of Marion and Janice Harris of Salem.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Rayburn and Betty Dean Dunbar; and a sister.

A private family service was held.



Binkley

James Dwight "Jimmy" Binkley, 67, of Marion died Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016 at his home.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, a member of VFW Post 5484 and Evansville Carpenter's Union Local 224.

Survivors include his wife, Sheila Binkley of Marion; son, Tim Binkley of Marion; daughters, Jennifer (Michael) Belt, Susan Binkley, Ashton Binkley and Kaitlin Binkley all of Marion; brothers, Larry Binkley of Hobart, Ind., and Richard and Tony Binkley both of Marion; grandchildren, Tara (Joey) Blazina of Calvert City and Avery Belt of Marion; great grandchildren, Aiden Blazina of Calvert City and Kayson and Hayden Atwell, all of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion Burnett and Bertha Josephine Binkley; brother, Doug Binkley; and niece, Joanie Binkley.

Services were Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Caldwell Springs Cemetery. Military Rites were given at the cemetery.



Caldwell Springs FD seeks donations for bricks from old Frances School

STAFF REPORT

Caldwell Springs Volunteer Fire Department is making available to the public a piece of Frances history.

As part of its ongoing fundraising effort to build a new fire station and save the old Frances School, the department is giving away bricks in return for a donation.

Firemen have been tearing down a portion of the former school building to make way for its new station

house. Bricks being salvaged are being offered to anyone willing to make a contribution to the department's project.

Beverly Davidson, a member of the fire department board of directors, said donations of any size will be accepted.

Work at the schoolyard was delayed a bit because inspectors were making sure no asbestos was being released during demolition. Davidson said all of the asbestos was removed many

years ago and inspectors have given the project the go-ahead.

The department is also selling memorial plaques that will hang in the portion of the school building that is being saved. It will be a community center. The plaques may honor a person, perhaps some who attended school there, or anyone else, even a group. Cost is \$100.

For more information or to contribute, call (270) 963-8655 or (270) 704-0793.



The Wheelers' shops on East Carlisle Street are well known throughout circles of antique collectors and tourists.

KET crew coming to Marion next week to film segment with Wheelers on East Carlisle

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Educational Television's Antiques Roadshow will be filming in Marion next week.

A camera crew will be working on a segment featuring Mike and Barbara Wheeler who operate shops on East Carlisle Street with antiques, custom furniture and herbs.

The mother and son have an enterprise that is widely known throughout Kentucky and beyond.

Antiques Roadshow is a regular KET series that captures tales of family heirlooms, yard sale bargains and long-lost items salvaged from attics and basements, while experts reveal the fascinating truths about these finds.

Mike Wheeler says a Kentucky Wine Safe – an antique piece exclusive to this area and made by local craftsmen – will be among the featured items when the Roadshow comes to Marion.



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Williamson

Betty Joan Williamson, 82, of Salem died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016 at her home.

She was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Williamson of Salem; sons, Joey Wayne Williamson of Valparaiso, Ind., and Brian Williamson of Hobart, Ind.; daughter, Linda Jean Ward of Coco Beach, Fla.; brother, Eddie Farnum of California; sisters, Doris Morgan of California and Margie Rosenaw of Florida; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Blanch Farnum; and four sisters.

Services were Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mexico Cemetery.

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MARION CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE SURVEY

The Crittenden Press asked each of the 11 candidates for Marion City Council the same series of questions in order to give city voters a bit of insight into the Nov. 8 election. All responded. Six council members will be elected to two-year terms on the non-partisan council.

INCUMBENTS					Q&A	CHALLENGERS					
											
Donald "Don" Arflack, 59	Jared Byford, 35	Michael Byford, 63	Junior Martin, 68	Dwight Sherer, 63		Minnie Lou Brown, 70	Mike Harris, 55	Cletis O. Hunt, 70	D'Anna Sallin, 45	Phyllis Sykes, 69	Ricky Winders, 50
Registered nurse at Crittenden Health Systems since 1977.	Loan officer at Farmers Bank & Trust Co., 12 years.	Environmental services supervisor at Crittenden Health Systems.	Minister at Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.	Have worked at Siemens since it moved back to Marion 15 years ago. Have worked in Marion all of my life.		Retired from Siemens, where I worked for 35 years.	Safety Manager in the coal industry.	Retired coal preparation and shipping, regional planner.	Materials planner with Siemens Mobility.	Teacher. You are always a teacher. Retired from Crittenden County School District after 32 1/2 years.	Employee of Crittenden County Schools as a bus driver, substitute teacher and member of maintenance and custodial staff. Registered and licensed high school football and basketball referee. Also served as former county animal control officer for 12 years.
Crittenden County Rescue Squad chief for 25-plus years; life-long Marion Baptist Church member; Marion City Fire Department member for 35-plus years; Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department member for 35-plus years.	Coach my son's 8U baseball team; former Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce treasurer; former Tax Appeal Board member; former Upward basketball coach; former flag football coach; former Crittenden County Election Board member.	Lions Club secretary; Marion Cemetery Association secretary; Marion Fire Department member; Marion Baptist Church member.	Former Lions Club member; Crittenden County Food Bank director; Crittenden Health Systems chaplain program; Crittenden County Council on Aging member; Ministerial Association of Crittenden County member.	Deer Creek Baptist Church member; Crittenden County High School football video tech since 1986; Little League baseball coach for 24 years; youth basketball coach for 12 years; Crittenden County Food Bank volunteer fundraiser; Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. board member representing the city.		Marion Baptist Church member; Pennyrylle Allied Community Services board member; Crittenden County Food Bank secretary and treasurer; Crittenden County Hospital Auxiliary; Senior Citizens Board.	Marion United Methodist member; served a term as trustee; Marion Fire Department captain; former Crittenden County EMT; Crittenden County Rescue Squad member; Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department member.	Marion Baptist Church member; Bigham Lodge No. 256 F&AM member.	Marion Baptist Church member; Crittenden County High School Diamond Club, secretary.	Marion United Methodist Church member; Crittenden County Retired Teachers Association president; Community Arts Foundation board member; MUMC Women vice president; Kentucky Retired Teachers Association member; Kentucky Colonel Association; Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter treasurer.	Marion Baptist Church member, trustee, media and sound technician, choir singer, referee for Upward basketball, participant in ministries like Big Buck Expo and Faith in Action.
Ten years on the Marion City Council.	I am currently in my sixth year of serving on the Marion City Council. As a loan officer at a local bank, I work with area residents regarding business matters daily.	At least 18 years on Marion City Council.	Two years on this term of Marion City Council and one on a previous term; also, nine years as a Crittenden County magistrate.	Sixteen years on Marion City Council. Serve as mayor pro-tem.		I have never been on the council, but I have been on several boards working with the citizens of this city. I feel I know the needs of the people.	Marion City Council member 1998-2000. I deal with government regulations, workers compensation, company policies, safety issues and individual employee concerns daily.	Ten years as a regional planner in Kentucky and Missouri.	Zero.	I have never held public office.	I have bachelor of science and master's degrees from Murray State University.
I have lived in Marion all my life, had many opportunities to move and work elsewhere, but like the small town atmosphere and friendliness of the people.	I have lived in Marion for 29 years and in Crittenden County for 35 years. Marion is a wonderful place to live a simple life working and raising my family. I enjoy the sense of community that comes from knowing nearly everyone in town.	All my life. Easy living, low cost of living, safe and friendly town.	Entire life except six and a half years in Arkansas as a pastor.	All my life. The friends I have made, and it's a nice small town that you feel relatively safe in.	How long have you have lived in Marion, and what would you consider the best aspect of life here?	I have lived in Marion all my life. I love a close-knit community where you know your neighbors and can help people.	Lifelong resident. Safe, secure, quiet and peaceful. I love the relaxed pace of life.	The first 22 years of my life and from age 36 to today. Marion is located off the beaten path, yet accessible to basic needs and services.	After being away for many years, I moved back to Marion eight years ago to raise my son in our safe, wonderful community.	I came to Marion in August 1971 when I was hired to teach first grade. I came with the idea that I would stay one year, but Marion and Crittenden County became home, so here I am today 45 years later.	I have lived here all my life. Being able to know most of the people since it is a small town and everyone knows your name.
1. Get more control over city finances back in the hands of the city council. 2. Keep pushing to control spending and stop taking from the reserve funds. 3. Stop wasteful spending on things not really needed.	1. Budget: establish a conservative budget and stick to it. 2. Jobs: support our existing employers in any and every way possible. 3. City administrator: find a highly qualified city administrator to manage the daily business of our city in a way that will benefit all of our current and future residents.	1. Mandated sewer system upgrade. 2. Greater workforce. 3. Lower taxes.	1. Keep taxes low. 2. Recruit businesses. 3. Keep the expenses of city government to affordable costs, yet maintain safety and protection for the residents.	1. Continue to improve infrastructure like the new fire department and city hall. 2. Improve water lines and get sewer to more residents. 3. Continue to use taxpayer money wisely and try to do so without tax increases.	If elected, what would be your top three priorities and why?	1. Streamlining of city government to save tax payer dollars. 2. More accountability and more council involvement in all aspects of city government. I don't believe council members can make decisions without full involvement. 3. Economic development, as there needs to be more job availability.	1. Safety of our residents. I long for the time when our children could travel our streets, go to the library or just play in our neighborhoods without worry. 2. Restore integrity to local government. We all know about the recent administrator problems, but (there are other issues). The people who work in city government should realize they work for the citizens of Marion, not that they can do as they please. 3. Change the attitude of our city council to ensure our safety, security and way of life. The council's attitude should be "how can we help," not the current "we can't do anything about it."	1. Transparency and timeliness of mayor and city administrator in dealing with city council and citizenry at meetings and programs of the city. 2. Reduce allowable expenditures of the city administrator without city council approval to \$5,000 and increase surety bond of that person to \$500,000. 3. Enact a surcharge on the water and sewer bills of all customers outside the corporate limits who are served by city water and sewer systems. Property owners in the city are basically subsidizing those living outside the corporate limits who presently enjoy these municipal services.	1. Require all landlords to provide safe housing for their tenants and take responsibility for the appearance of their property. 2. Research innovative ways to fund demolition of condemned properties. 3. Marion business owners who live in Crittenden County should have the right to vote on matters that affect their business.	1. Learn exactly how as a council member I can help our town to become a thriving small town in the 21st century. 2. To be a listener to everyone who has a question or an idea that deals with the city. We have to be willing to try new things if we are going to go forward, not backward. 3. To encourage the best use of our monies and correct some of our run-down homes and properties by enforcing our codes.	1. To get a sidewalk built from downtown Marion out to Food Giant and Shopko area (along Sturgis Road), because I have seen many cars and trucks almost hit pedestrians trying to walk down the side of the road. This will make the city safer. 2. Build a new wastewater facility. 3. To improve our roads and streets because we need a safe way to travel throughout our city. This lets visitors know that our city cares.
I strongly favor this move, and have been an advocate of it for some time. Doing away with the city administrator position will save us a small amount of money, but will give the Council more control over spending. Most people don't know, but the Mayor is the only one that has any authority over the city administrator, and he is the only one that can fire him. He directly answers only to the mayor, not the council.	I am opposed to having a full-time elected mayor who takes the place of city administrator. The city administrator's position is a highly skilled technical job and it would be nearly impossible to be sure that all full-time elected mayor would have the technical background to immediately assume the duties of mayor and city administrator.	Yes. Now the administrator answers only to the mayor because he isn't an elected official. With a full-time mayor, there is more control by council members and they become more involved in day-to-day matters.	Yes, too much administrative costs.	All aspects of government need to be looked at. But you don't necessarily want someone elected who doesn't have the background or understanding of how a city works. So that's why you have to have a city administrator.	There have been some suggestions that the new council should consider moving to a full-time mayor, thereby doing away with the position of city administrator and giving the mayor complete oversight of the day-to-day functions of city government. Do you favor this move? Why or why not?	Yes, but only after researching the pros and cons with Kentucky League of Cities and other cities who have this form of city government.	I do believe the mayor's job should be the day to day functions not just a figure head. I believe the mayor should answer to the council, which in turn answers to the people. However there must be pre-qualifications required of any candidate running for the office.	Yes. The Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) designates the mayor as executive authority of the city. KRS 83A.090 basically allows the mayor to hire a city administrator with the same powers as the executive authority in carrying out their duties. Essentially, the city is paying two people to accomplish the same mission. This is not a credible use of public funds.	I am not opposed to having an elected mayor with this responsibility; it would save money by eliminating a pay check. However, the new mayoral position should be held accountable by the city council, including annual performance reviews.	I am not aware of all the duties that the mayor and the city administrator are in charge of on a daily basis. Therefore, I cannot say if I want to combine the two offices. If, after seeing the pros and cons of having both or just one office, then I would be able to make an informed decision.	I would be in favor of having a full-time mayor. This would save money and make more sense. The money saved from a city administrator's salary could be used on more important things.
I believe the plant should be built on property already owned by the city. That has been the plan for that property for years, and one of the reasons (the council) would not sell it in years past. The property by the Victory Gardens would be further removed from residential areas and close to the highway, yet out of view. I personally can't imagine even entertaining the idea of building a sewer treatment plant in the middle of an industrial park. I would think that could be a possible deterrent to someone looking for a place to build a factory or business.	The facility should be built on existing city-owned property. The City of Marion cannot afford to purchase additional land when we already have land that could be utilized for a new treatment plant.	Land we own. The reason we bought the property was for future expansion. The industrial park is not a suitable place for a sewer plant.	Yes, with other city properties considered.	That's a decision that the engineers will make. The most cost-effective is our goal.	The city is in the midst of spending around \$12 million in mandated upgrades to its wastewater treatment system that requires eventual construction of a new treatment plant. If cost-effective, should the facility be built on city-owned property where the Victory Gardens are located or on new land that would have to be purchased, possibly outside the city? Briefly explain.	Whichever method is most cost-effective and best for the city.	A decision on this issue should not be taken lightly as it is going to affect our city and our people for years to come. The council should consider all aspects of this project before coming to an informed decision. I believe that decisions of such magnitude have been made way too hastily on past projects.	Location of the treatment plant is academic. The operational costs of a new facility is the critical issue. Present facility was built because of significant infiltration and inflow in the old system. The rationale for the new system is basically identified as the same problem. A few years ago, I believe, an estimated \$25,000 was spent to conduct a house-to-house survey to identify potential sources of surface water getting into the present system. Apparently, nothing has been done to solve the former infiltration problems.	The location is best determined by the engineering firm hired to make such decisions; however, we need to take into consideration the concerns of neighboring property owners. Preferably, it would be on currently city-owned property.	Again, to make a decision on this wastewater treatment without all the information would be a mistake on my part. However, I do know that any decision that is made will never make everyone happy. What decisions are made must be to benefit our city to the best of all its population.	One of my priorities is to upgrade our wastewater treatment system. The obvious thing to do is to use the land the city already owns to help with the cost. Also, it needs to be centrally-located, which would be easier to tie into the existing sewer system throughout Marion.
There have been a couple of new laws passed that could possibly help with this situation. The property owners have to take more responsibility to keep up their vacant or rental properties.	The City of Marion currently has codes to deal with these matters and a code enforcement officer to enforce the codes. The mayor and the council should require, support, empower, and hold the code enforcement officer accountable for enforcing existing codes on a consistent basis.	Revamp the code of ordinances pertaining to lots, buildings and other ordinances.	Stiffer enforcement of city codes by zoning commission.	Our code enforcement officer has deemed several properties condemned. These are to be auctioned off. This presents an opportunity for someone to purchase them at a good price and build housing to upgrade these areas.	Deteriorating housing, including a high percentage of rentals as well as nuisance and condemned properties, are reducing neighborhood property values and damaging the city's reputation. What should be done to address this concern?	City should allow ample time for these properties to be brought into compliance, then take the necessary action to seize and clean up these properties.	We have got to get a grip on this ASAP. Condemning, removing the homes and selling the lots for pennies on the tax dollar is not working. Maybe encourage owners to sell before houses are in such bad shape and the tax bill is so large that it becomes necessary for the city to tear the house down and sell the lot. Possibly offering assistance to working families looking to buy a home. Rental property is a business and should be treated as such, with certain requirements as any other business in our city.	Apply the same requirements and standards to owners of rental property as those applied to owner-occupied properties and let the code enforcement officer do her/his job without interference from the administrative staff.	Rental property should be treated as a business. All rental property should be subject to inspection for the safety of renters. Electrical, heating/cooling, structural concerns, pest control and smoke alarms should be inspected at the expense of the property owner annually. All zoning and planning violations should be addressed with the owner and fines should be paid. The city is babysitting tenants, who refuse to pick up trash and mow their yards, while the property owner draws revenue.	I really think that this is a major issue in our city. Again, not knowing the exact codes, I can only agree that there is a problem in this area. If codes are on the books about deteriorating houses, then they must be enforced. We do not want our city to be a dying town, but a thriving, quaint southern town.	I am a firm believer in condemning properties that are classified as a nuisance. This will bring property values higher and will give the city a better reputation. This will also help attract new people who want a good place to settle down with a family.
All of the above are costly ventures with little money available to spend on them. We try to do what repairs we can with what money is available, so it's a slow process.	We must carefully budget and prioritize. Eliminating waste, further using inmate labor and applying for grants can help. Supporting growth of existing businesses and recruiting new ones could grow our tax base. Tough decisions must be made in budgeting and prioritizing projects our city needs.	Certainly not higher taxes, but by cutting and saving as best we can and, hopefully, a few grants.	Prioritize what needs to be done foremost, i.e., city streets, etc.	Some of these problems have been and are being worked on. As stated, it takes money. Every town has its sections that need work, and Marion is no exception, but compared to several smaller and some larger cities, Marion compares very well on the list.	Repairing streets, laying new sidewalks, removing nuisance properties and bolstering reserves are actions that would make the city a better place. But all of those and other projects take money the city currently does not have. What can be done to get such projects done?	More industries and businesses would bring in more revenue. Prioritize projects and focus on one project at a time as money is available.	I've been told the county gets \$1 million worth of free labor a year from county inmates. That should go a long way. I do know that money in the form of grants, low-to-no-interest loans, etc., are out there. We must be ever vigilant in our quest to fund these projects.	I think sometime after January 2017 a public meeting or series of such should be conducted by the city for citizen input. If citizens are not interested and do not attend, they have spoken. (The municipal aid budget appropriates \$25,000 for sidewalk replacement, but specific locations are not identified.)	We must have accountability of where our money goes and how it is used. We need to look for waste and cost-savings, as well as grants and programs for small cities like Marion.	I agree we need our streets to be repaired, and there is a definite need for sidewalks to be replaced or new ones built. The best use of our finances is a major task for the council. The city apply for grants and seek other areas of additional funding to supplement what monies we have.	Rainy-day projects cannot be done overnight. This takes people committed to priorities and high values to get this done. This will take people willing to think outside the box and to try different avenues. So we need to elect new people or have old city officials change their way of thinking.
I think the senior center is very important to both the city and county citizens. They provide a service that no one else does and I support funding them as much as we can; drug-free coalition, I favor reducing their funding; food bank, I believe we should help fund them as well. Without taxpayer assistance, some of these would not be able to survive.	Yes, but on a limited basis. Ideally, if our citizens wished to support these groups, they would do so directly instead of having their gifts filtered through a government body. However, the caring people involved in these organizations depend on city funds, and I do not believe the city should dramatically cut their funding at this time.	The senior center is a viable aspect of the lives of many city dwellers daily. If churches would combine their food banks with (Crittenden County Food Bank), maybe city funds wouldn't have to be used.	Due to an association with a few mentioned, I abstain from answering.	We, as a city, have done this for years, and as the needs arise, probably will in the future. But other options should be looked at, such as a fundraising board made up of citizens, churches, private groups and elected officials. This could free up more taxpayer money.	Should the city use money from taxpayers to assist groups like the senior center, drug-free coalition, food bank, etc.? Why or why not?	Yes, because all forms of government, including city government, share the responsibility of the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens.	As I've said, it is the city's responsibility to ensure our citizens' safety, security and way of life.	Yes, as long as \$7,500 is appropriated for Marion Main Street. The city has budgeted \$237,600 (\$241,200 minus 1.5-percent collection fee) this current year to the tourism commission. The proposed budget for the tourism commission proposes and additional \$6,000 for Marion Main Street. I need more information on the \$10,000 appropriation to the airport board and the \$1,500 to Crittenden County Animal Shelter. These may be joint ventures in conjunction with the county?	We are all called to take care of those who need help. Unfortunately, these vital groups are the first to lose funding in cash-strapped cities. If Marion has additional funds to assist, we should; however, it is my belief that we will not have surplus funds available for quite some time. The city needs to work with and encourage churches and civic-minded organizations to stand in the gap for these groups.	If there is money in the budget to help assist our non-profit groups, then, yes, we should do what we can to help.	Money from taxpayers should be used for the taxpayer. If these groups are taxpayers, then I see no need to refuse them. The city council needs to figure out who are the taxpayers and use that money to best help them, the taxpayer.
Anyone that has attended a council meeting will tell you I'm very vocal/outspoken and passionate about my job as councilman. I always try to do what is best for the citizens of the city as a whole – not just to benefit a few.	I am experienced, fair-minded, honest, and accessible. I truly have the best interests of the citizens of Marion at heart. I have a passion for seeing the City of Marion flourish and continue to be a place that we can proudly call home.	Years of experience and caring for the citizens of Marion and because I am open to new ideas.	For two years as a councilman, I have strived to stay up to date on issues, voted no to raising taxes and voted no to the environmental fee on water bills, which the records show. I have always listened to the people's complaints and tried to work on the issues stated.	I have always tried to answer any question, or at least tried to find an answer for anyone who has asked. Any vote that I have cast as a councilman has always been what I thought was in the best interest of the citizens.	Why should voters elect you as a representative to the council?	Because I care about this town and I want to make it a place that our children and grandchildren want to come home to.	I am a man for the people. I will be available 24/7, as I am now for my job and as a firefighter. I will listen to all concerns and will never tell you, "There's nothing I can do." I am on the front lines in the war on coal. I know what it's like to be the underdog facing insurmountable odds, and I am not afraid to take on any issue. I will stand for the people of Marion. It is our city. It is my city.	I will be transparent and attempt to stay informed on municipal projects and programs. For example, the current budget contains \$13,620 in seven different "miscellaneous" categories that have no apparent restrictions where and how they can be spent.	Growing up, I thought Marion was the grandest place to live. I remember what it used to be and I know what it can be.	My hope is to help bring Marion into the 21st century. Marion is my home, and I love our town. Yes, it is a small town, but it has a big heart. Most of the people are the most caring and loving you will find anywhere. Our hometown, Marion, is facing some very serious issues now. Change is a very difficult thing to do, but change we must if we are going to bring Marion to be the best it can be. I readily admit that I do not have answers to solve our problems, but I am willing to be a part of the process to help find the solutions. Please, help me in my endeavor to help Marion.	Voters should elect me because I am a hard worker and willing to work hard for the people. My parents always taught me to do a job right is to do it right the first time and commit to it. I am willing to work outside the box to improve our city. I will use my work ethics and education blended together to achieve my goal of making Marion great.

Birth

Boone

Bradley and Ginger Boone of Marion announce the birth of a daughter, Lauren Allyn Boone, Sept. 20, 2016 at Baptist Health Madisonville. She weighed eight pounds and 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. She has a sister, Lacey Olivia Boone.

Maternal grandparents are Phyllis Orr and the late Larry A. Orr of Marion. Maternal great-grandparents are Kathryn Finney and the late Charles Finney of Murray and the late George and Ruth Orr of Marion.

Paternal grandparents are Ed and Brendyth Boone of Princeton. Paternal great-grandparents are Sue Boone and the late Marion Boone of Marion and Lois Easley and late James A. Easley of Marion.

Community Calendar

– Bigham Lodge No. 256 F&AM will have **Stated Communication** Tuesday at the Lodge on Sturgis Road. The meal will be at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. All members and Fellow Master Masons are urged to attend.

Extension events

– Want to learn some **great exercises** you can do during Commercial Breaks? Join us for this lesson at 1 p.m., Friday at the Extension Office. Lesson will be taught by Ashley White, FCS Agent for Caldwell County.

– **Bee School** will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday at the Ed-Tech Center. Anyone interested in beekeeping, young or old, is welcome to attend and learn from several guest speakers scheduled to attend.

– **Quilt Club** will meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday at the Extension Office. Rose Eldridge will demonstrate Lone Star Paper Piecing. Anyone interested in quilting is welcome to attend.

Trick-or-Treat Oct. 31

The annual Trick-or-Treat on Main, sponsored by Marion Main Street, will be held on Monday, Oct. 31. Following tradition, The Crittenden Press will take pictures of kids in their Halloween costumes between 2-5 p.m., and publish them in The Crittenden Press. Cost for photos is \$10.

For a list of participating businesses, see page 13.

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. Milk, coffee or tea is available each day. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Menu is Baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread, pear crisp. Craft day begins at 10 a.m.

- Friday: Menu is hamburger with lettuce, tomato and onion on whole wheat bun, baked pork 'n beans, baked potato, mandarin oranges. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Birthday cake will be served for October birthdays.

- Monday: Menu is Baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, mandarin oranges and garlic breadstick. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness begins at 9:45 a.m. A Halloween dress-up party will be held.

- Tuesday: Menu is Chicken and rice casserole, buttered spinach, banana pudding, whole wheat roll.

- Wednesday: Menu is Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned peas, tropical fruit, whole wheat roll. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment.

Call (270) 965-5229 for more information. The center is a service of Pennyryle Allied Community Services. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

Science of apparitions adds to curiosity

One of the homes in my old neighborhood is haunted. At least, that's what Frances, the lady who lives there now believes. Only last month when I stopped by to see her, she lowered her voice nearly to a whisper and said, "I saw another apparition — a woman coming down the staircase with hair going in all directions." That followed quickly by a sheepish, "I know you think I'm crazy."

Of course, I assured her that I didn't think that at all. Who am I to interfere in someone's attachment to the spirit world? So, I replied, "There are some things we simply can't explain."

This wasn't the first time Frances had confided in me. Over the past few years, she had told me about various other-worldly spirits that had appeared to her. They had ranged from a muscular man with empty eye sockets to an old woman who was crying and pleading for help.

"They are there for an instant, then vanish into thin air," Frances said as she tried to explain.

I had no reason to doubt her. Frances is a healthy,

middle-aged woman completely devoted to her church. However, when her experiences continued, I wondered what was going on. Was she dreaming or having hallucinations? I approached the subject on the internet, trying to keep an open mind.

The dictionary described an apparition as a supernatural being with a ghostlike image, often appearing without warning. Since we are in the bewitching month of October, there is no lack of information on the internet. It is running over with all kinds of ghoulish lore. Although, I admit I am a sucker for a good ghost story, the subject of apparitions is beyond my limitations. If I could verify my friend wasn't crazy, we would both feel better.

Looking at my own life, I had nothing to base Frances' fantastic experiences on. As

a child, I once witnessed our piano playing by itself. That had gone unexplained for days until my mom put a mouse trap inside and caught a little field mouse. Also, there was the time my sister said the doll on the piano followed her with its eyes. Mom had placed it on the piano until the day it would be given away at our school's fall festival doll walk. No explanation other than maybe my little sister had watched too much Alfred Hitchcock. They could be mighty scary. Still, those incidents took place a long time ago and were a far cry from seeing an actual apparition.

Then, an article in Psychology Today magazine caught my attention: "Why Some People See Ghosts and other Presences," July 2015," by Frank T. McAndrew, Ph.D. The writer reported that apparitions often appear to people who have lost a loved one, or are some-

what isolated from friends and family or when high levels of stress are present. Frances fit the description in every way. Although she has two adult daughters, she isn't able to be with them very much. She missed them and her grandchildren. I had talked to her many times when she felt lonely and depressed or uncertain about her future.

But, the good news is that Frances was not the only one "seeing things." The report said a sensed presence or an apparition was far more common that we realize. Recent polls show that nearly half of the population believe in ghosts. Some people actually go in search of them. That fact is verified by a giant surge in haunted vacation spots.

A quick Google search for haunted places in Kentucky all but guarantee to satisfy the ghost hunter's curiosity. Old hospitals, prisons and hotels across the state have been turned into bed and breakfasts with long waiting lists. Others like the Waverly Hills Sanatorium in Louisville have guided tours throughout the year, but

most especially around Halloween. In its time, tuberculosis had no cure and much suffering took place within its walls, leading to a reputation for being haunted. The infamous fifth floor had been the scene for multiple suicides such as patient hangings and nurses jumping from windows to their death. Today, ghost hunters continue to seek evidence of apparitions and spirits throughout the building.

Still, I hadn't answered my question — why was my friend, Frances, seeing things? Several things had to be considered. Along with loneliness and stress, scientists say hormones and chemicals in the brain also play an important part. The lack of oxygen to the brain could cause a person to hallucinate much like mountain climbers at higher elevations.

All things considered, I would share these things with my friend. I hoped it would help. In the meantime, maybe she could explain to me why a man in a coonskin cap showed up in a picture of our 1800s log cabin!



Linda DEFEW
Guest columnist
Defew's Views

Pumpkin characters

Pumpkins were transformed into book characters last week, filling book shelves in the Crittenden County Elementary School library. Voting is taking place this week to determine the best entries among 90 students and a handful of teachers. Winners will be announced in divisions for Pre-K, K-1, 2-3, 4-5, family and staff. Librarian Mary Ann Winders was impressed with the first year for her library project. Watch for winners in next week's Press.

PHOTOS BY ALLISON EVANS

Pillow project benefits patients

Evening Belles Extension Homemakers assist the surgical department at Crittenden Hospital each month by providing pillows to patients following surgery.

In their spare time, Evening Belles make small 9"x12" pillows, which are accompanied by prayers for healing, that are meant to aid in recovery, since post-operative pain can be eased by applying slight pressure on the suture area.

Evening Belles have been making and donating these pillows for more than three years. The demand is growing for these donations and the Evening Belles club is asking for assistance from the community.

Anyone who would like to

make and donate these pillows are welcome. In order to maintain consistency, the club asks that all pillows be made 9"x12" using a nice cotton/cotton-blend material and filled with polyfil. Completed pillows can be dropped off at the Crittenden County Extension Office.

They will have the prayer attached and delivered by the Evening Belles Extension Homemaker Club.

If you would like more information, call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236. If you would like to learn more about Evening Belles, they meet at 1 p.m., Nov. 3 at the Crittenden County Extension Office.

Where in the World

Donald and Bonnie Pugh, Kelly McDaniel and Judith and Randy Manley visited Noah's Ark at the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Ky.

Backyard adventures topic of writing contest

A visit to a forest doesn't always mean a trip in a car to a place with trees in every direction. People living in cities and towns are also living in forests. Urban and community forests can be parks, backyards or downtown streets — anywhere there are trees. No matter where trees are found, they are beneficial to humans, animals and the environment.

Kentucky Farm Bureau and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts are sponsoring a poster contest and a writing contest titled "Backyard Ad-

ventures: Exploring the Trees in your Hometown". Students will learn the benefits of hometown trees and create a poster or written entry that encourages action toward good forestry conservation practices or proposes a solution to a forestry conservation issue.

The Jim Claypool Art Contest is open to elementary students. Middle and high school students may enter the Conservation Writing contest. These contests offer a top county prize of \$100 and a conservation polo shirt. The top state prize is \$250 and a person-

alized certificate. The Crittenden County Conservation District will accept entries until 4 p.m., Nov. 29.

Information has been given to the schools' art, English and agriculture departments and is available at the Crittenden County Conservation District office, located at 118 East Bellville Street in Marion.

The office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., or phone (270) 965-3921, extension 3.

Complete rules, helpful hints, and resource information can also be found on the

conservation.ky.gov website under Programs/Art and Writing Contest.

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Chess team starts season with big wins

STAFF REPORT

On Oct. 8, the Blue Knights kicked off the chess season in Paducah at a contest that drew more than 130 players from 18 different teams. In all, four sections the Crittenden County's chess team proved they would be a team to watch for this year.

"I am extremely proud of everyone who played in this tournament," said coach Don Winters. "Each one represented their school and community well."

In the K3 section, the team of Lacey Boone, Jake Rich, Zeke Smith, Donte Bell, Wyatt Russell, Alex Hewitt, Nai'Zayah Bell and Zak Smith placed first, beating longtime rival Murray by a half-point. Individually, Zak Smith placed fourth, Nai'Zayah Bell placed sixth, Hewitt placed seventh and Wyatt Russell rounded out the top 10.

In the K5 section, the team of Hayden Hildebrand, Abbey Swinford, Marley Phelps, Kole Williams and Kolby Williams came up just short of first, placing second behind foe Lone Oak Elementary. Individually, Hildebrand placed fourth and Swinford placed sixth.

The K8 team once again proved their dominance over

the competition by earning 13.5 out of a possible 16 points and took the top spot over Hopkinsville Middle School, who had only 3.5 points. The team had every player place in the top 15 out of 35 in their section. Individually, Chase Stevens, Gage Russell and Evan McDowell all tied for first with 3.5 points out of a possible 4, Dennon Willson placed second, Cole Swinford placed fourth, Tyler Swaggirt placed fifth, Dominic Rorer placed 11th and Trey Swaggirt placed 14th.

The K12 team of Skyler James, Clay Stevens and Gage Moore tied for second, but came away with third on tie-breakers. They missed the top spot by only 2 points, which is somewhat unexpected given they only have three players. All three players placed in the top six, and Skyler James came away with the top spot with a perfect score of 4 out of 4 points.

"If we had at least one more high school player, I believe we could have taken the top spot in that division as well," said Winters.

The Blue Knights have a full tournament schedule this year, with six tournaments between now and the Quad A Regional in February.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Blue Knight Chess Team of Crittenden County competed earlier this month in Paducah, with two sections placing first. At top left, the K8 team consists of (bottom, from left) Gage Russell, Trey Swaggirt, (back) Chase Stevens, Evan McDowell, Tyler Swaggirt and Coach Don Winters. Not pictured are Cole Swinford, Dennon Wilson and Dominic Rorer. At top right, the K5 team is made up of (from left) Marley Phelps, Koby Williams, Abbey Swinford, Hayden Hildebrand and Kole Williams. Above, the K3 team includes (bottom, from left) Donte Bell, Zak Smith, Alex Hewitt, (back) Zeke Smith, Wyatt Russell, Lacey Boone, Nai'Zayah Bell, Jake Rich and Coach Winters. At left, K12 includes (from left) Skyler James, Clay Stevens and Gage Moore.



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Battling domestic violence

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom joined 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers and other advocates last week in declaring October Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Crittenden County. Latin Wilson, housing coordinator for Sanctuary, was among those at the declaration signing. She works for the Hopkinsville-based advocacy group that provides assistance to those through emergency shelter, safety plans, counseling, therapy, financial planning, transportation and assistance in applying for an EPO. She said 1-in-3 women and 1-for-4 men have been victims of violence by an intimate partner. Sanctuary offers on-call assistance to Crittenden and other counties. Anyone who needs help because of domestic violence can call them at (800) 766-0000. The service is free. Pictured are (from left) Wilson, Sanctuary victim advocate Tylon Oxford, Judge Newcom, Judge Rogers and her staff Staci Blackburn and Julie Brooks.

Ky. denied REAL ID compliance extension

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's request for a one-year extension to come into compliance with federal regulations known as REAL ID was denied earlier this month by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Kentucky is compliant with most of the REAL ID provisions. The main area of non-compliance is related to the state's current system of issuance. Kentucky has a highly decentralized model that allows residents to obtain a driver's license or ID over the counter at one of 144 Circuit Court Clerk Office locations. This created challenges

in meeting REAL ID provisions that require every issuance facility to meet costly security standards.

Starting Jan. 10, some federal facilities, including military installations and nuclear power plants, will not accept Kentucky driver's licenses and ID cards to gain entry.

Ky. jobless rate creeps up to 5 percent

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's preliminary unemployment rate for September 2016 was 5 percent, up slightly from a revised 4.9 percent in August 2016, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

"The sharp increase in the labor force signals that more workers are returning to the workforce as they see the employment situation improving. For the last five months our unemployment rate has hovered around 5 percent, which is effectively full employment," said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET. "Though there has been an uptick in labor force participation, Kentucky is still ranks near the bottom of the stack in participation rates."

The preliminary September 2016 jobless rate was 0.4 percentage points lower than the 5.4 percent rate recorded for the state in September 2015.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for September 2016 was 5 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment increased by 11,500 jobs in September 2016 from the month before and was up 25,800 positions since September 2015.

"Nonfarm employment, or what's normally called the jobs number, is at a historical high. The September report delivered an unexpected boost to the flat situation we have experienced so far in 2016," said Shanker. "The biggest increase was in professional and business services which was buoyed by jobs in temp services."

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Livestock report

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Receipts: 516 **Last Week:** 501 **Year Ago:** 516
Compared to last week: Feeder cattle traded 7.00-8.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls traded steady. Sale consisted of 5 stock cattle, 69 slaughter cattle, and 442 feeders. Feeders consisted of 16% feeder steers, 38% feeder heifers, and 32% feeder bulls. 17% of feeders traded were over 600 pounds.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	250-300	275	155.00-165.00	157.27
5	300-350	326	131.00-138.00	135.16
5	350-400	361	131.00-140.00	134.81
6	400-450	417	121.00-126.00	121.83
5	450-500	473	116.00-119.00	117.77
4	500-550	529	113.00-118.00	115.25
11	550-600	573	105.00-110.00	109.19
6	650-700	654	105.00-107.00	105.34
4	750-800	761	102.00	102.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	240	148.00	148.00
4	250-300	297	139.00-144.00	141.50
3	300-350	346	129.00	129.00
1	400-450	445	110.00	110.00
1	500-550	510	104.00	104.00
4	550-600	551	100.00	100.00
1	650-700	695	95.00	95.00
1	800-850	830	98.00	98.00

Feeder Holstein Steers Large 3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	245	75.00	75.00
1	400-450	405	67.00	67.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	150-200	180	145.00	145.00
1	200-250	225	125.00	125.00
5	250-300	267	124.00-140.00	129.04
7	300-350	330	118.00-127.00	122.94
25	350-400	377	110.00-116.00	112.77
19	400-450	428	107.00-115.00	111.53
17	450-500	467	105.00-114.00	110.53
13	500-550	509	104.00-109.00	106.08
36	550-600	567	101.00-110.00	105.72
3	600-650	617	93.00-98.00	96.05
3	650-700	678	90.00-97.00	94.75

5	700-750	719	88.00-100.00	93.12
1	750-800	755	100.00	100.00
Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	250-300	250	108.00	108.00
3	300-350	303	115.00-120.00	116.70
2	350-400	372	105.00-109.00	106.88
4	450-500	479	95.00-101.00	98.25
7	550-600	563	90.00-95.00	93.18

Feeder Heifers Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300-350	315	115.00	115.00
1	500-550	515	102.00	102.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	300-350	345	121.00	121.00
4	350-400	368	125.00-134.00	129.73
12	400-450	426	122.00-127.00	123.39
22	450-500	479	115.00-123.00	116.86
10	500-550	520	111.00-116.00	114.88
25	550-600	567	99.00-105.00	102.75
11	600-650	620	91.00-96.00	93.69
2	600-650	617	106.00	106.00
19	650-700	671	85.00-90.00	87.15
4	700-750	705	83.00-91.00	89.00
1	750-800	755	80.00	80.00
2	850-900	895	73.00	73.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	400-450	436	117.00	117.00
3	450-500	478	101.00-108.00	103.32
5	500-550	544	98.00-108.00	104.01
4	550-600	594	94.00-96.00	95.50

Feeder Bulls Small and Medium 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	450-500	455	95.00	95.00

Slaughter Cows Breaker 75-80%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	1055	40.00	40.00
5	1200-1600	1266	42.00-50.00	45.88
1	1200-1600	1330	53.00	53.00

Slaughter Cows Boner 80-85%				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	800-1200	1135	50.00-52.00	51.36
5	1200-1600	1341	50.00-54.00	51.13

1	1200-1600	1375	55.00	55.00	High Dressing
1	1200-1600	1470	42.00	42.00	Low Dressing
1	1600-2000	1650	50.00	50.00	

Slaughter Cows Lean 85-90%					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
11	800-1200	1070	42.00-50.00	44.27	
1	800-1200	1125	54.00	54.00	High Dressing
4	800-1200	1011	38.00-43.00	40.49	Low Dressing
5	1200-1600	1297	43.00-49.00	46.90	

Slaughter Bulls Y.G. 1-2					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	1000-1500	1220	60.00-62.00	61.09	
2	1000-1500	1372	78.00-80.00	78.99	High Dressing
1	1000-1500	1345	50.00	50.00	Low Dressing
3	1500-3000	1895	66.00-72.00	68.96	
3	1500-3000	1815	60.00-62.00	61.14	Low Dressing

Bred Cows Medium and Large 1-2 Middle-Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1200-1600	1430	730.00	730.00
4-6 Months bred				
1	1200-1600	1305	1000.00	1000.00
7-9 Months bred				

Bred Cows Medium and Large 2-3 Middle-Aged				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	800-1200	980	520.00	520.00
1-3 Months bred				

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Early returns from 2016-17 deer season reflect hunters' struggles

By KEVIN KELLY

KENTUCKY AFIELD OUTDOORS

Shirt-sleeve temperatures. Treetops buffeted by high winds. Acorns crunching underfoot.

Without question, hunters faced challenging conditions for the early muzzleloader deer season two weekends ago in Kentucky, and it shows in the harvest figures. The two-day take of 2,987 deer was down sharply from last year when hunters benefitted from the timely arrival of a cold snap and a less bountiful acorn crop.

Biologists with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources say deer numbers are good across the state, but acknowledge the early returns from the 2016-17 season could portend a smaller harvest overall compared to recent years. Hunters set new harvest records in three of the past four seasons.

"In the end, what matters is what the grand total looks like after the third Monday in January," said David Yancy, deer biologist with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "That's one advantage of having parts of a five-month deer season. We start in September and we don't end until mid January."

Archery hunters got the 2016-17 season off to a good start. The September opener coincided with Labor Day weekend, and archers telechecked a record 1,746 deer over the three days. The

weather then turned dry and hot across the state. By the end of the month, hunters had taken a shade more than 5,000 deer, the fifth highest September total on record.

The October harvest is now over 10,000 deer. The youth-only firearms weekend earlier this month contributed 3,795 to that number.

Next month brings the modern gun season, which accounted for 70 percent of a record overall harvest total in the 2015-16 season.

"In the past, when conditions haven't been ideal for one opportunity, we've been able to make it up at a later point in the season," Yancy said. "So if the October muzzleloader season harvest is down, it may be made up during the modern gun season in November. And in some years, when maybe the difference isn't made up in modern gun, hunters have made some of it up in December muzzleloader and late season archery because there were a lot of deer out there that maybe in previous years hadn't been. The downside of that is the deer can be pretty spooky by the back-end of the season because they've faced hunting pressure since September."

2016 mast survey

Results from this year's mast survey are in and it's a good year for red and white oak acorn production but poor for hickory and beech

nuts.

The annual survey looks at red oak, white oak, hickory and beech trees at more than two dozen locations across Kentucky. The hard mast produced by these types of trees serves as a vital food source for many animals during the fall and winter months.

On average, three out of every five red oaks and white oaks surveyed this year showed acorns. Hickory and beech nut production fell into the poor category. Two out of every five hickory trees and one out of every four beech trees surveyed bore nuts.

In a year with good hard mast, game harvest totals may decrease as animals won't have to roam as far for food, thus making them less visible to hunters.

"Biologically, more mast is typically a good thing," said Zak Danks, ruffed grouse and wild turkey program coordinator with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "I think in terms of grouse and turkey, to the extent they forage on acorns, they're going to enter the breeding season in better condition."

New state record

A white catfish caught by Ethen Vest this month at Guist Creek Lake is the new state record. The 10-year-old from Frankfort was fishing for channel catfish from a boat with his grandfather and brother when the white cat-

fish tugged on his line. Vest caught his record fish on cut bait and it weighed 5.27 pounds. The old state record of 3.70 pounds had stood since 2007 and also came out of Guist Creek Lake.

On deck

The archery-crossbow season for bears and the first seven-day split of the fall shot-gun season for turkey open Saturday.

To the moon

If Oct. 15 full moon seemed bigger and brighter than usual, that's because it was the first of three supermoons this year.

A full moon is a supermoon when it occurs as the Moon reaches a point in its orbit that puts it closest to Earth. Supermoons may appear up to 14 percent larger and 30 percent brighter than regular full moons, according to NASA.

The next supermoon is Nov. 14, 2016 – the Monday after opening weekend of the statewide modern gun deer season. The final supermoon of 2016 arrives Dec. 14, which falls in the middle of the late muzzleloader deer season and the Geminid meteor shower.

(Editor's note: Author Kevin Kelly is a staff writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.)

Dry conditions hurting pastures

STAFF REPORT

For several weeks, Kentucky farmers have been dealing with above normal temperatures and below normal rainfall. Last week was no different, and it is starting to have an affect on farming.

Twenty-one percent of the state's pastureland was rated as poor or very poor as of Sun-

day, though that is one point lower than last week following a small amount of precipitation.


Statewide, 94 percent of the corn crop is in, well ahead of the five-year average of 84 percent. Fifty-seven percent of soybeans have been harvested. And 52 percent of winter wheat has been seeded.

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Library opens house

Crittenden County Public Library hosted an open house for patrons last Wednesday evening, giving visitors a chance to chat with staff and members of the board of trustees, tour the facility and enjoy some snacks. Above, Library Director Regina Merrick (left) shows off the plans for a proposed expansion to regular users Brooke Winterrowd, her husband Don and their children Madison, 1, and Chandler, 4. The 3,950-square-foot expansion is dependent upon a state grant for which the library has applied. An announcement out of Frankfort is expected sometime next month by library officials.

NEWS BRIEFS

Bechler announces funds for Trilogy

State Rep. Lynn Bechler, R-Marion, and Myron Dossett, R-Pembroke, announced last Wednesday the Kentucky Department of Local Government (DLG) has awarded a \$220,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Trilogy Recovery Center for Women.



“Our state continues to face a drug epidemic unlike any other,” said Rep. Bechler. “The Trilogy Recovery Center not only provides hope, but works tirelessly to provide a second chance for people in our community suffering from addiction. This grant will ensure that treatment continues and provide the opportunity for a second chance to those seeking it.”

The Trilogy Recovery Center for Women focuses on providing rehabilitative services to women for alcohol and drug addictions. The Christian County Fiscal Court applied for the block grant through the DLG, who announced the funding last week.

In 2015, nearly 1,300 people overdosed in the Commonwealth. Both Representatives Bechler and Dossett remain committed to combating Kentucky’s addiction crisis.

MAPP board adds Par 4’s president

Tim Capps, president of Par 4 Plastics in Marion, has been elected to serve on the Manufacturer’s Association for Plastics Processors (MAPP) Board of Directors.

MAPP is the largest grassroots organization in the United States plastics in-

dustry, serving over 350 member companies representing more than 45,000 employees.

The professional organization has over 2,000 industry executives in member companies actively benchmarking to improve their operations and communicating with one another to solve problems.

O’Neal completes dispatcher training

Twenty-four law enforcement dispatchers, including Aaron D. O’Neal with Marion Police Department, graduated Friday from the Public Safety Dispatch Academy at the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training on Eastern Kentucky University’s campus.



O’Neal

The graduates hail from communications centers across the state, and comprise DOCJT’s 108th telecommunications academy class, which first began in 1999.

The five weeks of training consisted of 205 hours of

academy instruction to satisfy mandated training requirements. Major training areas included identifying the role and responsibilities of the dispatcher, correct phone and radio procedures, handling emergency and non-emergency calls for service, emergency medical dispatch protocols and use of the state and national criminal databases.

Dispatch basic training is mandatory for any sworn or civilian employee who will dispatch law enforcement officers by radio at a Criminal Justice Information Systems agency.

Students invited to enter art contest

Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles invites Kentucky students to “Show Your Farm to School Spirit” in the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s 2016 Farm to School Month Art/Video Contest.

“Kentucky is a national leader in enabling schools to secure foods from local farmers to serve to their students,” Quarles said. “Access to local foods helps our students maintain a healthy lifestyle, and this contest will

teach them to understand the importance of eating and buying fresh, local foods.”

The contest is open to students in grades 1-5. A video/silent movie section has been added for students in grades 6-12. Any student attending a public school, private or parochial school, or home school group in Kentucky is eligible.

Entries must be submitted to the school food service director by Monday. Each county may select two winners in the art contest and two winners in the video contest. Each school’s winning entries will be submitted by the school food service director to the KDA Commodity Conference, in Lexington in December. Entries will be judged at the conference and awards will be presented to the statewide winners. Each state winner will receive a \$25 gift card.

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BASKETBALL

CCHS vs. LCHS again

Tickets are now on sale for the second-annual Crittenden County vs. Livingston Central Alumni Basketball Series. It will be played at Rocket Arena on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Get your tickets in advance at The Crittenden Press or contact Denis or Shannon Hodge to participate in the action. It costs \$5 to watch or \$20 to play. Players must have graduated from CCHS before 2011. This event will include men's and women's games and events for former cheerleaders.

Middle schools hoops

Crittenden County Middle School's basketball teams opened play last week and weekend with games against Dawson Springs and St. Ann of Morganfield. Following are scores and individual scoring for CCMS teams:

8th Grade Boys
Crittenden 47, St. Ann 11
Scoring: Crittenden: Braxton Winders 16, Trace Adams 5, Caden McCalister 7, Preston Turley 8, Jasper Morrison 2, Tyler Boone 7, Ben Dobyns 4.
8th Grade Girls
Crittenden 22, Dawson 14
Scoring: Crittenden: Macie Hunt 4, Riley Smith 6, Taylor Guess 4, Natalie Boone 6, Grace Driskill 2.
8th Grade Girls
St. Ann 37, Crittenden 26
Scoring: Crittenden: Hunt 2, Smith 4, Rayleigh Belt 2, Guess 4, Boone 8, Driskill 4, Addie Hatfield 2.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Bullfrog	May 20- Oct. 31
Squirrel	Aug. 20 - Nov. 11
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7
Deer Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Turkey Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Wood Duck	Sept. 17-21
Teal	Sept. 17-25
Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Turkey gun	Oct. 22-28
Woodcock	Oct. 22 - Nov. 11
Crossbow Turkey	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Crossbow Deer	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunt/Trap	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Rifle Deer	Nov. 12 - Nov. 27
Rabbit, Quail	Nov. 14 - Feb. 10
Woodcock	Nov. 14 - Dec. 7
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Bobcat	Nov. 26 - Feb. 28
Dove	Nov. 24 - Dec. 4
Duck	Nov. 24-27
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Snow Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Turkey gun	Dec. 3-9
Dove	Dec. 17 - Jan. 8
Duck	Dec. 5 - Jan. 29
Muzzleloader	Dec. 10 - Dec. 18
Deer Late Youth	Dec. 31 - Jan. 1
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Coyote Night	Feb. 1 - May 31
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 4-5
Goose Conservation	Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

DU Banquet at Eddyville

Lyon County Ducks Unlimited banquet will be Nov. 5. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. The banquet includes a silent auction, raffles, giveaways and a live auction. It will be held at the convention center Lee S. Jones Park in Eddyville.

FOOTBALL

Junior Pro action

Crittenden County's Junior Pro football teams played Caldwell County White last weekend at Rocket Stadium. The third- and fourth-grade Rockets lost 12-0 to fall to 4-2 on the season. The B-team lost also, dropping a 12-6 decision as Quinn Summers scored Crittenden's only TD of the day. There was no fifth- and sixth-grade game. The Junior Pro Rockets close out their regular season on Saturday at Caldwell County Gold. The Junior Pro Football Post-Season Jamboree will be held Nov. 5-6 at Caldwell County.

RUNNING

Color Run lights park

Marion-Crittenden County Park will be lighted with glowing harriers Friday night for the annual Glow Run, sponsored by the high school basketball boosters as a fundraising event. Registration begins at 5:30 and the race will start after dark, about 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$25. There will also be a costume contest for runners.



Double Duty

Rocket sophomore quarterback Hunter Boone (7) is also the team's rugby-style punter. Here his line, including classmate Jake Gibson (59) block Russellville while Boone gets ready to punt. Boone and the Rockets will host Fort Knox next week to open post-season play.

PHOTO BY MEREDITH EVANS

Fulton County pulls out, Rockets idle until playoffs

CLASS A PLAYOFFS

Friday, Nov. 4 Games

Caverna at Russellville
Fulton City at Campbellsville
Fort Knox at Crittenden Co.
Bethlehem, bye
Dayton at Ky. Country Day
Frankfort at Bellevue
Ludlow at Lou. Holy Cross
Eminence at Beechwood

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County is idle this week, but will host an opening round game in the Class A football playoffs the following Friday.

The Rockets host Fort Knox, a team it has never played, in the Nov. 4 first-round game. The Eagles are 1-8 and play winless Shawnee, a Class 2A team, this week to close out their season.

Fort Knox beat Caverna and lost to Bethlehem and Campbellsville during the regular season to finish third in

the Second District, thus creating the matchup against CCHS, the First District's second-seed team.

Fulton County, the last place team in the First District, and a team on three-year losing streak, has opted not to play in the postseason.

"Fulton County withdrew creating Bethlehem's bye. It is not a forfeit because it was done before the brackets were set," said Joe Angolia, spokesman for the KHSAA. "It is not all that uncommon. Every year there are a few teams that remove them-

selves from the alignment and post-season brackets."

If the Rockets beat Fort Knox here next week, it would set up a showdown with Bethlehem – which in effect gets a first round bye – in the regional semifinals at Bardstown on Nov. 11. The game would be a rematch of last year's regional semifinal when Bethlehem hosted and beat Crittenden County 48-21 a year ago.

The Eagles are 6-3 this season after winning their Second District.

Panthers take crown again

STAFF REPORT

If there was ever any doubt where the district trophy belongs this season, it was cleared up quite definitively early Friday as undefeated Russellville scored on every possession of the first half and piled up hundreds of yards rushing en route to winning the league crown for a second straight season.

The Panthers beat Crittenden County 49-7 and the second-ranked team in Class A celebrated with a mercy-rule running clock in the final two periods as the reserves mopped up the game.

Crittenden (4-6, 2-1) finishes second, behind Russellville, in the First District for the second straight time since rejoining Class A. The Despite the loss, the Rockets still earn a first-round home field advantage in the playoffs and will host Fort Knox (1-8) in two weeks.

The Rockets may need the extra week off to lick their wounds after this one. Starting running back Devon Nesbitt left for the hospital in the first half with what appeared to be a broken thumb. Followup exams early this week showed a strain and no break. It's still uncertain whether Nesbitt will be limited for practice or play over the next two

weeks.

The Panthers used their incredible speed to make easy work of the Rockets. The Panthers rushed for 340 yards in the first half and quarterback Jaylyn McMurry completed just one pass, but it went for a touchdown.

If there was a bright spot for the Rockets, it was the play of senior receiver Jared Lundy, who caught four passes for 45 yards. The Rockets had 184 yards passing, but 110 of it came off the arm of backup QB Hunter Jones in the second half. Rocket starter Hunter Boone was 10-for-19 with one interception. He threw for 74 yards in the first half and sat out the rest of the game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Crittenden Co.	0	7	0	0
Russellville	21	28	0	0

SCORING PLAYS

R-Johnny Drumgole 55 run (Milam Watkins kick) 11:00, 1st
R-MJ Jones 3 run (Watkins kick) 7:08, 1st
R-Drumgole 66 run (Watkins kick) 4:43, 1st
C-Gavin Dickerson 2 run (Will Perkins kick) 11:35, 2nd
R-Jones 40 run (Watkins kick) 10:59, 2nd
R-Damon Hales 49 run (Watkins kick) 7:16, 2nd
R-Drumgole 29 pass from Jaylyn McMurry (Watkins kick) 4:30, 2nd
R-Jacobie Mason 2 run (Watkins kick) 2:48, 2nd

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Crittenden 10, Russellville 7

Penalties: Crittenden 5-35, Russellville 8-61
Rushing: Crittenden 26-67, Russellville 28-412
Passing: Crittenden 15-28-2, 184 yds., Russellville 1-4-0, 39 yds.

Total Yards: Crittenden 251, Russellville 451
Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 1-1, Russellville 4-2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Crittenden: Devon Nesbitt 5-12, Charlie Johnson 4-36, Dickerson 7-30, Maeson Myers 2-6, Seth Jackson 2-(-3), Hunter Jones 1-(-6), Hunter Boone 5-(-6). Russellville: Drew West 4-48, Drumgole 3-143, Hales 4-52, Jones 4-76, Edward Barber 1-5, Mason 1-2, McMurry 2-17, Charles Barnett 3-42, DeShawn Mason 2-16, Jacob Naylor 3-16, Brennan Hughes 1-(-5).

Passing

Crittenden: Hunter Boone 10-19-1, 74 yds., Hunter Jones 5-9-1, 110 yds. Russellville: McMurry 1-4-0, 39 yds.

Receiving

Crittenden: Ethan Hunt 3-27, Jared Lundy 4-45, Nesbitt 1-6, Branan Lamey 2-9, Myers 1-8, Kyle Castiller 1-16, Cody Belt 1-11, Payton Riley 1-5, Ben Brown 1-57.

Defense

Beavers 2 solos, assist; Belt solo; Brown solo; Castiller 2 solos, 2 TFLs; Dickerson solo, 5 assists; Gobin 2 solos; Hayes assist, fumble recovery; Hunt solo, assist; Jackson 3 solos, 2 assists; Johnson solo; Joyce 2 solos, assist; Lamey 2 solos; Myers 3 solos, 2 assists, fumble recovery; O'Leary solo, assist; Phillips 2 solos, 2 assists; Porter assist; Smith solo.

Records: Crittenden 4-6 (2-1), Russellville 9-0 (3-0)

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Rocket kick returner Maeson Myers races upfield against the quick Panther defenders.

Second graders put on tackle gear for first time



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AVERY THOMPSON 2

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CALEB COMBS 1
JAKE RICH 54
ISAAC JAMES 12
GUNNER TOPP 57

DAVIS PERRYMAN 32
CARSON BRADHAM 27
BRADY DAYBERRY 5
ANTHONY HUNT 37

COACHES

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STAFF REPORT

Almost 20 second graders played in the first ever Blue-White tackle football game Saturday at Rocket Stadium.

Generally, second graders are not allowed to play tackle football like their older counterparts in third grade. Junior Pro tackle football is for players in grades three through six.

This year, also for the first time, the little league football program was under the direction of the Rocket football program and booster club. For many years it had been organized and run by the Lions Club. The football program also has a flag football league for players in K through second grade. That season ended a couple of weeks ago.

Head high school football coach Al Starnes said the idea of getting second graders geared up and letting them play real football

was simple.

"We wanted their first taste of tackle football to be against kids their own age and own size," he said. "They loved it."

Tanner Tabor, who was one of the second-grade coaches, said the same thing.

"This gets them acclimated to tackle football against kids their own age and allowed us to spend some time with them teaching them proper tackling techniques. They can't quit talking about it. It was great."

The teams played a four-quarter, one-hour scrimmage and several touchdowns were scored.

"The goal is for them to have fun and learn to like it and not to have to face older, more experienced players the first time they put on gear," Tabor added.

Plans are to play Caldwell County's second graders this weekend in a scrimmage.

Fredonia/Lyon captures first Heritage Cup title

STAFF REPORT

Marion's very first Ryder Cup styled golf competition at The Heritage Golf Course at Marion Country Club was widely considered a success.

The club's new owner, Eddie King, and some regular golfers developed the idea and organized a

two-day event complete with Ryder Cup type play such as foursome (alternating shots), fourball and match play – plus a 2-Man Scramble which is not a traditional cup format.

Fredonia/Lyon County beat Marion in the 36-hole team event 14½ to 11½.

Players participating for Fredonia/Lyon were Danny Ray Phelps, Doug Phelps, Buzzy Phelps, Mike Phelps, Tom Heaton, Faye Phelps, Jackie Patton, Reid Baker, Roy Rogers, Eddie Hunt and Ed Landreth.

The Marion squad was made up of Alec Pierce, Jeremy Shoulders,

Darrick Myers, Steven Flahardy, Josh Tinsley, Ronnie Nix, Melissa Tabor, Jat Tabor, Eddie King, Eddie Perryman and Sam Smith.

The event was named The Heritage Cup and plans are to do it again next year. King also wants to develop more competitive events for younger golfers.

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WORKERS

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tial election has been so contentious with tempers flaring between political opposites, it could be a difficult day at the polls.

"This is the one election that's going to test you," Ross Roberson, a territory manager with Lexington-based election services company Harp Enterprises, warned poll workers at their election school at the Marion Ed-Tech Center last Thursday. "You're going to have a lot of stuff thrown out at you."

Poll workers in Crittenden County earn \$120 on Election Day and \$20 for attending last week's class. But when the last vote is delivered to the clerk's office on the Tuesday night of elections, they have earned only about \$9 an hour.

That's chicken feed for the awesome responsibility and burden they shoulder. Near the middle of a 70-page election guide they are given to study is a list of felonies and misdemeanors with which poll workers can be charged. Their work down to the most minute detail is subject to scrutiny if fraud is suggested or a recount requested.

"Everything you do has to be turned over to the grand jury," Roberson told his students.

And in a presidential election like this year, the white-hot spotlight can extend far beyond the county's borders, as witnessed in 2000 when Florida balloting was taken all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court. Workers must follow every tedious, meticulous instruction to a T or risk making headlines.

That's why the third Tuesday in May and the Tuesday after the first Monday in November can be so stressful for County Clerk Carolyn Byford. As the county's top election official, she is ultimately responsible for the work of the precinct officers.

"I get here at 4:45 in the morning," Byford said from her courthouse office of her Election Day routine. "I get here because I know I'm gonna get calls."

Those calls are from the poll workers, who sometimes run into problems like machines not powering up or even catching fire as one did a few years ago. Or maybe they have simply missed one of the many, many steps of instructions for the day and gotten out of sync.

Guess says there is a lot to remember and very strict rules to carry out.

The overwhelming majority of Byford's poll workers are women



Crittenden County poll worker Sherry Tinsley looks over one of the instruction booklets handed out at election school last Thursday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center as Ross Roberson (above) with Harp Enterprises, an election services company, prepares a voting machine for a demonstration.

like Guess – either housewives, retirees or those who can otherwise alter their normal work schedule for the day. But some go well out of their way to oversee the ultimate practice of democracy.

"I have one that takes a vacation day every year," Byford said.

The men who work Election Day are mostly retired. There are couples, too.

Each poll worker carries a title that day. There is a bi-partisan pair of judges and the remaining Democrat and Republican are either a sheriff or clerk.

During the course of the day, the sheriff is in charge of policing the grounds, seeing there is no electioneering or an array of other possible violations. As sheriff of her precinct, Guess has had to tell people to take their political discussions outside and was even forced to expel a belligerent voter who had been hitting the bottle a little too hard.

So if an election official looks like

a fuddy-duddy by asking you to do something like put away your smartphone, it's not because they resent the younger generation or technology. Selfies showing the voter with a completed ballot are strictly forbidden.

That, Byford said, is to prevent vote buying, where a voter could be paid cash if they prove they cast a lot for a specific candidate or party.

There are also rules for write-ins and ballots spoiled by incorrect marks. There are directions for dealing with overvotes where two candidates for the same race are selected and for voters who need assistance. There are instructions and documentations required for every possible flub, faux pax and fowl up at an election precinct, and poll workers must get it right.

"When in doubt, fill it out," Roberson urged his students, referring to the forms that could prevent someone from being charged with a crime.

Being a poll worker can be a bit

boring, too.

Guess said the busiest election she has worked was when Ronald Reagan was first elected President in 1980. But she has worked primaries with as few as 20 voters all day long.

"That makes it a long day," she said.

Despite all the rancor associated with this year's presidential election, Guess is not overly concerned about what might transpire at her precinct on Nov. 8.

"I think we'll have a good election," she said, adding that her fellow poll workers at Grace Baptist Church will probably be asking everyone to identify themselves with a photo ID.

"In the past, we've been able to identify most people as a personal acquaintance," she explained, but to be safe, "I think we will be asking for a license."

And because being fair and just is part of the oath poll workers take, that goes for family, too.

Voter registration in Crittenden County as of Oct. 19, 2016

PRECINCT	DEM	GOP	OTHER
Marion 2	227	264	51
Rosebud 11	211	197	36
District 1	438	461	87
Sheridan 9	296	373	40
Tolu 10	216	233	25
District 2	512	606	65
Marion 1	386	386	82
Fords Ferry 5	92	84	14
District 3	478	470	96
Marion 4	312	421	48
Frances 8	110	124	26
District 4	422	545	74
Frances 7	298	276	46
Marion 6	262	368	51
District 5	560	644	97
Marion 3	326	432	73
Shady Grove 12	153	128	18
District 6	479	560	91
Countywide	2,889	3,268	508

Other includes "other" and alternative parties.

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grew Republican ranks the most – 30 voters. Voters in that territory poll at Marion Baptist Church.

Meantime, 10 precincts saw Democratic numbers fall, one added voters – albeit only three – and another stayed steady. The sole area to gain was Marion Precinct No. 6, which polls at St. William Catholic Church.

Currently in Kentucky, a record 3.3 million residents are registered to vote. Democrats still maintain a significant majority of 51.2 percent to 40.5 percent over Republicans, despite GOP growth since May 2008 of 284,183 to Democrats' 31,483.

Republicans in the state, despite the growing unpopularity of the man at the top of their ticket, added 22,700 since the middle of last month.

Third-party and "Other" registrations account for 8.3 percent of the voters in Kentucky.



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