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#### NEWS

#### **HOMECOMING PARADE** STARTS AT 5 P.M. TODAY

The annual football homecoming parade begins at 5 p.m. today down Main Street in Marion. This year's theme is "Lights, Camera, Action!" Lineup begins at 4 p.m. Main Street/U.S. 60 will be closed during the parade.

A powderpuff flag football game will take place at Rocket Stadium following the parade. The homecoming game against Trigg County begins at 7 p.m. Friday at Rocket Stadium with homecoming ceremonies taking place before kickoff.

#### **VOTER REGISTRATION** DEADLINE IS MONDAY

County Clerk Carolyn Byford reminds eligible voters that the deadline to register for the Nov. 5 general election for statewide offices is Monday.

Kentuckians can easily register and update their registration with GoVoteKY.com, the state's online voter portal. The county clerk's office will accept online and paper applications until 4 p.m. Monday. Mail-in voter registration applications must be postmarked by Monday.

Voters who have recently moved need to update their voter registration information by no later than Monday. You may do so or check your voter status at the clerk's office or online at GoVoteKy.com.

As of Sept. 16, there were 6,380 registered voters in Crittenden County. In the last gubernatorial election, only 33.7 percent of voters in the county cast a ballot, but that was higher than the statewide rate of 30.6 percent.

#### 12TH HIGHWAY 60 YARD SALE UNDERWAY TODAY

## **Rules target chronically absent students**

STAFF REPORT A new attendance policy in the Crittenden County School

New greens unveiled at

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District got some parents' attention last week. Notices were mailed to a

number of households regarding the new policy that encourages good attendance while focusing on attendance percentage rather than number of days missed.

Students whose attendance

was below 90 percent for the first month of school received letters explaining the policy, which is designed to discourage unnecessary absenteeism. It is different than truancy, as the number of doctors notes and excused absences are not considered under the new attendance policy.

"The thing we are focusing on is the amount of time kids aren't in the classroom," said

#### 17-plus days

Chronic absenteeism is defined as 10 percent or more of the 170 student days each year missed, whether excused or not

Diana Lusby, director of pupil personnel.

Last year, the school district ended the year with 177 students who missed 17 or more days of school, and therefore, were considered chronically absent, according to Lusby.

"Waiting until the end of the year to identify these students is too late, the damage has already been done," Lusby said. "Because of that, we are tracking attendance very closely each week this year to keep up with students who are chroni-

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PRESS EDITOR

Failure is an option ... as long as you fail forward.

For the two 2019 Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni inductees, mistakes are a fact of life they encourage others to embrace just as they have. In fact, that approach to life along their journeys is a large part of what brought both Jonathan Bur-

two Crittenden County **Distinguished Alumni** exemplifies an old-fashioned entrepreneurial spirit in 21st century technology and the impactfulness volunteerism can have on a community.

By DARYL K. TABOR PRESS EDITOR

Johnny Newcom has never worried too much about whether the difference he tries to make in others' lives is recognized. But his induction this week as one of two 2019 Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni proves someone has indeed been taking heed.

"Never wonder if someone is paying at-



The 200-mile Highway 60 Yard Sale begins today (Thursday) along the road in eight western Kentucky counties, including Crittenden, Livingston and Union counties. This marks the 12th year for the event, which runs from Livingston County to Meade County.

There are more than 15 local yard sales listed as part of the event, including more than a dozen in Crittenden County. For a list of all local yard sales promoted by Marion Tourism Commission, see Page 9.

#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at noon Monday at the Extension office.



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don and Johnny Newcom to be recognized by their hometown for individual accomplishments and contributions.

"Some people can always make the right decision first," said Burdon, a digital media entrepreneur. "I seem to find the correct route by doing all the wrong things first."

At only 31, trial and error has served Burdon well. He is the Founder and CEO of SDA Media, a Nashville, Tenn.-based

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**Inductees Jonathan Burdon** and Dr. Johnny Newcom will be recognized during this week's homecoming festivities.

> Find all-time Distinguished Alumni list on Page 2

tention if you're trying to do something good," he said last week, reflecting on the honor. "There may be days you believe no one notices the difference you're trying to

make, but that's a lie." For his record of contributions to the community's youth, Newcom is being recognized with one of the highest local honors for achievement. He is the second graduate from Crittenden County High School's

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## Tolu spook house back

STAFF REPORT

You can thank the success of a summer full of softball for giving you a good scare in Tolu this month.

As a result of the bustle of activity on the Tolu ball field this summer, a group

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Perryman is the opening night of the Tolu Haunted House, which began scaring the dickens out of folks in 1999.

We're working all week to get ready," said Todd Perryman, one of the volunteers who grew up in the haunted house and is working to get it together this year.

The haunted house will

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Jerrold Doom (right) of Marion wipes away tears as his brother Dwayne Doom and niece Chasity Doom reflect during a recollection Friday morning of the ultimate sacrifice their brother and uncle Spec. Charles L. Doom paid in Southeast Asia during a ceremony opening viewing of the Traveling Kentucky Vietnam Wall on Marion Commons. Doom was one of six local men from Crittenden County killed in the Vietnam War.

## Vietnam Wall deserves 'Atta boy'

### By CHRIS EVANS PRESS PUBLISHER

Many years ago in college, I learned how important it was to recognize good works.

The late Bob "Doc" Mc-Gaughey had these cute little 8x10 framed certificates he would dole out when warranted. It was called his Atta Boy Award.

#### COMMENTARY

Quite an honor it was indeed to receive one.

Although the Bible is pretty clear that good works will not get us a free pass to heaven, it is just as definitive that whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows

generously will also reap generously. One of my favorite verses was written in Luke, and it's Jesus explaining in one of his parables that to those who much is given, much is expected.

Doing good may not always be rewarded, but it's impor-

## CHRONIC

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very closely each week this year to keep up with students who are chronically absent.

"Any student who has missed 10 percent of whatever part of the school year has passed is added to the chronic absentee list, so there are typically new additions each week

along with several who come off the list too." Each Friday when the

Lusby

report is run, Lusby said many students will come off the list, and congratulatory messages will be sent to students' parents.

She explained it is much more likely for attendance to fall below 90 percent early in the year when students have been in school such a small number of days compared to later in the school year. "There is much research that shows the negative impact these

missed opportunities for learning have on students," Lusby said. "Every child's success is so important to us."

And it hurts the entire school district. Each percentage point of overall

district attendance at the end of the year is worth \$51,000 in state funding, according to Crittenden County Superintenent of Schools Vince Clark.

The punishment for chronic absenteeism - or students who have missed 10 percent or more of classroom days at any given time – is a restriction from participating in dances, field trips, student driving privileges, athletic competition or other extracurricular activities as a participant or spectator, the warning letter states.

Suspension of student privileges will not begin until after fall break, which is next week.

There is an appeals process for students affected by the new absentee policy. Lusby stresses that common sense will be exercised in this process, and school officials will be looking at attendance history as part of the process.

Call (270) 965-3525 or diana.lusby@ email crittenden.kyschools.us to schedule an appointment with the appeals committee. The first meeting of the appeals committee will be Tuesday, Oct. 22 in Rocket Arena conference room.

## Farmers Bank completes its acquistion of First State Bank garding policies and train-

Monday was the

first business day as

one bank, Berry

said. Signage on

the banks in Cen-

tral City, Calhoun,

Livermore,

Bowling Green will

soon be changed to

reflect the new name.

"We're excited to add

five new locations to serve

our new and existing cus-

tomers," Berry said. "First

State was a growing, suc-

cessful bank with a great

customer service reputa-

tion that we look forward

founded in Marion in

to continuing."

Farmers

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Berry

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Greenville

Farmers Bank & Trust Co. of Marion completed its acquisition Friday of First State Bank, previously headquartered in Central City.

Wade Berry, president and CEO of Farmers Bank, said the deal was finalized late last week, bringing the assets of First State Bank under the Farmers Bank flag, including five locations in Muhlenberg, McLean and Warren counties. The purchase plan was announced in July and consummated following regulatory approval.

The purchase price was not disclosed.

Farmers Bank leaders had been meeting with First State's leadership re-

1899 on the same street ing First State's staff recorner where it stands today, has grown considgarding procedures over erably over the past 16 the past few weeks, but years. It first grew

> beyond county borders in 2003 with expansion to Salem in Livingston County. Farmers opened а new branch in Henderson in 2015 and purchased the as-

sets of Hopkinsville-based United Southern Bank in Madisonville in 2016.

First State Bank had total assets of about \$160 million when the deal closed. Farmers currently has about \$380 million in assets following its latest acquisition. The bank expects revenue to grow comparatively.

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

## **NEWCOM**

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Class of 1994 in as many years to be honored as a Distinguished Alumnus. Last year, Corey Crider, a renowned opera singer and close friend of Newcom's, was inducted.

Newcom joins Jonathan Burdon, a digital media entrepreneur in Nashville, Tenn., being honored this year for his professional endeavors. The private induction ceremony will be Friday in Marion.

A chiropractor by trade, Newcom was born and raised in Crittenden County. But after graduation 25 years ago, he started a path in oral medicine, with undergraduate studies taking him to Murrav State University before a change in career direction took him out of state. "My intention was to be

a dentist," he said.

But after shadowing Dr. Steve Crider at his Marion office, Newcom decided dentistry was not for him. At a friend's suggestion, he opted to change course in the medical field.

Before that move, though, he cemented his relationship with the love of his life he met while at Murray.

"I got married in May and in July, left for Atlanta for three years," Newcom said of his union to Tracve

sequent transfer to Life University, a leading chiropractic school. "It was a bit of a culture shock from here to Murray and Murray to Atlanta. It was a big eye opener, but the best thing that ever happened to us.

Corbett in 2000 and sub-

Newcom later transferred and finished his graduate degree at Logan University in St. Louis before moving to Charleston, S.C., where Tracye completed her dietetics internship. It was the next move for the young couple that set the course for the honor Newcom will accept Friday.

"It was a hard decision to leave such a beautiful city, living on the beach," he said of coming back to his hometown, where he opened his practice in February 2005. "I would be lying if I said I didn't question coming back. But it was the right move. God wanted that for us. It's where we were supposed to be.'

He has made the most of the move since that time.

#### Paying it forward

As a chiropractor, Newcom enjoys being able to help people, whether it is offering relief of a nagging pain or treatment for the many young athletes he sees. It is the latter where the former Rocket football

player makes one of his greatest impacts on individual lives.

'One of the first calls I got was from Al (Starnes) and Vince (Clark)," Newcom recalls of his former and head assistant coaches on the football field. "They told me they needed a guy on the sidelines to take care of the kids. Words cannot describe how appreciative I was.'

All of his former coaches, Newcom said, invested so much into him beyond the game that he was thrilled to be able to pay it forward to a new generation of football players by acting as team doctor on Friday nights. He also offers a mentorship at his medical practice with a couple of players each year and has formed some of the strongest bonds of his life outside of his marriage.

"Professionally, it's like working with high-performance engines," he said of the athlete's physical development. "But it is a really neat opportunity to help these guys prepare for what lies ahead. I catch them their senior year, and we talk about everything; things they might not talk about with anyone else."

Newcom is able through his mentorship to be a positive male influence that some of the studentathletes may be missing at home

"I try to teach them by my failures," he explained. "It has been a blessing to me, and I hope it has been to them '

Next year, Newcom's son Micah, 13, will be one of the players suited up on the sideline on Friday nights at Rocket Stadium. It will give him yet another opportunity to play a part in the lives of his son and daughter Lilly, 5, outside of the home.

Following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Conn., Newcom was instrumental in starting the WatchDOGS program at Crittenden County Elementary School. Incorporating an acronym for Dads of Great Students, WatchDOGS brought men into the fold at the school, providing male influences in a school staffed almost exclusively by women.

"Melissa (Tabor) gets three thumbs up from me," Newcom said of the principal at the time in 2012-13. "She made that happen.

"I feel like we did some really good work there."

With his son now in middle school, Newcom finds himself learning his way through the schooldecision-making based council Crittenden at Middle School. County helping shape the school's culture and environment.

"Instead of being the

person who gripes and is the part of the problem, why not help?" Newcom proposes of roles similar to the one he has taken on at CCMS.

Newcom has also accepted the invitation of Clark, his old football coach and now head of the local school district, to be a part of a high school dual credit scholarship fund board.

With an affinity for sports and the positive impact it can have on young lives, the full-time chiropractor has spent his own share of time on the sidelines as a coach of youth leagues.

"I can't encourage people enough to volunteer in our little league programs,' he said, adding that the reward goes far beyond what money could offer. "Sometimes, intangibles are the best things in life.'

As the chairman of the county's health board for the last 10 years, Newcom has had a positive influence in the lives of residents of all ages who utilize the local health department. However, he is particularly proud of the taxing district's contributions to keep the school nursing program alive when it looked as if the program might disappear a few years ago when it was through Pennyrile District Health Department

#### Credit to others

Newcom and his wife have also contributed their time together to bring cheer to residents of Crittenden County Health and Rehab, raise funds and donations for local hand-up programs and contribute to faithbased programs.

"I cannot say enough about my wife," Newcom said. "She supports me. She gives up a lot and never complains."

Twelve years his senior, Newcom has even had in impact on his fel-Distinguished low Alumni inductee's life. When Burdon was working to get in basketball shape as a high-schooler, Newcom made the teen one of the first members to his gym.

Humbled by the honor, Newcom has invited his family and several influencers when he was in school in Crittenden County to share his moment in the spotlight Friday. It is payment to the ones who had the greatest impact on his life.

'Something like this is a cumulative effect of what others people have invested into me – my wife, dad, coaches, teachers and friends," he said. "I've taken what they invested and made good of it. This is totally about them

## **BURDON**

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company billed as one of the world's fastest growing media holding groups. A 2006 graduate of Crittenden County High School, Burdon is a builder – not with bricks and mortar, but with zeroes and ones ... the digits of digital media.

For his successes in the realm of digital media, Burdon is being recognized with what has beof the come one community's most esteemed honors bestowed upon its own. He joins Newcom, a local chiropractor being honored for his work beyond the office. The private induction ceremony will be Friday in Marion.

#### Humble beginnings

Burdon started his career as a "broke college kid" with zero and grew his vision through determination and adaptability.

"I was driving a red Sunfire that died at every stoplight," he recalled of his early days at Murray State University. "In my junior year of college, I founded a company around web hosting. I was a one-person show trying to learn and making tons of mistakes."

Burdon was making about \$50 at the start." At the time, that seemed like a lot of money," he joked. Two years after graduating from Murray, he sold off the company and began working on his plans that turned into SocialCoaster, a mobile social network that debuted in March 2014 and turned into the broader SDA Media.

"I really like building

things from the bottom up," Burdon said, reflecting on his path to success in the business world. "I love a challenge, something I've never done before. But boy, did I have a lot to learn.'

Born in Henderson, he moved with his family to Crittenden County as a teen when his father, Tim Burdon, was called to be pastor at Mexico Baptist Church. From high school, he attended Murray State and earned a bachelor's degree in organizational communication in 2010. That helped equip him with the tools necessary to effectively communicate in the business world with its vast array of environments.

But what he learned in Crittenden County schools was the foundation of his success, teaching him through practical experience and offering insight beyond what can be found in textbooks and lesson plans.

"The thing I remember is the way teachers spiced up the lessons," he said, recalling students' handson participation in a mock trial. "We learned how things worked by doing it."

While a high-school student in Crittenden County, he was able to get some college credits out of the way before heading off to Murray through a dual credit program, which the school district has grown since the early 2000s. And through CCHS' cooperative education program, Burdon got real world experience working for Marion attorney Bart Frazer.

With a small graduating class, Burdon said it might have been easy to buy into the misperception that small, rural

#### **Distinguished Alumni** history dates to 2010 2011

STAFF REPORT

Established in 2010 by Crittenden County School District as a means to recognize the achievements of local graduates, Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni inducts its eighth class Friday. The first members of the local hall of fame for career and personal achievements were inducted in May 2011 in conjuction with graduation week. Induction is now in the fall, coinciding with football homecoming.

Each year, two living graduates of county schools have been honored as distinguished alumni. Eight posthumous recipients have also been recognized. Inductees have been individuals who earned diplomas at Crit-County High tenden School as well as Marion High School, Marion Academy and other defunct institutions. Because of segregation in the 1930s, one inductee was forced to finish her education at an African-American school in Princeton.

In the adjacent column is a complete list of Distinguished Alumni and their year of induction.

school districts do not offer the necessary tools for success in the modern world.

"I didn't feel that," he said. "Even though it's small, they still found ways to present students a cool way of learning."

While just two hours away, Nashville as one of the nation's bustling metropolitan areas offers a

Kenneth Winters Albert Michael Crider Forrest Carlisle Pogue\* F. Julius Fohs\* Ollie M. James\*

2012

Scott Campbell Trish Milburn Jim Hatfield\*

2013 Johnny Rushing Jeff McKenney

2014 David Newcom Helen Moore C.S. "Clem" Nunn\*

2015 W.A. Franklin Stephanie Kelly

2016 Andy Mason Jerry Brown Juanita Burks\* Bob Swisher\*

2017 William O. Winstead Alan C. Stout

2018 Jared Ordway Corey Crider Barry W. Enoch\*

2019 Jonathan Burdon Dr. Johnny Newcom \*Posthumous

different world that Burdon was equipped to adapt to from growing up in southern Crittenden County. From what he learned in this small corner of western Kentucky, he has grown SDA Media into a worldwide leader, drawing 5-billion impressions a month on its content.

That's how SDA makes

money, they earn revenue selling advertising. And by using their reach and ability to drive awareness to grow their own companies.

#### **Rewarding others**

And his own company is growing. SDA now employs 30 and has added an office in nearby Madisonville.

"I really wanted to do something in western Kentucky," he explained. "It's a personal thing for me."

Coal mining jobs are waning and there are challenges to bringing new industry to this area of the state, so Burdon wanted to take the opportunities presented high school graduates in places like Nashville and give local graduates a goal closer to home.

"There are no tech or media companies there, and it's a really cool opportunity to bring some life to western Kentucky," he said, "and hopefully, when people are graduating, we can keep people in Kentucky, and they won't have to go off to find those jobs.

"Ultimately, my heart is still there."

And with his biggest cheerleaders, his family, still in Crittenden County, he comes back here as often as possible - preferably every month, but obligations sometimes spread that to every other flip of the calendar.

Burdon's humble nature found him almost uneasy when he was notified of his selection to the Class of 2019 Distinguished Alumni so early in his career. "On one front, it's really humbling. I genuinely appreciate it and

am honored people would look at me that way," he said. "But I like to be behind the scenes. I feel like there are a lot of deserving people in the community while I still have a goal I'm chasing."

His leadership style reflects that nature. SDA is particular about who it employs, but Burdon is eager to give fresh college graduates with the right stuff a chance to succeed with his company.

'I like working with people right out of college," he said. "It's really fun to watch them develop over time."

And when those young people are ready, Burdon steps out of the way.

"My job is to have a vision and find people whose personal lives align with that vision," he said. 'So I articulate that vision and let them run with it."

Burdon believes that for some, finding success like his own is not an intuitive formula and may even seem to run counter to motivational speeches teens often hear - it's OK to take chances and make mistakes, just don't keep making the same ones.

"Find something you're passionate about and stay passionate," he said. "Find a goal and lock onto it like a pit bull. Be determined, but adjust, adapt. Be flexible in your path to getting there. People are going to judge you on your accomplishments and not how you got there."

lives Burdon in Nashville with his wife Caitlin, who plans to attend Friday's induction ceremony. Burdon has also invited as his guests his immediate family, many of who still live in Crittenden County.





## Pumpkin Festival a hit

Saturday's Pumpkin Festival was a hit, according to Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce President Elizabeth Floyd, with more than 40 vendors and hundreds of event-goers on a warm and sunny fall day. "We had great sponsors, and the board of directors worked really hard and I appreciate them all," Floyd said. New this year was a 5K race, which Floyd hopes to bring back, as well as more. "We want to continue to add more things for kids," she added. Pictured above (clockwise from top left), Koltyn Woodall, 5, got a chance to blast some water from the Crittenden County Fire Department's pumper truck, along with some help by local volunteer fireman Anthony Williams; Kaiden Travis worked the corn hole boards with precision; Hayden Cavenaugh, 13, of Fredonia enjoyed a few minutes in one of the bouncy houses set up at the festival; Norma Hunt pours cheese over a large plate of chips, just one of the many tasty treats available around town Saturday; Melburn Conner was among the area vendors selling food and wares at the festival; local policemen Bobby West and Heath Martin got a taste of their own medicine, so to speak, as they were locked up and awaiting bail as part of the Fraternal Order of Police fundraising event on the courthouse square which raised almost \$500.



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# Shoplifting suspects arrested for more than stolen wares

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James

#### STAFF REPORT

An out-of-town couple was arrested last Thursday for an alleged shoplifting spree that included four local retail stores.

Marion Policeman James Duncan responded to a call from H&H Home and Hardware where the owners had videotape of an alleged theft. The officer got a description of the vehicle the man and woman left in and found it nearby at Dollar General.

The suspects,

Jacob L. Nixon, 26, of Henderson and Danielle R. James, 26, of Sturgis were taken into custody and lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center. Police Chief Ray O'Neal said the male suspect also had active warrants for his arrest out of Union County.

Police believe that Nixon had stolen items from H&H, General. Dollar Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts and Marion True Value. He faces four charges of theft by unlawful taking, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The woman faces

two counts of theft by unlawful taking and the same drug

charges as Nixon. The police report says that multiple "meth" pipes were found inside the vehicle and a marijuana joint, in addition to a number of items allegedly stolen from the businesses.



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## **Picture perfect evening**

Marion Show and Shine rolled around again Thursday night around the courthouse, with a beautiful autumn sunset as the backdrop on a cool evening. The monthly car show has been taking place around the court square on the fourth Thursday of each month since May, weather permitting. Anyone is invited to bring their automobile to show off and add a little shine in the early evening sunlight. The event has drawn a couple dozen vehicles each time, as well as dozens of visitors to downtown after business hours. The last Show and Shine of 2014 will be Oct. 24, weather permitting, according to organizer George Richter.









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Friday's opening ceremony for viewing of the Traveling Kentucky Vietnam Wall was an emotionally-charged memorial to those who died in the Vietnam War, including six from Crittenden County. Clockwise from top left, veteran Jesse Melton was one of several who volunteered as sentinel to stand watch over the wall with the names of 1,105 Kentuckians killed in Vietnam; Becky Moore (left), a sister of Vietnam casualty Maj. Billy Joe Williams, is comforted by friend Teresa Hardin (center) as Hardin wipes away tears during the remembrance; keynote speaker Elizabeth "Liz" Snodgrass, an Air Force veteran, compassionately greets Jerrold Doom, whose brother, Spec. Charles L. Doom, died in Vietnam; Dwayne Doom, a brother, and Chasity Doom, a niece, create a rubbing of the name of their loved one that appears on the Wall; Faye Martin, a relative of Vietnam War casualty Bobby John Jennings, receives a commemorative medal from Marion Main Street Inc. Executive Director Susan Alexander, who gave them to families of local men killed in the war.

### VIETNAM

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tant for those of us who see fine deeds to recognize and be mindful of them.

Regretfully, I don't have any certificates printed up, but Marion Main Street Inc., Marion Tourism Commission, Crittenden County Historical Society, Henry and Henry Monuments, Crittenden County Detention Center, the military groups and individuals from the community and the Burna American Legion and Marion and Crittenden County in general are to be highly commended for bringing the Traveling Kentucky Vietnam Wall to town.

Everyone who had even the smallest hand in this project deserves a blue-ribbon "Atta Boy Award."

From the caravan that escorted the wall into town and the veterans who volunteered for round-the-clock symbolic protection of the wall during its nearly four-day stay to the countless number who came to see and pay respects to the sacrifice of those men named on the wall, it was a moment of unique opportunity for our community to show its respect and its patriotism.

The keynote speech by Liz Snodgrass, an Air Force veteran and CEO of Livingston Hospital, was moving, engaging and sincerely one of the best I've ever heard at such an event.

Thank God for these men named on the wall who gave everything they had and God bless those who understand our need to salute them.

#### ABSOLUTE ESTATE AUCTION SATURDAY, OCT. 12TH, AT 10:00 A.M. LOCATION: 408 W Depot St., Marion, KY

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## Hot, dry conditions nearing drought status in Crittenden

The latest U.S. Drought Monitor map for Kentucky shows almost the entire state as deficient of moisture. All of Crittenden County is classified as abnormally dry, with less than a quarter-inch of rain in all of September. The con-



warm and dry conditions have led to a ban on all outdoor burning

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in the county that exceeds the commonwealth's fall wildfire hazard season restrictions that began Monday and run through Dec. 15. Any outdoor **burning** until Judge-Executive Perry Newcom lifts the ban is punishable by up to a \$500 fine.

More than 94 percent of the state was classified as abnormally dry to severe drought by the U.S. Drought Monitor last Thursday. The week prior, only 67 percent of the state was considered dry, but now at more than a month of only trace amounts of rain, the heat and dry conditions are starting to take a toll.

We have some nervous soybean farmers," said Dee Heimgartner, Crittenden County Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, of growers waiting on double-crop beans to mature under withering conditions.

Coupled with the lack of rain, temperatures 10 degrees higher than normal in September also dried out lawns and pastures. Kentucky pastureland is suffering with 60 percent considered poor to very poor, as is 9 percent of livestock. As of Monday, 19 percent of soybeans were rated poor to very poor by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisville.

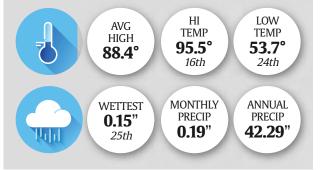
Corn, much of which matured under normal conditions and is now being harvested, has only 11 percent of acreage in poor to very poor condition. In fact, as of Monday, 58 percent of the crop had already been harvested.

But some specialty fall crops are taking a beating.

## September hottest, driest month of year

September was the hottest and driest month of 2019, according to the local Kentucky Mesonet weather and climate monitoring station. In fact, it was the driest month recorded since the station was installed 10 years ago. Just more than 3.2 inches of rain has fallen on the county in the last two months.

#### September 2019 weather almanac



this year, it is going to take a lot of TLC.

"The seeds just won't sprout without moisture, and if they do, then they shrivel up due to lack of water," she said. "Irrigation is going to be the key to getting these crops to

grow." Meantime, that most famous of fall crops, pumpkins, are fairing pretty well.

"They just haven't produced as big and as much," Heimgartner said of growers.



## **Comer pays visit**

First District Congressman James Comer speaks with Crittenden County Magistrate Greg Rushing Tuesday morning during a visit to Marion. The second-term Republican spoke with local representatives of city and county government, education, industry, business and the courts on matters of interest to the community before opening the floor for discussion. Comer spent a fair amount of time speaking to looming impeachment proceedings for President Donald Trump. He said he has seen no sign of an impeachable offense, but expects the Demcocrat majority in the House to impeach Trump, which is equivalenent to an indictment in the court system, and send the matter to the Senate. A two-thirds Senate majority would be required to convict and remove Trump from office, which Comer assured would not happen in the GOP-controlled upper chamber.

## Flu shots made available Wednesday for students, families

STAFF REPORT

Local school district officials say that last acastudents demic year, missed several days of school due to the flu. Crittenden Therefore.

County School District and its school health coordinators scheduled a flu vaccine clinic for students and their immediate families.

Parents, siblings and students who wanted to

get a flu shot were invited to Rocket Arena from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday. They were asked to bring a copy of insurance provider information. Medicare Part B. Humana. Anthem.

United Healthcare and have confirmed reports of other Medicare insurance by those carriers was accepted. Otherwise, the cost was \$25.

"It may still feel like summer, but we already

flu in Crittenden County. Make plans to come get your flu shots on Wednesday," says Diana Lusby, school district health coordinator.



'The mums are suffering with the heat and drought right now," said Heimgartner. "They still are looking good, but it is taking a lot of water for irrigation. This includes the producers and homeowners who have already purchased mums."

The agent said there are not a lot of fall crops like broccoli, carrots and turnips, but many home gardeners try them. But

#### Winter wheat production up in Kentucky

STAFF REPORT

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the 2019 Small Grains Summary report this week, showing an increase in Kentucky's winter wheat production from a year ago. A higher yield per acre drove the increase, along with an increase in the number of acres harvested for grain.

"Rain hampered seeding last fall and the crop struggled early, but generally favorable conditions thereafter helped the crop finish well," said David Knopf, director of the NASS Eastern Mountain Regional Office in Kentucky. "Yield was above the five year average, while production was below the five year average.

Kentucky farmers harmillion vested 25.1bushels of winter wheat during the summer of 2019 according to the NASS Kentucky Field Office. This was up 27 percent from the previous year. Yield is estimated at 76.0 bushels per acre, up 10.0 bushels from 2018. Farmers seeded 460.000 acres last fall, up 10,000 acres from 2018.

## Welcome Dr. Scott Graham and Beverly Jones, ARNP

Caldwell Medical Associates is excited to announce the addition of board certified family medicine provider Dr. Scott Graham and ARNP Beverly Jones to its medical staff. Dr. Graham graduated from the University of Missouri — Kansas City School of Medicine and has more than 35 years of experience in family medicine.

This experienced team specializes in providing primary care for the entire family, from infants to older adults. As two of the newest members of our highly-skilled medical family, they look forward to continuing to serve this community by delivering the very best in high-quality healthcare.

To schedule an appointment at the Caldwell Medical Associates Family Practice Clinic, call 270-545-3386.





Crittenden County Attorney Rebecca Johnson's office has again been recognized as a leading child support collection partner in Kentucky. Pictured receiving recognition are (from left) Brenda Croft, Johnson, Peggy Hedges and CHFS Department for Income Support Commissioner W. Bryan Hubbard.

## Local child support office recognized for collections

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Attornev Rebecca Johnson's office has again been recognized as a leading child support collection partner in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) last week announced the state's 20 top-performing child support collection partners from the past year.

Based on the number of active cases in the 2018-19 fiscal year that ended June 30, Johnson's office was a top-performer in counties with 1,000 or fewer cases. First elected to office in 2006, Johnson's office has been recof the last 11 years.

"The work is challenging and often thankless, CHFS Department for Income Support Commissioner W. Bryan Hubbard said. "Individuals and offices recognized today exemplify the noblest virtues citizens wish to see within the hearts of their public servants. It is a privilege to honor the best among us today.

Contracting officials are ranked based on their paestablishments, ternity the establishment of child support orders, child support collections and pastdue collections.

Lyon County Attorney

ognized with the award 10 Lee Wilson's office was also recognized among the top eight counties with 1,000 or fewer cases.

"Child Support Enforcement functions as the third largest anti-poverty program in the United States. Kentucky's Child Support Enforcement prodelivers gram more than \$400 million in child support payments every year to families across the Commonwealth," Hubbard said. "The delivery of this financial lifeline requires the devoted commitment of state child support staff, 120 county attorney offices, and the hundreds of individuals who drive the mission."

## 2019 Rescue Squad Family **Portrait Fundraiser**



CRITTENDEN COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD's yearly "Family Portrait" fundraiser for this year is about to begin. Stacy Crawford of "Studio by Stacy" will be taking the pictures again this year.

YOU WILL NOT BE CALLED FOR A DONATION, nor will anyone be going door to door asking for donations - we will ONLY be mailing out donation requests to all Crittenden County residents. You will receive an envelope with a letter and a self addressed envelope (addressed to Crittenden County Rescue Squad, Inc, P.O. Box 346, Marion, KY) in the mail in the next couple of days. Simply fill

out the bottom part of the letter and put it in the envelope along with your check and send it back to us. THE ONLY PHONE CALL YOU WILL RECEIVE WILL BE TO SET UP YOUR APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR PICTURES. THERE WILL BE NO PHONE SOLICATION OR DOOR TO DOOR SOLICATION

100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO THE RESCUE SQUAD. Your donation entitles you to 1 FREE 8x10 Family Portrait. If you don't want any pictures, please consider sending a donation in the envelope provided.

Please remember - Crittenden Co. Rescue Squad is NOT affiliated with any Fire Dept., and we DO NOT receive any money from your Fire Dues. We never charge for any of our services, and are the only group in the county that does auto extrication and water rescue. Our member's are 100% volunteer and never receive any pay for the work they do. Our only source of income is from your donations

PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN on ONE DAY ONLY - from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. on Saturday October 19th this year. Perfect time to have your child's pictures in their Halloween costumes! LOCATION CHANGE: PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE MARION CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING ON MAIN STREET AGAIN THIS YEAR.

THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD would like to THANK YOU for your continued support and donations.





SUBMITTED PHOTO

Family Practice Care in Fredonia was recently purchased by Caldwell Medical Center in Princeton. Pictured are the staff of the newly-named Caldwell Medical Associates Family Practice Clinic, (from left) receptionist Jennifer Jones, nurse Linda Tinsley, Dr. Scott Graham, APRN Beverly Jones, nurse Don Arflack, office supervisor Barbara Arflack and nurse Chenoa Smith.

## **Caldwell Medical Center acquires Family Practice Care in Fredonia**

Family Practice Care in Fredonia is the latest primary care clinic to join the Caldwell Medical Associates branch of Caldwell Medical Center's local health care network. This location is now Caldwell Medical Associates Family Practice Clinic, but Dr. Scott Graham, APRN Beverly Jones and all of the familiar faces that patients have come to expect over the last 20 years will still be present to provide the care local residents have come to rely on.

"My goal has always been to provide quality health care to this rural area and to our community that depends on accessible options for their medical care," Graham

said about the transition. "I believe in the work that we have done in family practice care over the last 30-plus years, but I also believe that we (can) do even more with the resources and support that Caldwell Medical can provide.

"The only thing that is going to change for our patients is the knowledge that we do not settle for good enough and are always working to improve our standard of care and grow our legacy of trusted local healthcare."

The transition became official Monday.

"I could not be more thrilled to have the honor of working with Dr. Graham and his entire staff," Caldwell Medical said

Center CEO Dan Odegaard. "From the outside, these sorts of transitions can look like a takeover, but nothing could be farther from the truth. Our mission in acquiring local clinics that are interested in joining our institution is to offer a framework to build sustainable local care for the future. That's what Caldwell Medical brings to the table. We offer organizational support to free up our providers to focus on what really matters, the patient.'

Learn more about Caldwell Medical Center and Caldwell Medical Associates by visiting their website at CaldwellMedical.com or find them on Facebook.com.

## TOLU

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be open from 7-11 p.m., each Saturday in October and one Friday night, Oct. 18.

Concessions are available beginning at 6 p.m. The event is quite a production. Aside from setting up the haunted house inside the old school, up to 35 volunteers are utilized each

night in the haunted house and cafeteria.

It was 2015 since the haunted house was held. Perryman said it is a way to give back to the community while also making money that helps support the school building which is now a community center.

"We shoot for 100 people a night, but through the years I believe we've had 180 people one night," Perryman said.

He credits the success of softball tournaments at the Tolu ball field for reviving interest in the community center.

'One can't exist without the other, and they are co-existing as they should be," Perryman said. "A lot of the softball players are helping with the haunted house so that will help make it a big success."

Cost is \$8 for ages 13 and older and \$5 for 12 and under.

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### **AREA DEATHS**

#### Baker

Greta Boyd Baker, 80, of Hendersonville, N.C., formerly of Marion, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2019.

Born in Marion, she was raised on a farm. She was a member of the Junior Welfare Club, the Forest Women's Club, the St. James Episcopal Church Altar Guild and served on the Henderson County (N.C.) Mental Health Board. She was an accomplished seamstress, cook and businesswoman. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Baker is survived by two children, Edgar David (Shonda) Baker Jr. of Newnan, Ga., and Susan (Steven) Baker Weis of Fuquay-Varina, N.C.; and two grandchildren, Morgan Elizabeth Weis and Alexander Baker Weis; and a sister, Sharon Boyd (Rod) Summers.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Edgar David Baker, M.D.; her parents, Jesse and Nora Boyd; and a brother, Freddie Hodges Boyd.

A celebration of life service will be held in spring 2020.

### Tenn. teen leads police on chase in Livingston

STAFF REPORT

A Tennessee teen led Livingston County authorities on a high speed chase last week down U.S. 60 for several miles before being apprehended.

According to Devin Brewer, chief deputy for Livingston County Sheriff's Department, Deputy Shannon Edging took a 17-year-old male juvenile from Union City, Tenn., into custody following a pursuit Friday afternoon that reached speeds in excess of 100 mph. The chase began in Smithland when the deputy observed the teen's vehicle traveling east through the city at a high rate of speed.

## Riley

Margaret Elizabeth Walker Riley, 96, of Marion died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.

She loved riding fourwheelers as as muleand wagon-riding with her hus-

well



late band and friends Tommy and Maxine Croft. She was an avid deer hunter, gardener and University of Kentucky basketball fan. She lived in Marion her whole life and retired from Moore Business Forms after 25 years. She was of Presbyterian faith.

Riley is survived by a sister, the former Martha Edmondson of Austin, Texas; two nephews; three nieces; several greatnieces and -nephews; and three great-great nieces and -nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband of 25 years, Thomas Merideth Carter; her second husband of 32 years, William Doy Riley; two brothers, George R. Walker and Charles A. Walker; a nephew, Rick Riley; a great-nephew, Phillip Riley; and her parents, Rev. Clyde Walker and Helen Walker.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today (Thursday) in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial will follow in White's Chapel Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 11 a.m. until the funeral hour today in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: White's Chapel Cemetery Fund, c/o Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 26, Salem, KY 42078. Envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

#### Belt

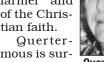
Deon Belt, 75, of Salem died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, at his

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#### Quertermous

Harold Wayne Quertermous, 88, of Salem died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, at his

home. He was a farmer and of the Christian faith.



vived by his Quertermous wife of 18 years, Virginia Quertermous of Salem; three sons, Harold Douglas (Deanna) Quertermous of Salem, Kelly (Cindy) Quertermous of Salem and Darrell (Debbie) Quertermous of Princeton; a daughter, Krista (Eric) Smith of Benton; eight grandchildren, Douglas S. Quertermous, Harold M. Quertermous, Heath D. Quertermous, Misty Dabrell Probus, Zachary R. Quertermous, Courtney G. Quertermous, Hayley N. Quertermous and Julia Katherine Smith; and 12 greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Katherine Quertermous; a granddaughter, Ashley Nicole Quertermous; a brother, Ernestine Quertermous; and his parents, Willis Henry and Ethel Rebecca Quertermous.

Funeral services were Sunday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem. Burial was in Carrsville Cemetery.

#### Sexton

Gregory Allen Sexton, 62, of Marion died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019, at his home.

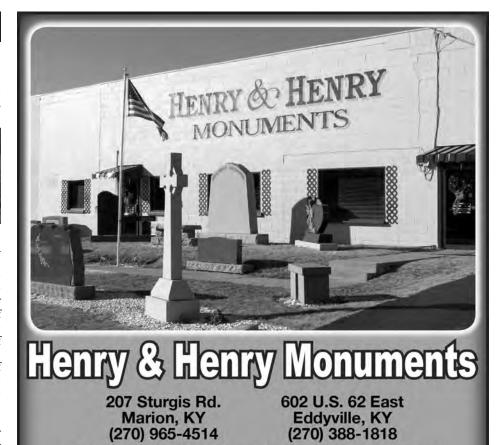
He was born on Feb. 13, 1957. He was a

farmer, coal miner. construction worker and a welder. Sexton is

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survived by chil-Sexton dren, David

(Ally) Sexton of Marion, Nicole (Justin Towery) Sexton of Princeton. Andrea (Heath) Hutchison of Marion, Kristi (Shane) Carter of Topeka, Kan., and Erica (Joe Don) Doom of Fredonia; three siblings, Keeven (Jan) Sexton of Paducah, Deborah (Eddie) Wright of Marion and Wesley (Shannon) Sexton of Joy; and three grandchildren, Alayna, Graham, Maggie, Kamryn and Amelia, Dailynn; best friend and caretaker, Janie Nally; and several neices and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy Sexton; his parents, Willa Jean and David Franklin Sexton; and a brother, David Ronald Sexton. A celebration of life was held at Myers Funeral home in Marion. Funeral services were Sunday.



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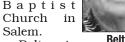
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The suspect continued over the Smithland Bridge, reportedly accelerating in an attempt to flee Edging. The deputy continued the pursuit on U.S. 60 for approximately 10 more miles, ending just west of Burna when Edging was reportedly able to put the teen's vehicle out of service as he slowed to negotiate a series of curves at Dyer Hill

No one was injured and the teen is facing a felony charge of firstdegree wanton endangerment. He is also charged with criminal mischief, fleeing and evading police, reckless driving, speeding over 26 mph, improper passing and no use of a turn signal. He was housed in McCracken County Juvenile Detention Center in Paducah.



Salem. Belt Belt is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia May Belt; daughter Deonna а (Travis) McCord of Marion; a son, David Belt of Henderson; a brother, Raymond (Sharon) Belt of Marion; four grandchildren, Asa McCord and London McCord both of Marion, Alex Belt of Joplin, Mo., and Baxter Belt of Edina, Mo.; and two great grandchildren, Klara-Lynn Belt and Presley-Lynn Belt, both of Joplin.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Glendel and Leon Belt; and his parents, Corbet and Ethel Ramage Belt.

Funeral services were Monday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem with Rev. David Davis officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.



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## Meet Me at the Pole Draws About 75 Students

About 75 high school and middle school students gathered last Wednesday morning for the national Meet Me at the Pole service on the Crittenden County campus. A number of local church youth groups provided music and snacks for the event and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes was partly responsible for the program. Students Shelby Brown, Chasity Conyer and Kate Keller spoke during the gathering, which has become a regular tradition at Crittenden County schools for many years since the grassroots, student-led, faith-based movement started in 1990. In addition to prayer, speakers provided short devotionals, testimony and read scripture.

## Pray for leaders whose rhetoric is aimed to divide us

The Serpent in the garden, Cain and Abel, the flood (as in Noah), Sodom and Gomorrah, barbarian invasions, drought, plague, war, slavery, civil war, pollution, \_\_\_\_\_

atomic bombs, nuclear meltdowns, dictators, AIDS, global cooling, ozone depletion, global warming, climate change. From the day

From the day that Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit until today, mankind has been on the brink. We do things to each other and to our planetary home that have the potential to end our existence. And if we believe what we read in Scripture, deservedly so.

I remember many of the apocalyptic songs from the 1960s until Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" (2002). R.E.M.'s random "The End of the World (as We Know It)" also comes to mind. As do various songs by Bob Dylan, The Cure, Credence Clearwater Revival and The Clash. And Crosby, Stills, and Nash's haunting "Wooden Ships" of the Vietnam Era. All of this comes to

mind as I reflect on a couple of speeches delivered by a young Swedish girl who has become the darling of the latest effort to save the planet. Her courage and passion cannot be denied. Nor can it be denied that there is no way a 16year-old girl stands before the United Nations, and the U.S. Congress without being heavily promoted and managed. It seems to me that the

cries of the coming end of the world came from the people a few decades ago. The songs were a call to leaders to get their act together. People got tired of and things Vietnam changed. People got tired of water catching on fire because of pollution, and things changed. It is just one man's observation in "flyover country," but most of the cries of the end of the world now seem to be coming from those in power who desire to scare us into their way of thinking. The rhetoric is equally vitriolic on the left and the right.

We have been through this before - all of it. Manmade disasters or technology that will end us. Natural phenomena that threaten life. Divided nations. Diseases and dictators. Impeachment and dirty politics. There is nothing new here. There have always been those who claim that if we just listen to them, they can save us - which has nearly always ended badly. There have been

people set up to be spokespersons, or spokeschildren, for a cause.

There is a line near the end of T.S. Eliot's "The Cultivation of Christmas Trees" that I believe can speak to our worldwide anxieties about endings – of our lives, of nations or empires, of dynasties, phases of life, or the planet. It is, "Because the beginning shall remind us of the end."

Now, it is a little difficult to write this next thought. I will try using poor sentence structure and parentheses. (Eden (Expulsion from Eden -The Last Judgement) New Jerusalem). From a conservative Biblical perspective (which is different than a conservative Christian perspective) the Tree of Life is present in Eden and in the New Jerusalem. Between those two times death and decay are assump-

tions. All our denial, all our efforts to hold it back, all our technology, and all our prayer and theology will not prevent

it from happening. So, the world is left with two groups of people. Those who fear the end of the world and those who do not. Do not misunderstand me here. If climate change is caused by our bad decisions, we should make better ones. Not everyone agrees with the Biblical viewpoint (and this has nothing to do with the early chapters of Genesis being literal or symbolic) that human beings are charged by God to both, "be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it:" (Gen. 1:28) and "to till it and keep it." (Gen. 2:15). However, most people agree that we should not destroy our home. It is just we usually choose ourselves over nearly everything else, and sometimes we don't even know that is what we are doing.

We want to choose life on our own terms rather than those set down by faith. This challenge is not unique to Christianity. Since we started with pop-culture let me quote Tears for Fears, "everybody wants to rule the world." This makes us especially vulnerable to hysteria and those who would divide us.

If you are one that prays, pray for leaders that will tone down the rhetoric and build up healthy discussion of challenging issues. I don't know how this will all end, but I am pretty sure we won't see it coming. Terrifying for some, comforting for others.

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.

### Faith-Based Events & Outreach

#### Maranatha Baptist hosts Fall Revival services

Maranatha Baptist Church on Cedar Grove Road in Salem is hosting its Fall Revival this week through Friday at 6:30 p.m., each evening. Bro. Steve Stone and Stone Family are being featured.

#### Methodists to celebrate World Communion Day at park

World Communion Day will be celebrated at Riverview Park (formerly Dam 50) Sunday with an 11 a.m., service. Crittenden County's three Methodist churches – Dycusburg, Tolu and Marion – will meet for outdoor worship and a potluck. Scott Stith, district superintendent of the Pennyrile District, will be preaching. Everyone is welcome.

## New faith-based contributor joins Press

STAFF REPORT

Retired pastor Bob Hardison of Sebree is returning to The Crittenden Press as a faith-based columnist and regular contributor to the newspaper.

Hardison wrote a column for The Press about 25 years ago. Since his retirement, he's been writing for the Sebree Banner newspaper and others in the area. He has 43 years of experience as a pastor, 35 of which was at First Baptist Church in Sebree. He is currently a Sunday school teacher and minister to a complex of 32 apartments and he is a substitute teacher in the Webster County School District. Hardison, 72, stays in physically good shape by running at least three miles three times a week and he races in 5Ks around the area. He is also vice president of the Sebree Chamber of Commerce.

You can contact him at bob@bobhardison.com. His columns will begin appearing later this month.



Hardison



## The history of the Marion Electric Light Company

Living in the modern a private electric light times that we do, with system,

niences, such electricity, as sometimes we forget to appreciate these things Here is some interesting history about the first electricity in Marion. It's interesting to think that the stores in Marion stayed open so late at night.

The Lights of Marion Before

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the dawn of the 20th centu-

ry the lighting of the streets in the City of Marion was the greatest problem before the city council. There was a discussion at each and every meeting about ways and means of improving the system.

At this time the town was dependent upon kerosene entirely and lamp posts were placed at the intersections of the main streets of the city. The lamp-lighter was a familiar sight in the late afternoon, as he would go from one post to another, carrying his ladder and can of kerosene, he would climb the ladder, remove the lamp and after filling it with oil and cleaning the globe, would light it and replace on the post. These lights would burn all night or until the oil burned out, and the same task was to be done again the next evening. Not only was this inadequate lighting but it was troublesome and expensive, for it was hard to keep a lamplighter on the job. The dark alley and the black cat were nothing to compare with the City of Marion after nightfall.

When going to church on Sunday night, especially on the dark of the moon, you would find dozens of lanterns parked in the vestibule or against the wall in the back of the church.

The business houses vied with each other as to who could have the best lighted store, for in that day all stores were open until nine or ten o'clock at night. Some had handsome oil lamps hanging from the ceiling, others placed their lamps around the walls but none gave satisfaction.

which was all the modern conve- run by a steam engine. In the same

> year the R. F. Havnes Drug Store put in a plant which used gasoline and was called The Air-Light System. There may have been busiother houses ness that had private systems for lighting but they all proved to be very ex-

pensive. The city council continued to work on this prob-

lem and at the November meeting 1899 they voted to offer for sale to the highest bidder, the Electric Light Franchise for the City of Marion. Messrs. Boyce and Eddyings of Princeton were the only bidders, consequently they became the purchasers of the franchise for a period of 20 years at their bid of \$25.

To hold the franchise they must put in a light plant within 18 months. Having looked over the situation pretty thoroughly they thought they would be able to make a contract and have a plant in operation within a year.

They made the following agreement with the council: to put into operation said plant, to maintain same and increase the capacity from time to time as the city may require. To plant such poles in the public streets and alley-ways as necessary. To furnish incandescent electric lights of not less than 50 candle power, at a cost not exceeding \$2 per light, per month – moonlight schedule – in such numbers as the city council may designate. To furnish not less than 16 candle power for private and commercial lighting at a cost of seventy-five cents per light, per month, for lights not used later than midnight, or for 90 cents if they were to be used after midnight.

They were to furnish



The Marion Electric Light Company was located across from the railroad depot. At first, it would only run at night until it had acquired more horsepower to run during the day.

electric light for Marion. On Oct. 4, 1900, Mr. Boyce again came to Marion to submit a new proposition to the council offering to light the streets for about \$600 per year, but when time came for the council meeting Mr. Boyce failed to appear.

In February of 1901 Messrs C. S. Nunn, of this city, and E. T. Franks, United States Collector of Internal Revenue at Owensboro, purchased the Electric Light Franchise from Boyce & Eddings expecting to begin at once the work of putting an electric plant in Marion. They considered also a water works franchise and made a proposition to the city council to furnish the city 16 arc lights for \$1,100 annually, also 16 fire plugs for \$1,100 annually.

The city council accepted the proposition, but the final passage of the contract could not be made until the March When meeting. the council met in March the waterworks proposition was voted down 3-1, but the proposition for lights was adapted by unanimous vote. The contractors asked for time to consider the

cost and size of a plant. A few days later 10 of the leading business men of Marion met and organized "The Electric Light and Ice Company: with a capital stock of \$10,000. They promised the city 20 big arc lights to be in operation within the next 90 days. The Company was incorporated with two hundred shares at a par value of \$50 per share.

The following officers were elected: Tom Clifton, President; John Wilson, Vice President; P. S. Maxwell, Secretary and Treasurer. Board of Directors: J. H. Orme, E. J. Hayward, Sam Gugenheim, Dr. J. O. Dixon and Tom Clifton. The other stock holders were Dr. R. L. Moore, Gus Taylor and C. S. Nunn. Mr. John Wilson was in charge of the construction of the power plant, which was built across from the railroad depot. The ice plant to be operated by the same power, its capacity to be from four to six tons per day. The plant was estimated to cost from \$12,000-\$15,000. The wiring of the homes was to be done free of charge to all who applied before the first of September.

Thursday, the tenth of October, 1901, was a The work of wiring houses and homes were pushed rapidly.

On June 23, 1916, The Electric Light & Ice Company plant was sold to Mr. Sidney M. Jenkins for the sum of eight thousand dollars. Mr. Jenkins continued to operate in the same manner as the original company giving satisfaction at all times. In 1921 Mr. Jenkins put in two diesel engines. With this added horsepower the plant was more equipped to serve the residents of Marion.

In February of 1926 Mr. Jenkins sold the plant, business and equipment to the Kentucky Utilities Company. This Company has constantly improved the system until Marion rates with the best in the state.

In 1941 the R. E. A. came into Crittenden County. The rural electric company furnished power and lights to the rural districts. The first line ran down the Ohio River bottoms to Weston. to Dam 50 and to Tolu.

From Tolu the lines of the R.E.A. went all over the county.

Because of its rapid growth in the county it became necessary in 1949 to establish a branch office in Marion and Mr. Clyde F. Baker was sent from Henderson as manager of this district. In July of 1954 a new, modern and complete office building was opened on South Main Street in Marion. (now a new modern. larger facility has been built on U.S. 641 a few miles south of Marion.)

Truly Marion and Crittenden County had emerged into the light of dav.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages. blogspot.com).



628 Elm Street, Marion 319 South Main, Marion 5558 US Highway 60 East, Marion 5955 US Highway 60 East, Marion 6089 US Highway 60 East, Marion Hwy. 60 East, Tradewater Bottom Road, Marion 333 East Belleville Street, Marion 350 West Main Street, Salem 48 Fritts Road, Marion 1837 Highway 60 West, Marion 224 Congress, Smithland 204 South Main, Marion 775 Chapel Hill Road, Marion 236 North Weldon Street, Marion 221 Sturgis Road, Marion 1530 US Highway 60 East, Marion 830 E. Bellville St.

Eight western Kentucky counties will team up to present the 12th annual Highway 60 Yard Sale. The sale will stretch for 200 miles along U.S. Highway 60 through Livingston, Crittenden, Union, Henderson, Daviess, Hancock, Breckinridge and Meade counties.

In the year 1899 Orme Drug Company installed the globes and wire the houses free of cost to the consumer. The necessary arc light for the streets were to be furnished for \$1,200 per vear.

On March 29, 1900 the city council indefinitely postponed action on the Boyce & Eddings proposition to furnish amended proposition; and then refused to accept same.

In April Mr. John W. Wilson secured the franchise from Nunn and Franks. He called electricians from Cincinnati and Louisville to come and look over the field and help him in making an estimate as to the

historical day in the City of Marion, for on that day 20 arc light flashed their rays up and down the streets of the city, the lights gave satisfaction in every way and no town could boast of a better system. Lights were turned on at 6 p.m. and burned all night.





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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 40 ACRES - \$90,000 - This is an established livestock farm with great views from the hilltops. The area is known for big bucks. There is a small pond on the property

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 60 ACRES - \$135,000 - This livestock farm has the potential for being an excellent hunting tract. Plenty of food plot locations, pond and rock bottom creek are located on the property

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 457 ACRES - \$1,199,900 - Wellkept hunting property with a cozy home, nice yard and spacious shop. Three ponds, elevated blinds, feeders and tree stands are all located on the farm

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 277 ACRES - \$629,000 - This hunting tract generates an excellent income through tillable acreage and a hunting lease. The property is full of natural whitetail and wild turkeys

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 192.9 ACRES - \$535,000 - Beautiful log home sitting on a turn key managed hunting tract with proven big buck history, couple ponds, food plots, along with an apple and grape orchard.



#### Cunningham honored with portrait outside chambers at Capitol

#### KENTUCKY TODAY

A recently retired Kentucky Supreme Court justice, who spent over 40 years in public service, was honored Friday with a portrait that will hang outside the high court's chambers at the State Capitol.

Bill Cunningham was surrounded by friends, and family other well-wishers at the unveiling, which took place in the chamber where he served on the Supreme Court for over a dozen years, representing western Kentucky, before he retired this past February.

Before beginning his judicial career, Cunningham was Eddyville City Attorney from 1974 to 1991, and Public Defender for the Kentucky State Penitentiary from 1974-76.

He served as Commonwealth's Attorney for the 56th Judicial District, consisting of Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties from 1976 to 1988. During that time, Cunningham was voted the Outstanding Commonwealth's Attorney of Kentucky by his peers.

From 1992 until joining



**KENTUCKY TODAY/TOM LATEK** A portrait unveiling was held Friday in Frankfort to honor Justice Bill Cunningham, who retired in February. Cunningham (right) and former Gov. Steve Beshear are shown flanking the portrait.

the Supreme Court in 2007, Cunningham was a circuit judge for the 56th Judicial Circuit.

He was also a hearing officer for the Kentucky Board of Claims from 1981-85 and a trial commissioner for the Lyon County District Court from 1989 to 1992.

During the ceremony, former Justice Dan Venters, a long-time colleague of Cunningham's, who retired at the end of 2018, stated, no one, while he was on the Court, did more to advance the public image of the Court than Cunningham.

"Bill Cunningham trav-

eled his district, met with individual district clerks, deputy clerks," he said. "All the workers of the court system throughout his district came to know him as someone who was looking out for their interests. And that produced a great amount of good will toward the Court of Justice. We may all have tried to do that, but no one could do it the way Justice Cunningham did."

Cunningham told the crowd, "The people I've served with on this court, including the current members, are a perfect illustration of how the

non-partisan election of judges is the best system. If you sat here in the conference room and saw these people I worked with over 12 years, and saw the expertise, the intellect and professionalism, their dedication, their passion, then you would know this is the

thought that was going to be a little sideshow, but it's turned into a lot of work."

His class is criminal justice and is being taught without textbooks. "I have to create everything from scratch."

He says teaching classes on Tuesday and Thursday keeps him from traveling as much as he would like, although he has kept the apartment in Frankfort he has had since joining the high court for quick getaways with his wife. "We can make a weekend out of it. We left after my class Thursday and spent a few days here. I really miss the people at the Capitol."

way to select judges." Retirement doesn't mean Cunningham is taking it easy. "I teach two days a week at Murray State," he told Kentucky Today. "I

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Birth

### Chandler

Kevin and Tabitha Chandler announce the birth of a daughter, Allie Mae Chandler, Sept. 22 at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville, Ind.

weighed Allie pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Kevin and Amy Tinsley and Buddy and Jackie Chandler.

Great-grandparents are Wayne and Patty Howerton, Linda and Tommy Chandler, the late Brenda Cooper, the late Jerry and Toppy Tinsley and the late Roy and Kay Jacobs

## 5K run/walk in Salem Oct. 19

Livingston Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor a We Care for Healthcare 5K walk and run Oct. 19. Race time is 8 a.m. at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. The event is held in memory of Kent Giles. Register UtraSignup.com.

## Blood drive Oct. 7

West Kentucky Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive from noon-5:30 p.m., Monday in the education building at Crittenden Community Hospital. All donors will receive a t-shirt and Com-Christmas in munity Crittenden County will receive \$5 for each pint of blood collected.

## Calendar

- Crittenden County High School Class of 1982 will have its annual picnic and reunion Saturday at Old Kuttawa Beach. The gathering begins at noon and meat for the grill-out will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring their own drink or side dish. For additional information, con-



### Class of 1956 reunion

The Crittenden County High School Class of 1956 met at the Majestic Steakhouse in Princeton for its class reunion on Aug. 31, 63 years after graduating. Attending were (front from left) Roberta Drury Shewmaker, Martha Cook Kirk, Pat Presley Villines, Patsy Crawford Hearell, Doris White Stubblefield, Joyce Winters Claghorn, Sarah Alexander Ford, Delores Beard Belt, Linda Kirk Tabor, Sam Hodge, Thomas Wring, Donald Martin and Barbara Fraley Fritts (back) Sam Brandon, Paul Belt, Paul Crowell and C.W. Stevens.

## Princeton guild showcase for artists Saturday

The Princeton Art Guild & Gallery in downtown Princeton will have an Artisan Festival & Songwriter's Showcase from noon-5 p.m., Saturday at Adams Breezy Hill Farm & Restaurant, 1222 Cadiz Road.

Artists will sell handcrafted/handmade art from and there will be free hayrides during the event. There will be a songwriters showcase at 1 p.m.

Performance times for the songwriters showcase is as follows:

– Laci Goodbread 1-2 p.m. Goodbread is a 20year-old college student from Princeton who has been writing songs since 2009. Every song has its special story and her goal is to write music that makes people feel something. She has only performed at one other public event and that was a pancreatic cancer event in 2015. She was the 2017 Princeton Art Guild Scholarship recipient. Fate McAfee Melanie Davis 2:30-3:30 p.m. Fate McAfee and Melanie A. Davis of Murray have cut their teeth throughout the American Midsouth for a combined

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seven years. The two began collaborating in writing and performance in the spring of 2018. Since that time, they have melded their extensive repertoires into a cohesive and diverse catalogue of originals and covers.

Billed together as Fate Melanie, they broaden the traditional Americana duet format with jazz-influenced harmonic lanbossa guage, nova rhythms and insightful, poignant, and at times, political lyricism.

- Leaving Lennox 4 - 5 p.m. Leaving Lennox combines pop-folk with haunting harmonies and soulful guitar work for an award winning Australian duo, comprised of singer- songwriters, Mick Hambly and Lauren Val. The pair made the big move to Music City, taking on Nashville with their fresh and unique sound. Their songwriting tells a story that audiences can relate totranslated through their organic sound. The Princeton Art Guild and Gallery is a non-profit focusing on community arts and culture.



## New boards

Crittenden County Middle School was the beneficiary of a donation from Marion McDonald's of new scoreboards to the gymnasium. Joining CCMS Principal Kara Turley and Crittenden County Superintendent Vince Clark are McDonald's representatives Melissa Allen, Joe McEnaney, Stephanie Maness and Chris McEnaney. CCMS basketball players pictured are (front row) Travis Champion, Emily Mattingly and Brady Belt ) and (middle) Jaylen Tapp and Casey Cates.

### **Senior Center**

The Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day, and is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are encouraged two days in advance but are taken up to a week in advance.

Menu and activities for the following seven days include:

Thursday - Menu is hashbrown ham casserole, lima beans, wheat roll and Ambrosia fruit salad.

Friday - Menu is hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes with giblet gravy, buttered spinach and tropical fruit. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Monday – Menu is meat balls with gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole grain biscuit and pears. Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio is at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday Menu is sweet and sour chicken, brown rice, seasoned peas, spring roll, chocolate pudding and fortune cookie.

Menu is

tact David Godfrey at (270) 331-3553.

### Extension

**Crittenden County Extension District Board** will meet at noon Monday at the Crittenden County Extension Office.

 After Hours Homemakers meet at 5 p.m., Monday at the Extension Office.

Challengers Homemakers meet Oct. 9 at the Crittenden County Historical Museum.

## 4-H events

Aerospace Club meets at 3:15 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension office.

The Early American Heritage Club meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Extension Park.

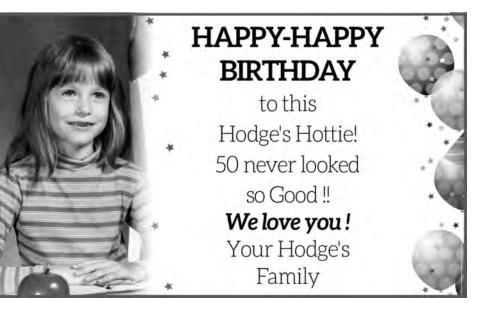
- The Robotics Club meets at 3:15 p.m., Oct. 10 at the Crittenden County Pubic Library.

- Trap Team for children 9-18 meets at 6 p.m., each Tuesday at the Extension Park.

- Dog Club meets at 3:15 p.m., Oct. 14 at the Extension Annex.

spaghetti, broccoli salad, Mandarin oranges and garlic breadstick. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.



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The family of Clinton Bigham would like to thank all those for the food, flowers, phone calls, visits and prayers during the sickness and loss of our loved one. A special thank you to Crittenden Community Hospital, Dr. James, Alicia Clark and staff for the care you gave him through the years. A special thanks to Bro. Tommy Hodge, the pallbearers and the staff at Gilbert Funeral Home. Gail, Chris & family, Holly & family, Jimmie & family





from its East Bellville Street location and will re-open at

707 S. Main St., Marion (former Holland Medical/Rotech building)

### on Monday, Oct. 7.

Calls will be answered during the move. For assistance, call Elizabeth Floyd, Sales Representative

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Crittenden County jun-

ior Sam Greenwell is

heading to the state

golf tournament in

Bowling Green Oct. 11-

12 for the first time.

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#### PREP SPORTS **Upcoming games**

THURSDAY

Homecoming Parade Powder Puff Football Game FRIDAY

Football hosts Trigg County SATURDAY

#### Jr Pro Football hosts Webster Co. MONDAY

Soccer at district tourney, Cadiz Volleyball hosts Webster Co. JV football at Ballard Memorial TUESDAY

Volleyball hosts Livingston Cent. Soccer district tourney, Cadiz

#### HOMECOMING Parade is Thursday

The annual homecoming parade will be held Thursday evening in downtown Marion and the traditional parade route along Main Street. Float lineup is at 4 p.m., and the parade begins at 5.

### **Powder Puff game**

The annual powder puff football game featuring high school girls playing flag football at Rocket Stadium will be held Thursday night following the parade. Seniors and freshmen play first followed by sophomore and juniors.

### Brantley back on mic

Rocket football fans will welcome back former public address announcer Del Brantley to the Rocket football pressbox Friday night while normal voice of Rocket Stadium, Todd Riley, takes a break. Brantley was a crowd favorite back in the 1990s and early 2000s. Coach Thompson asked Brantley to fill in while Riley is gone because Brantley called games when Thompson was the quarterback here.

#### GOLF Heritage hosts event

The Heritage Golf Course will host a four-person scramble on Saturday, Oct. 26. The course has newly renovated Bermuda greens. Cost is \$200 per team. Call 270-704-1225 or 270-871-4101 to register.

## Trail of Tears winners

Chris Martin, Jeremy Shoulders, Scotty Butter and Granam Crouch shot a 29-under-par 53-62-115 to win the two-day, 36hole Trail of Tears 4 Man Tournament last weekend at Deer Lakes Golf Course.

#### STAFF REPORT 2-over-par

Crittenden County golfers Lauren Gilchrist and Sam Greenwell are headed to the KHSAA state golf tournaments. Each qualified early this week with superb performances in their respective regional tournaments.

**State Dates** 

Local golfers shoot qualifying scores

It's no surprise that Gilchrist is headed back to Bowling Green for the state tournament. The senior is ranked among the best golfers in all of western Kentucky and she proved it Monday with a 3-over-par 74 to finish third in the First Region Girls' Tournament at Paducah's Paxton Park Golf Course.

Gilchrist played very well in the regional event, dealing a near-par round. A birdie and bogey on the front side kept her at even par through 13 holes, but bogeys on 14, 15 and 18 led to her 3-over performance.

"I was level headed the whole round," Gilchrist said. "I knew I was playing well but didn't get too excited and when I didn't hit the shot I really wanted to hit, I just stayed positive."

Gilchrist is now a four-time state tournament qualifier who has made the 36-hole state tournament cut once. That was last season when she shot 81-87-168 to finish 38th overall. Her game has been much sharper and

more mature this fall as testified by several rounds in the low 70s and Monday's performance. Margaret Butts of St. Mary won Monday's First Region championship with a 71 and Jessica Stephens of McCracken County was second at 73.

Greenwell's qualifying round on Tuesday was no less of a surprise. He has played tremendous golf this fall and shot a 2-over-par 74 to finish tied with three others for third place overall. The Rockets finished sixth as a team as Landen Crider shot 84, Jeremiah Foster 90, Evan Belt 102 and Avery Belt 112. Marshall County's Jay Nimmo won the regional with a 68 and his teammate Tyler Powell was second at 71.

Greenwell stumbled a bit out of the chute and was 2-over after five holes. From there, however, he steadied his game and carded 13 straight pars.

"I had some looks at some birdies, but just couldn't make one," he said.

Greenwell is the first CCHS golfer to earn a berth in the state tournament since Russell Nelson went in 1992.

Greenwell is a junior, and this will be his first trip to the state tournament and his first opportunity to play at the Bowling Green Country Club when the tournament opens Oct. 11.



3-over-par

Crittenden County senior Lauren Gilchrist is heading back to the state golf tournament in Bowling Green Oct. 7-8 for the fourth time.





Preston Turley scoops up a fumble against the Braves as teammate Noah Perkins get there to help.

### **RPI RANKING**

**KHSAA Ratings Power Index** Use to determine playoff seeds **CLASS A FOOTBALL** Pikeville 6 - 0 0.890 KY Country Day 6 - 0 0.886 Paintsville 3 - 2 0.753

### **Deer Lakes couples**

Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem will host its annual Vikings and Valkyries couples golf tournament Saturday and Sunday. There will be a 10 a.m., shotgun start both days. Call the club for more information, 270-988-4653.

#### **OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons**

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Crittenden County receiver Travis Guess looks for running room around the end after catching a screen pass Friday night. Union County's defense shut the Rockets out.

## **Rocket misteps at Union County** knocks team out of AP's Top 10

STAFF REPORT

Take your pick: Interceptions, penalties, mental mistakes. The list could go on.

Any number of offensive faux pas could be held liable for the previously No. 8 Rockets misfiring at Union County last Friday on a night when its defense played well enough to win. The loss knocked Crittenden out of the Associated Press Top 10 for the first time this season, and leaves CCHS at No. 16 in the KHSAA's new power rankings.

Despite forcing Union County into three fumbles, Crittenden getting a couple of good kick returns from Preston Morgeson and Xander Tabor and an onside kick to start the second half - all setting up manageable field position - the Rocket offense was as cold as a Siberian field mouse.

Crittenden five times moved inside the Union 30, but dry fired each time from there.

The Braves scored in the second and fourth quarters to win the game 14-0. It was the first time in 38 games that Crittenden has been shut out.

"Offensively we couldn't get it going," said CCHS coach Sean Thompson. "Any time we got down the field into good position we made a mistake mental mistakes from the opening horn to the end."

Crittenden County hasn't come back to win after trailing at the half since 2006.

Rocket quarterback Hunter Jones threw four interceptions. He completed nine passes for just 38 yards and the running game mustered

#### **Class A Rankings**

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- 1. Pikeville
- 2. Ky. Country Day 3. Hazard 4. Campbellsville 5. Paintsville 6. Newport Catholic 7. Raceland 8. Williamsburg

9. Pineville

10. Holy Cross Others receiving votes: Ludlow, Berea, Fulton County, Crittenden

County, Eminence, Bethlehem.

only 100 yards.

Although the Rockets were whistled for just three penalties, each of them was a drivekiller. A personal foul in the first period and holding calls in the second and fourth quarters helped Union stop the Rockets dead in their tracks.

"To beat good teams you can't do that," Thompson said. "We have to go back and try to get better and make sure the kids know what to do on every play. We're too far into the season to be making the mistakes we're making right now."

The Rockets were hit with a double-whammy from the Union County backfield. Big running back Matthias Ervin listed at 5-10, 160 pounds but looks considerably larger - and Elijah Calloway combined for 241 of the Braves' 270 total vards. Both are seniors and have filled in after Union's top rusher Corinthian Seales-Portee broke his leg a couple of weeks ago.

Tabor rushed for 77 yards and Preston Turley caught four passes for 30 yards. Otherwise, the Rocket offense was conspicuously absent.

Noah McGowan, Caden Mc-Calister and Turley each recovered Union County fumbles and Braxton Winders had a sack for the defense. Crittenden hadn't lost a game after holding an opponent to 15 or fewer points since 2013.

The Rocket skipper said his team has a great deal of work to do before it hosts another 3A team, Trigg County, this week for homecoming.

The Rockets easily handled Trigg County last season, but the Wildcats come into the matchup 4-2 and playing well, despite losing big last week in a district game to Paducah Tilghman.

#### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Crittenden County	0	0	0	0
Union County	0	7	0	7

#### SCORING PLAYS

U-Elijah Calloway 38 run (Chris Sabino kick) 4:35, 2nd U-Matthias Ervin 2 run (Sabino kick)

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#### **TEAM TOTALS**

First Downs: Crittenden 7, Union 13 Penalties: Crittenden 3-35, Union 4-20 Rushing: Crittenden 28-100, Union 43-239

Passing: Crittenden 9-26-4, 38 yds., Union 4-7-0, 31 yds.

Total Yards: Crittenden 138, Union 270 Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 1-0, Union 4-

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Crittenden: Xander Tabor 17-77, Tyler Boone 3-(-11), Caden McCalister 3-9,

Holy Cross	5 - 1	0.729
Raceland	3 - 2	0.697
Hazard	4 - 1	0.680
Newport Catholic	4 - 2	0.668
Williamsburg	4 - 2	0.664
Bethlehem	4 - 1	0.648
Berea	5 - 0	0.630
Eminence	4 - 1	0.598
Fulton County	5 - 1	0.592
Pineville	5 - 1	0.588
Campbellsville	4 - 2	0.571
Ludlow	4 - 1	0.569
Crittenden Co.	3 - 2	0.564
Dayton	4 - 1	0.543
Phelps	3 - 2	0.525
Bishop Brossart	2 - 3	0.491
Nicholas County	3 - 3	0.463
Lynn Camp	2 - 3	0.453
Harlan	1 - 4	0.433
Fairview	2 - 3	0.429
Fort Knox	1 - 4	0.390
Betsy Layne	2 - 4	0.377
Frankfort	1 - 4	0.371
Paris	1 - 4	0.363
Bellevue	1 - 4	0.351
Jenkins	0 - 5	0.348
Russellville	0 - 6	0.338
Bracken County	0 - 6	0.332
Caverna	1 - 5	0.331

Hunter Jones 5-25. Union: Ervin 20-94, Calloway 16-147, Brant Collins 1-4, Brayden McGraw 2-1, Kale Gaither 1-1, Gabe Adams 6-(-8).

#### Passing

Crittenden: Jones 9-24-4, 38 yds., Boone 0-1-0, Preston Turley 0-1-0. Union: Adams 4-7-0, 31 yds.

Receiving

Crittenden: Turley 4-30, Travis Guess 2-(-1), Boone 3-9. Union: McGraw 1-7, Collins 1-2, Solomon Teehan 1-9, Ben Shreve 1-13.

Jones assist; Boone 8 solos, 5 assists; Easley 4 solos, 3 assists, TFL; McCalister 10 solos, 8 assists, 2 TFLs, 2 caused fumbles, fumble recovery; McGowan 3 solos, assist, fumble recovery, TFL; Perkins 4 solos, 2 assists; Tabor 3 solos, 2 assists; Turley 6 solos, assist, fumble recovery; Winders 5 solos, 2 assists, sack; Bailey solo; Carlson solo, 2 assists; Yates 6 solos, assist, 2 TFLs; Morgeson solo.

#### **Players of the Game**

Defense Caden McCalister. Offense Xander Tabor. Special Teams Xander Tabor. Lineman Dylan Yates. Records: Crittenden 3-2, Union 3-3

Defense

## Spirit of Tolu re-energizes ballpark

STAFF REPORT

Tolu's spirit far outweighs its population, most have understood that for decades.

Amazing, however, it is that the tiny hamlet on the Ohio River in northern Crittenden County continues to thrive despite unimaginable odds against it.

Count the annual Fourth of July fireworks display and haunted house fundraisers at the former school building among Tolu's most attractive current events. Yet there's a relatively new form of an old draw that's pulling hundreds to Tolu on warm, summer weekends.

#### Softball.

Now, Tolu has long been known for its softball. Some of the guys from around there played in men's state tournaments way back in the day when Ted Dalton, the Tinsleys and Perrymans put together great ball clubs and hosted tournaments at the school's ballpark. But for the last couple of decades, the diamond had grown over and softball was seldom played there. A handful of volunteers, led largely by the efforts of Tolu resident Barrett Sherer, have over the past year or so rekindled the craze. This weekend, Tolu will host its last co-ed softball tournament of the season. Several tournaments this summer have drawn teams from across western Kentucky and beyond.

"We have had teams from Hopkinsville, Morganfield and even over in Illinois," said Sherer, 31, whose father, the late Daryl Sherer was something of a legendary ballplayer from Tolu.

The tournaments have raised several thousands of dollars and Sherer is putting it all back into the park - plus some. New fencing around part of the field and clay dirt on the infield are among the improvements. Sherer wants to add more fencing and sidewalks.

"We're kind of doing this in memory of my dad and Ted Perryman," Sherer said. "These tournaments are bringing a lot of people to town, sometimes there's about 200 here."



The Tolu ballpark is taking on a new look these days, and hosting big events.

Many of the ball players are pitching in to help with the Tolu Haunted House which opens Saturday. The ballpark will get some of the proceeds from that annual attraction in return for manpower to help put on the pre-Halloween fundraising project. There's been a commercial-style basketball goal put up at the park and Sherer has more ideas to continue making Tolu more than just a home to about two dozen families.

"There's a lot of community pride down here," he said.

## Renovated greens are in play; sports bar, restaurant tee up next

STAFF REPORT

In just five weeks, a truckload of Bermuda sprigs transformed the Heritage Golf Course into a plush carpet.

The lush, newly renovated greens replace aged and heatvulnerable bent grass greens that had seen better days since they were first installed in 1991.

The new Bermuda grass, now seven weeks old, provides a bright, green spot in a revitalization effort at the golf course that soon will include a restaurant and sports bar named "Mulligans."

Under the leadership of golf course superintendent Doug Phelps, the nine-hole course is improving rapidly, acting managers Jat and Melissa Tabor said. They credit course owner Eddie King for his investment in the facility that has been an integral part of Marion since



Course superintendent Doug Phelps waters the new Bermuda grass on the third green.

the 1960s.

"We are very pleased with how the greens have turned out," Melissa Tabor said. After just five weeks of growth, the putting surfaces

re-opened to members and the

general public two weeks ago. The course is semi-private, offering public golf on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

"We want everyone to have an opportunity to enjoy this great game, so come out and play," Tabor said.

Public play is welcome from 8 a.m., until dark for a fee of \$20 for 18 holes or \$15 for nine holes. That price includes cart rental. A four-person scramble will officially christen the green renovation project on Oct. 26. For more information, contact Jeremy Shoulders (270) 871-4101 or Darrick Myers (270) 704-1225 darrickmyers@bellsouth.net to register.

Renovations are underway in the restaurant and bar area and they will open in a few weeks. "Mulligans," which is a golf term, will specialize in pizzas, burgers and appetizers. Tabor expects it to be open by month's end. It will be the first Marion restaurant to take advantage of alcohol sales since the referendum was passed last spring by Marion voters. The restaurant and sports bar will be open to the public.

The sports bar will include large-screen televisions, a golf simulator, pool table, darts and more.

## **CRITTENDEN COUNTY ROCKETS FALL SPORTS WRAPUP**

## **SOCCER** Playoffs will be at Trigg

It's been a tough season for the Lady Rocket soccer team, but hope dies hard and the girls are armed with a great deal of pride and full understanding of their opponents.

Crittenden has indeed lost all four regular-season matches against Fifth District foes Trigg County and Lyon County. What's encouraging is that every one of those matches was highly contested. The Lady Rockets lost by just one point in both encounters with Lyon, and Trigg nipped the girls by one and two points in respective games this season. The post-season tournament begins at 6 p.m., Monday at Cadiz with the Lady Rockets facing Lyon County. Trigg has the top seed in the tournament and will host the championship game on Tuesday at 6 p.m., against the winner of Monday's matchup. The CCHS girls will likely be without the services of Allie Geary, who suffered a severe knee injury in Monday's 6-2 loss to Hopkins Central at Marion. Geary was scheduled for an MRI this week. Also, Jaelyn Duncan has an ankle injury and she too is scheduled for an MRI this week. Duncan is the team's top scorer this year and Geary is a goalie and one of the top scorers in the field. Taylor Guess and Duncan each scored against Hopkins Central. Caitlyn Riley and Taylor Stoner each had an assist. Kalli Champion had four saves in goal. Crittenden closed out its regular season at Union County Tuesday. Results of that match were unavailable at press time. A home match scheduled for Saturday (previously rescheduled from Thursday) against Mayfield has been cancelled because Mayfield doesn't have enough players to compete.



The young Rockets scored early on a 47-yard touchdown pass from Micah Newcom to Gabe Keller, then held on defensively to beat the Madisonville school by two. The winning points came on a conversion pass from Newcom to Turner Sharp.

Gattin Travis continues to lead the defense. He recorded seven tackles and five sacks against Browning Springs.

The CCMS Rockets closed out their season Tuesday at home against Caldwell County, which has one of the top middle school teams in the region.ReFor the middle school girls, Mary Martinez placed 22nd with a time of 20:51, Karsyn Potter was 47th with a time of 24:20 and Taylor McKinney placed 90th with a time of 35:53. There were over 90 girls in this division.

For the middle school boys, Gabe Keller placed 86th with a time of 21:00, and Asa McCord was 91st with a time of 21:30. There were over 130 boys in that division.

## VOLLEYBALI

The Lady Rocket volleyball team will wind down its regular season over the next couple of weeks and begin to prepare for hosting the Fifth District Tournament at Rocket Arena on Tuesday, Oct. 22.

Middle school football Rocket Levi Piper goes for a gain during a recent game at Rocket Stadium.

The entire tournament, which will consist of just two matches, will be played on that date. Livingston, Crittenden and Trigg counties make up the district.

Crittenden lost in straight sets at Paducah Tilghman last week. The Tornado (12-7) is one of the better teams in the First Region.

The Lady Rockets went into Tuesday night's home match against Trigg County with a 10-12 record. Results from that match were not available at press time. Crittenden had won six of its last eight matches going into the district matchup with the Lady Wildcats.

### **MS FOOTBALL** CCMS gets third victory

Crittenden County defeated Browning Springs 8-6 in middle school football action last Tuesday night at Rocket Stadium.

The team improved to 3-4 overall and had won three of its last four games.

sults from that contest were not available at press time.

Here are individual statistics from last week's win over Browning Springs: Passing: Newcom 7-8-0, 98 yds. Receiving: Keller 2-55, Belt 1-17, Hatfield 1-16, Sharp 1-3, Piper 1-7. Rushing: Belt 13-21, Piper 2-1, Newcom 4-15, Sharp 1-(-10). Tackles: Travis 7 (5 sacks), Piper 6, Tramel 4 (sack), Conyer 2, Mc-Daniel 4 (sack), Willingham 3, McLean 3, Newcom 3, Hatfield 3, Belt 5, King 1, Blazina 5, Miniard 4.

### X-COUNTRY Conger closes in on 20-minute 5K

#### BY SKYLER JAMES

Crittenden County's cross country team competed at the Marshall County Invitational meet last weekend and junior Kate Keller placed 11th with a time of 21:08, a full 24 seconds faster than her finish the previous week.

In Keller's varsity division there were over 160 girls competing from more than 20 schools.

Also in varsity girls' action, coming in 61st was Kara Fulkerson with a time of 25:08. Courtney Fulkerson placed 71st for the Lady Rockets with a time of 25:29 and Leah Long placed 129th with a time of 31:03.

Coming in 85th in the varsity boys' division was Crittenden's Doug Conger with a time of 20:09. Jamie Burt placed 135th for the Rockets with a time of 21:19, Rowen Perkins was 175th with a time of 22:46, Michael Kirk placed 200th with a time of 24:40 and Parker Kayse was 228th with a time of 29:12. The team placed 20th with a score of 583 points. There were more than 230 boys competing in the varsity division from more than 20 schools.

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#### **Rockets perfect at 5-0**

Crittenden County's Junior Pro team had a tough time against previously unbeaten Union County on Saturday, but came away with its unblemished record in tact.

The fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets won the contest in the waning seconds of the game on a quarterback keeper by Quinn Summers.

The game was a scoreless stalemate when the Crittenden defensive held firm in the red zone to get the ball back with two minutes to play. From their own 20, the Rockets drove downfield in five plays, including three passes from Summers to receiver Avery Thompson for gains of 19, 23 and 30 yards. Summers took it in for the TD from the fiveyard line, breaking three tackles on the way.

Summers also kicked the conversion, which is worth two points in little league play.

Crittenden is now 5-0 and will play at home against Webster County (3-1) on Saturday.

The post-season jamboree is Oct. 19-20 at Rocket Stadium.

The third- and fourth-graders lost 32-0 at Union County. No further details were available from that contest.

#### **Fifth & Sixth Statistics**

Rushing: Colton McLean 4-21, Quinn Summers 13-0, Avery 1-2. Passing: Summers 5-9-1, 103 yds. Receiving: Thompson 5-103. Tackles: McLean 12, Perryman 9 (TFL), Summers 6 (2 TFLs, forced fumble), Keegan Pierson 3, Brennen Clifford 3 (TFL), Braden Poindexter 2 (TFL), Gunner Topp 2 (fumble recovery), Dakota Sosh 1, Braden Brandsassee 1, Jaxton Duncan 1, Garner Stallins 1, Tray Taylor 2.



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All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-14-p)

Notice is hereby given that on September 25, 2019, Kenneth Ford of 280 Pickering Hill Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executor with will annexed of Richard Ford, deceased, whose address was 140 Pickering Hill Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Robert Frazer, attorney.

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