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Polls are open Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Anyone in line to vote at 6 p.m. will get to vote. If you will be out of town on Election Day, you can vote on the absentee machine inside the county clerk's office until 4 p.m., Monday, Paper absentee ballots are also available upon request.

WHERE TO VOTE TUESDAY

Unsure where you vote? Call the county clerk's office at (270) 965-3403 or visit GoVoteKy.com. Crittenden County's 12 voting precincts and their voting locations are:

District 1

Emmanuel Baptist Church Mattoon Fire Department District 2

Deer Creek Baptist Church Tolu Community Center District 3

Marion Ed-Tech Center Grace Baptist Church

District 4 Crittenden Courthouse Crittenden Public Library

District 5 St. William Catholic Church

Mexico Baptist Church District 6 Marion Baptist Church

Shady Grove Fire Dept.

COURTHOUSE

will be closed several days in November for training and holidays, and one day of driver testing has been cancelled. According to Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill, her office will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon Nov. 4 for training. On Nov. 8, driver testing has been cancelled due to a shortage of license examiners. This includes road and written tests. The office will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day and will close at noon Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving and remain closed until Mon-

Marion 2 Rosebud 11

Sheridan 9

Tolu 10

Marion 1

Marion 6

Frances 7

Marion 3 Shady Grove 12

Fords Ferry 5

Marion 4 Frances 8

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Edward Jones Office

TRAINING CLOSES CLERK Crittenden Circuit Clerk's office

Authories looking for Jones

Local authorities believe a man they began searching for around noon Sunday in the northern part of Crittenden County to be Josh Jones, 31, formerly of Marion.

Sheriff Wayne Agent said Jones had absconded from a halfway house in Louisville a few weeks

Law enforcement spent Sunday afternoon and that night combing the area between Cave In Rock male whom they believed to have been Jones. The sheriff said the suspect led Crittenden County Deputy Chuck Hoover on a short vehicle pursuit on Ky. 91 North then ditched a silver Monte Carlo and fled on foot.

Authorities say Jones has ties to the Tolu area. The sheriff said evidence led authorities to believe it was Jones driving the Chevrolet that eluded Deputy Hoover north

Jones has a criminal record stemming from cases in Crittenden and Livingston counties.

Authorities were still looking for Jones at press time late on Tues-

Exercise caution if you see Jones or anyone in the area that appears suspicious. You should also call 911 or local police dispatching at 270-965-3500.





Jones

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Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Standard Time returns at 2 a.m., on Sunday morning and the clocks will stay on Standard Time until March 29, 2020. Some states would like to stay on Daylight Saving Time, but federal law prohibits it at this time. Hawaii and Arizona opted out of the time change in the 1960s, when it was allowable.

No-kill Ruddiman Canine Shelter has cash to survive 6-9 months

If fortunes for the Mary Hall-Ruddiman Canine Shelter do not change soon, the no-kill shelter may not see its 10th anniversary.

Kristi Beavers, one of the volunteers who helps manage operations at what essentially serves as a rescue for both dogs and cats, said each month is a losing proposition financially.

"There are very few months we've finished in the black," she said.

The shelter opened its doors in early December 2010 with a \$300,00 bequest from the estate of Mary Hall-Ruddiman, who died three years earlier. For nine years the non-profit shelter has survived by supplementing the original endowment through donations of money, food, litter and supplies and fundraisers... more fundraisers than anyone cares to

"We're maybe looking at six to nine months," Beavers said of the shelter's lifespan without a significant or steady

See **SHELTER**/page 5

Be alert for lights, sirens, alarms at 4pm

Crittenden County Emer-

gency Management along with Crittenden Community Hospital and other emergency response agencies will be conducting a Mock Disaster Drill on Saturday.

The exercise aimed at honing skills, training and testof first readiness responders will begin at 4 p.m. The drill will be held at Lake George also known as Marion City Lake. While most of the activity will be centered in that area, emervehicles running lights and sirens will be prevalent in the community

during the event. the emergency room's space. Chuck Hoover, director of "There will probably be eight Emergency Management in or nine patients."

said details of the fake disaster are a well kept secret because coordinators want to make it feel as real as possible. He said it could

Hoover

something to do with a water rescue since it's at the lake or perhaps an automobile crash. There could even be a search and rescue operation worked into the plan.

"Whatever we do, it must exceed the hospital's capacity," Hoover said, pointing to

bystanders. Hoover said Crittenden emergency

Community Hospital is required to have a mock drill more regularly than the local management team. This particular drill is largely to meet the hospital's needs. Joey Jones is responsible for emergency response at the hospital, Hoover said, and he will be helping to orchestrate the exercise.

The Local Boy Scouts

Troop 3030 will serve as role

players, either patients or

'We want to involve as many response agencies as possible," Hoover said.

It's going to look and feel like a major news-making event to residents and motorists in the community



when alarms start blaring on Saturday afternoon.

Besides law enforcement and the hospital, Crittenden EMS, local fire departments, AirEvac and others will be involved in the mock disas-

Readers deserve quick civics lesson

Here at The Crittenden Press, we love the instant feedback provided by social media platforms, perhaps that's why they have become so popular. Humans love instant gratifi-

A few noteworthy observations have come from our continual monitoring of comments and reactions from news articles we post online. Let me say first that we generally do not publish online "the rest of the story" as Paul Harvey used to say. Typically, our online version of news coverage is greatly abbreviated. It's an appetizer if you will, with the meat, potatoes and dessert showing up in the printed edition of the newspaper. We do

that for obvious reasons, but must admit there's a rapidly moving shift toward more and more dig-

As for digesting and gleaning redeeming value in reactions to our online work, we have noticed that a good many readers are not well versed in how government works. Back in seventh grade, we had civics classes that helped us understand the roles of local, state and federal government. Don't think those



Chris

into the precise responsibilities of most agencies with regard to how they affect our daily lives. Streets. roads.

> highways and interstates – there is a distinction between each of them, you know are among the most used government-proi d e d enterprises. Several other seemly regular necessities are made available to us by governments or perhaps de facto or quasi government agencies. These

might include sewers, drinking water, mosquito control, education, electricity, refuse collection, care for the elderly, law enforcement, court systems, and the list goes on

It is not surprising that a great number of taxpaying citizens are not exactly clear on who is responsible for what. It can indeed be confusing.

If it helps, here's a quick primer on who takes care of what with regard to streets, roads and highways. Please be mindful that city and county governments are not by statute or any other compulsory measure charged with recruitbowling alleys, restaurants or any other private enterprise to their jurisdictions - a common misconception among social media commentaries.

If you drive on a street, it belongs to the city. If you hustle down a country road, it probably belongs to the county. If there's a yellow centerline, it's very likely a state highway. Cities take care of their streets money collected from property taxes and from state funding. some Counties fund their road work in similar fashion, but get a sizable chunk of change from the state, monies which are derived largely from fuel taxes. The state funds highways from a variety of sources (similar to cities and counties). Kentucky takes care of its roads and some of Uncle Sam's highways,

supplemented by the feds of course.

So when the state builds a new highway from Marion to Eddyville - such is purported to be closer than perhaps ever before - it has no direct interrelationship with the fact that your city streets are falling apart, or why they are not repaired in a timely fashion.

Trying to tie state highways to streets is like blaming the barber for poor cellular service in Crayne. The dots simply don't connect. Likewise, county funds are not spent on state or federal highways such as U.S. 641 and U.S. 60.

Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

This has been a strange few years for Kentuckians.

Nearly every week, we have witnessed attacks on the laws being passed by our legislative body. With the Republican supermajority has come a highly publicized feud between the governor's office and the Democratic attorney general's office. The real losers of all this contention have been our communities, who watch hopelessly from the side-

State Sen. Whitney Westerfield could no longer watch legislative efforts derailed in court. He decided to run for Kentucky Supreme Court to fight for our independent judiciary and the rule of law. Whitney is pro-life and is the recommended candidate by Kentucky Right to Life in this race. He also possesses a strong pro-2nd Amendment record and has practical, courtroom experience as an attorney at all levels of the justice

Whitney is running as a constitutional conservative. This means he opgovernment overreach, preferring instead to follow the letter of the law. His opponent would have you believe otherwise: he calls himself the more conserva-

tive choice for the bench. Our founding fathers believed the judicial branch of government to be a neutral go-between where the law's legal questions get hashed out. In the same way, Whitney believes our judges are called to interpret the law and not create their own laws from the bench. We should hold a judge in hot water if they start pushing their

personal, political agenda to create and shape the

classes ever really delved

With a deep understanding of the legislative process, Whitney has served for nearly eight years as the chairman of Senate Judiciary Committee, affecting every policy of the court system in Kentucky. Whitney also serves as co-chair of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council. As an attorney, Whitney has experience criminals prosecuting and working with our law enforcement.

Whitney isn't coming from the bench, but has the practical and legal experience to bring a constitutionally conservative perspective to the Supreme Court. It is important for us to elect judges with diverse experiences. Some judges decades removed from the practical side of law. Whitney's opponent, for example, has been removed from this everyday side of law for 13

Whitney has served right here in western Kentucky and has the practical experience we're missing at the highest level of our court system. As a constitutional conservative, he can do good work as someone who abides by and upholds the constitution from the bench.

Regardless of where you fall on the political spectrum, let's not allow our judges to overstep their boundaries. If our judiciary is not neutral, but instead a highly politicized and virtually untouchable body, then we all have cause to worry.

Fred Stubblefield Marion, Ky.

Bevin has earned 2nd term

BY ROBBY MILLS

Kentucky State Senator

As a member of the General Assembly for three of the four years that Governor Matt Bevin has been in office, I have had a front row seat to watch the actions and leadership of Governor Bevin. While his style and boldness related to speaking to the tough issues that have plagued Frankfort for years was something new for many of the Frankfort insiders and media, you cannot deny that he has made monumental changes to the direction of our Commonwealth. After Democrats had controlled Frankfort for 96 years, the new Republican leadership in the Executive branch and the Legislative branch were bound to have some growing Despite those growing pains, the Conservative leadership in Frankfort went right to work and had major policy victories, and many of those policies originated from Governor Bevin's of-

In 2017, several pieces of business-friendly legislation were passed, unneeded or outdated regulations were eliminated, and Governor Bevin began to sell our Commonwealth as the "Manufacturing next Hub" in America. To date, Governor Bevin, during his term, has seen nearly \$23 Billion in business and industrial investment or commitments. This is far and above any other previous Governor's record in this Governor category. Bevin is the best "salesman of Kentucky" that we have ever had, and

his record shows this. Prior to Governor Bevin's administration, Kentucky's record on protecting the unborn was quite atrocious. While many in the previous Governor's office and previous Legislature said they were pro-life, they would never follow through with legislation or even suggest legislaeven the cruelest abortion procedures. Governor Bevin said he was pro-life when he ran for Governor, and he has backed those words up by being the most pro-life Governor in the nation! He has signed into law eight pro-life bills during his term. His leadership on this issue has already saved countless lives.

Kentucky's, Saving nations worst funded pension systems, has been priority one for Governor Bevin. In each of his "State of the Commonwealth" speeches, properly funding the pension systems has been the main theme. While others who preceded him have chosen to short needed actuarial recontributions (ARC), fully funding the pensions have been the first thing accomplished in each of Governor Bevin's budgets. While many have talked about full funding the pensions, this Governor and Legislature have. Over and above the statutorily required amount, over the last four years we have dedicated over \$4 Billion additional funding to the pension systems. This along with better management, more transparency in investment activities, and better market returns has helped stop the public pension losses and have helped the funds begin to increase in funding per-

centage. Matt Bevin believes in helping the least of these in our Commonwealth, that is why during his first term, he and First Lady Glena Bevin have focused on our antiquated adoption and foster care system. In 2018, a major legislative initiative that the Fist Lady helped craft was passed in a bi-partisan manner. This legislation updated many of the outdated policies that govern the foster care and adoption process. The goal of this work is to help get our more than 10,000 foster

children into loving and caring environments as quickly as possible, and to help those families that want to adopt do this in an expedited and less costly manner.

Finally, Governor Bevin, in a very short time in office, has become a leader among his peers and other Governors. He is often called upon by President Trump and Vice-President Pence for insight and analysis. Governor Bevin understands the importance of the proposed I-69 Bridge to Western Kentucky and has used his relationships in Washington and surrounding states to move this project closer to reality.

When Governor Matt Bevin entered the office four years ago, he was left with several messy situations to clean up. I have watched him face these challenges head on. Like President Trump, he is an uncongovernment ventional

leader who speaks what he believes to be the truth. While he has said some things during his term that a more polished politician might have said differently and he has ruffled a few feathers along the way, he is plain spoken, get the work done type of leader. That is what people like about both President Trump and Governor Bevin. They are straight shooters.

While there are many other accomplishments that could be highlighted, I hope these few examples I have touched on will encourage you to give Governor Bevin your vote on Nov. 5. I truly believe he has earned the right to serve our great Commonwealth another four

Robby Mills (R-Henderson) represents District 4 in the Kentucky State Senate including Crittenden County.

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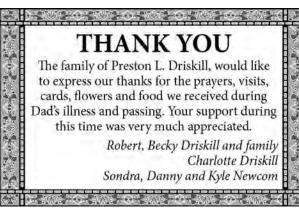
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CRITTENDEN COUNTY GRAND JURY

Colorado man indicted on 14 felony charges in chase case

Crittenden County Grand Jury earlier this month indicted seven individuals on a variety of charges, including two men and a woman for receiving stolen property that was allegedly stolen in a burglary, and the Colorado man who led police on a high-speed chase through Marion and other communities last month.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It decides enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a case in circuit court. Here are those indicted on Oct. 10:

•Susan Gail Binkley, 45, of Marion was indicted on a Class C felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled sub-(methamphetamine, greater than 2 grams) and misdemeanor charges of traffickmarijuana possession of drug paraphernalia. According to court records, deputies were assisting probation and parole officers when on Sept. 20 they went to Binkley's home on Ky. 70 in rural Crittenden County. Binkley allegedly gave officers consent to search her home for a wanted person they were



Michael Fortner

looking for on a parole warrant. Inside the home, investigators allegedly found 7.2 grams of meth, 4.2 ounces of marijuana, pipes, scales and other drug paraphernalia.

•Kenneth Otto Woodall, 48, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of complicity to receiving stolen property, under \$10,000. Court records indicate that items allegedly stolen from a burglary on Ky. 91 North were found on Sept. 2 in Woodall's pickup truck, which was parked on West Carlisle Street. A wedding ring, the items recovered by authorities. Woodall told investigators that someone else had left the items in his truck.

•Bonnie Lou Woodall, 60, of Marion was indicted on one felony count of receiving stolen property, under \$10,000 by complicity. Court records indicate that items allegedly stolen from a burglary on Ky. 91 North were found on Sept. 2 in a truck registered to Woodall and her husband Kenneth (see above case), which was parked on West Carlisle Street. A wedding ring, guitar and BB gun were among the items recovered by authorities.

•Michael Fortner, 29, of Denver, Colo., was indicted on 14 felony charges for his alleged role in leading police on a three-county car chase on Sept. 17 that ended when he drove into a field off Ky. 91 North in Crittenden County and tried to flee on foot. The suspect was caught, and later told investigators that he was shooting up heroin while officers were behind him in the chase that included speeds over 100 mph.

Fortner was indicted for single counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (heroin), first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle) and first-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot), three counts of first-degree criminal mischief and eight counts of first-degree wanton endangerment. Additionally, he was indicted on misdemeanor charges or traffic violafor DUI with an aggravator, leaving the scene of an accident, operating on a suspended or revoked license, speeding 26 or more mph over the limit and possession of drug paraphernalia.

An appeal to lower Fortner's \$100,000 cash bond was denied by Judge Rene Williams.

Dakota Ryan Owen, 27, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (Oxycodone) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Court records say that Owen was arrested on Aug. 7 at a residence on East Gum Street after police had gone there to investigate a complaint of drug activity with children present at the home.

•James Matthew Pigg, 38, of Marion was indicted on felony charges of receiving stolen

session of a firearm by a convicted felon. Court records indicate that Pigg is alleged to have had possession of items stolen from a burglary reported on Ky. 91 North. Investigators, acting on a tip, searched Pigg's home on Carr Street on Sept. 2 were they found a muzzleloading rifle and other items allegedly taken in the burglary. They also found a 9mm rifle that Pigg told police belonged to him. Because he was previously convicted of a felony, he is prohibited by law from having a gun.

 Melissa Stegman, 43, of Marion was indicted on two felony counts of first-degree possession of a forged instrument and one count of misdemeanor of theft by unlawful taking, under \$500. Court records say that on Sept. 2 Stegman is believed to have been a person on surveillance video paying for \$22.25 worth of cigarettes and drinks from Five Star Convenience Center and using two counterfeit \$20 bills in the transaction. She received the change and left the store, according to the police

GOP eclipse over Dems continues

The shift of Democratic voters to the Republican and other political persuasions in Crittenden County continues, a trend that started with the election of Barack Obama as President 11 years. This is according to the final voter registration statistics from the Kentucky Secretary of State's office before Tuesday's election of statewide officials. The registration statistics were final-

Republicans now make up 51.8 percent of the voters in the county; Democrats account for 39.6 percent. When Obama was elected, Democrats held a 52.4 percent to 42.7 percent advantage over the GOP.

While the party swing has slowed somewhat from the early years of the Obama administration, since the May primary in Kentucky, all six magisterial districts in Crittenden County lost Democratic voters and gained Republicans as well as third-party registrations. Democrats lost 58 voters, falling to 2,657. Meantime, Republicans gained 57 voters, climbing to 3,473. There are 6,706 Crittenden Countians registered for next week's balloting.

Democrats still hold a statewide advantage to Republicans at 48.8 percent to 42.4 percent.

Voters can cast a ballot for any candidate regardless of partyaffiliation in next week's statewide election.

PRECINCT NO.	DEM	GOP	OTHER	IND	VAR
Marion 2	217	282	35	19	2
Rosebud 11	190	211	26	11	1
District 1	407	493	61	30	3
Sheridan 9	272	418	28	12	1
Tolu 10					
District 2	465	651	49	22	1
Marion 1	371	406	65	25	3
Fords Ferry 5					
District 3					
Marion 4 Frances 8 District 4	102	128	15	15	0
Frances 7 Marion 6 District 5	237	405	33	14	1
Marion 3 Shady Grove 12 District 6	146	137	10	6	0
Countywide	.2,657	3,473	385	177	14

IND=Independent; VAR=various other parties, including Libertarian (9, registered county voters), Green (2), Constitution (2), Reform (0) and Socialist Workers (1) parties.

Polls Open 6am to 6pm Tuesday

Westerfield, Nickell vying for former Justice Cunningham's old seat on KY Supreme Court

Two judicial conservatives are vying for a seat Supreme Court – the spot formerly held by retired Justice Bill Cunningham of Kuttawa.

State Sen. Whitney Westerfield and Judge Christopher Shea Nickell each seek to represent a 24-county western Kentucky district on the state's highest court. Voters will decide on Tuesday who will serve the remainder of Cunningham's term ending in

Nickell plays up his 13 years as a member of the Court of Appeals, the second-highest state's court, where he's authored hundreds of opinions, according to a recent article by the Associated Press.

Westerfield, the article

says, emphasizes his status as Senate Judiciary Committee chairman and his role in shaping key legislation — from revamping the juvenile justice system to combating heroin use and drunken driving.

Westerfield told the AP that his ability to bring divided interests together on legislation would be an asset as a judge when Supreme Court members meet in conference to discuss cases.

"I believe that my legislative experience, and the fact that I'm not already a sitting judge makes me an ideal candidate for the court," Westerfield said for the news service's interview.

Nickell sees his appeals court experience as a "natural progression" to the Supreme Court.

Area News Briefs

Hunter injured in fall from tree

A hunter was severely injured when he fell from a tree stand on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The man, who lives out of town and hunts in Crittenden County, was replacing a metal stand on a farm off G.O. Weldon Road in rural northern Crittenden County.

Crittenden County Deputy Chuck Hoover said the man, aged in his 30s, and his father were about 200 yards into a wooded area when the accident occurred. The father phoned for help and Crittenden County Rescue Squad, EMS and others responded to the

The man had a broken leg and perhaps a broken pelvis, the deputy said.

The rescue squad used its Stokes rescue basket to carry the injured man from the woods to a sideby-side UTV.

AirEvac landed nearby and carried him to a nearby hospital.

Hoover said the accident illustrates the dangers involved in hunting, particularly in remote areas when oftentimes hunters are alone.

It is a good idea to always use a safety harness no matter whether you're hunting or replacing or repairing tree stands, the deputy said.

Murray State alumni gather

Murray State University alumni living in Crittenden County invited to a Friday night event at the Rockets' football game. There will be a pre-game reception at 6 p.m., at Rocket Arena's meeting room. Those attending will be recognized at halftime. RSVP to Shawna Thomas sthomas39@murraystate.edu. Crittenden County plays Todd Central in its final regularseason game of the season. Kickoff is at 7

Bus recall could impact schools in Crittenden

A nationwide recall of Thomas Built school buses due to safety concerns could impact Crittenden County Schools for several months.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) earlier this month issued the recall over issues with the safety of some seats on the bus. Potentially, 53,538 buses are affected by the recall for certain unit model years between 2014 and 2020. In Crittenden County, three buses have been re-

"The vehicles were found to have non-compliant seat padding not sufficient to protect the student (in the event of a crash)," district Transportation Director Wayne Winters told board of education members at last week's meeting. "Our buses have been (idled) until they are upgraded to fit standards

Winters said all three buses have been put out of service and will remain so until replacement of the seats at the cost of manufacturer Daimler Trucks North America takes place. Winters said federal approval of new padding to replace the recalled seats may not come until December. Then, repairs on almost 54,000 buses nationwide could take several more

months. Early this year, the district was grappling with a bus shortage due to faulty braking systems that were replaced by manufacturer of Blue Bird model buses. Four of those buses have been returned to service, but Winters said there may not be enough buses to meet the needs of all extra-curricular activi-

Before the school year started, the local district signed an agreement with Henderson County Schools to lease no more than five of its buses, if necessary, for only \$1.

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cabinet Sentry safe; wardrobe cabinet; China cabinet; file cabinet; bedroom suite; kitchen table; recliner; couch; lamps; end tables; stereo cabinet; Frigidaire electric stove; Samsung microwave; Bunn coffee pot, Welbilt bread maker; Kenmore chest freezer; pie rack; shelves; pots & pans; Tupperware; silverware; shadow box with mirror; wall hangings; TV stand; blankets; pillow cases; vacuum cleaners; cassette tapes; vinyl records; concrete planters; Singer 834 sewing machine; antique suitcases; Coca-Cola cooler; lawn chairs; pictures; glassware; electric fans.

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All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven required by law to the administratrix with will annexed on or before the 23rd day of April, 2020 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

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

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Notice is hereby given that on October 23, 2019 Dee Ann Thompson of 1299 Mt. Sterling Rd., Brookport, III. 62910 was appointed executrix of Alton Dukes, deceased, whose address was 509 West Gum St., Marion, Ky. 42064. Robert B. Frazer, attorney.



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that, come and listen.

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"Without the Spirit of Christ, you are none of His." Romans

which testify of

me."John 5:39.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because you have rejected knowledge, I will Religious and also reject you, that you shall not be a servant of mine, seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I

will also forget your children." Hosea 4:6.

Rev. Lucy

TEDRICK

Guest columnist

Political Views

Look at the heartbreak

and lost children of this nation, children killing children and many of

> ting suicide. Statistics report that lesbian, gay, and bisexual kids are three times more likely to attempt suicide

than heterosex-

them commit-

ual kids. The ungodly communistic deception that has been creeping into Ameripolicies since the end of World War II, of which General Douglas

McArthur warned us, took American history out of government schools.

Prayer was taken out

of the same schools, and now Christianity is on the chopping block and the teaching of Islam is in many schools.

Very soon after I was born again and returned from my trip around the world, God very vividly told me to give my life to America by giving her His

In obedience to Him, I closed out my very lucrative business, sold all my real estate and began giving my life to studying, loving, living and reminding people of His Word.

For years I traveled in evangelism, and then Crittenden came to County to do God's bidding for all who would listen and to help all I could in any way I could.

It has always been important to me that God wants us to love and help people in not only soul, but also body, health and mind, and work to help better the community in which we live.

Now when God calls me home, I will be able to say as St. Paul, even with all my failures, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.' 2nd Tim. 4:7.

Just wish God would have had more in me to work with and that I could have done a better job for my family and all I've ever known. But God takes what is given to Him and uses it to help those His Son gave His life for, be it much or

Only the Judgment will reveal how many paid heed to God's full Gospel here and else-

Oh, if only more people would seek the truly New Birth, and then the infilling of the Holy Spirit, so the Holy Spirit could teach them God's true

Word. The peace and wellbeing God has given me, even if I could be convinced there were no Heaven, my life since I was born again is one I would still cherish and

continue to live. No way, would I go back to any kind of sinful living and the shame sin gives to the heart of every

Lucy Tedrick is a local minister at Marion Chruch of God and is a regular contributor to The Crittenden Press.



Nancy Hunt (left) welcomed Judy Driggers to the Woman's Club of Marion meeting Oct. 2. Driggers is the founder of Nonnie's Place located in Lyon County. Pictures on the display behind the ladies show the construction of their shelter, which has helped women who have fallen on hard times find resources to provide for their children.

Nonnie's Closet: Women helping women

Woman's Club of Marion learned about a community program in Lyon created County by women for women raising children under difficult circumstances. In 2012. a group of women from Eddyville began connecting and called themselves "Women Helping and quickly Women," saw the Pennyrile District needed a safe place for women and their families to grow.

Nonnie's Place was built and named for Judy Driggers' mother, Lois "Nonnie" Smith. It will celebrate two years in December. Women who live at the shelter with their children must work, participate in education or volunteer during the three or four months they live at the shelter. They cannot be from abusive situations or currently using drugs.

There is one employee at the shelter, and volunteers assist the women in finding jobs, transportation and future housing.

Driggers said the program exists on financial donations and proceeds from Nonnie's Attic, located in the Eddyville Outlet Mall. Anyone can donate items to the store; however, they do not accept clothing or bedding.

For groups or individuals wanting to donate to the shelter, Driggers said there is always a need for detergent and toilet paper. She said they have accepted a donated car to assist a woman to get to work. She explained the type of cars they need must have a value around \$600.

For more information on the shelter, contact Driggers at (314) 495-

judy. driggers@gmail.com.During the club's business session, Kathy Bechler, club vice-president, reported a successful booth at Farmers Day encouraging people to register to vote. Brandie Ledford announced the club will have its third chocolate tray fundraiser

in December. Susan Alexander thanked the club for the



Three new members ioined the Woman's Club in October including (from left) Annette Rubino and Michelle Crider. Not pictured is Jo Brown.

water donated for the volunteers for the Kentucky Vietnam Traveling Wall. The club also is collecting children's books through Dec. 15 to be given to local preschoolers.

The Woman's Club will meet next at 5 p.m., Nov. 14. Brandie Ledford is the program chair. The topic is education. Nancy Lapp will present a mini program on conservation, and Sandra Belt is the hostess committee chair. Meetings are open to the public. For information on becoming a member, contact Hunt at (270) 704-0057.

The winner of the Make It, Bake It, Buy It door prize was Roberta Shewmaker.

loaded to their assigned Chromebooks. It contin-

Crittenden County Schools once again will use non-traditional instruction (NTI) days to help bridge any education gaps when classes cannot be in session due to inclement weather, widespread sickness or other reasons. Known locally as Rocket Wav Snow Days, up to 10 can be taken by the school district.

NTI approved for snow days

NTI allows students on snow days to learn from home with take-home packets or work downues learning and helps reduce the number of days that may need to be tacked on to the end of the school calendar, currently scheduled for May 19. 2020.

Though approved for up to 10, Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark has only recommended using about half of that amount since the district began utilizing NTI in 2016-17. He prefers to hold a number of days in reserve for only dire circumstances. No more

than five NTI days have been used in any school

Clark said at last Thursday's board of education meeting that administrators instructors will next month begin crafting their plan for Rocket Way Snow Davs.

Robotics Club established, receives grant

A new Lego robotics club has been funded with a \$1,000 state 4-H STEM grant. Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library contributed an additional \$1,000 to purchase needed electronics.

Development of the club was a coordinated effort between Crittenden County 4-H and the Crittenden County Public Li-

The next meeting is at 3:30 p.m., Nov. 14 at the

For more information, contact Leslea Barnes. 4· H Agent, at 270-965-5236 or visit the Crittenden County Public Library.

Leadership breakfast is Friday

A Crittenden County Leadership Breakfast sponsored by Crittenden County Fiscal Court will feature comments from Bob Glinke, a retired executive at Catepillar, Inc., now living in Marion.

The breakfast begins at at 7 a.m., Friday. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. The meal will be catered by Hometown Foods and will be located at the Ed-Tech Center.

SHELTER

Continued from page 1

injection of contributions.

"The last few fundraisers - we try to do one a month - have pretty much flopped," she said. "When fundraisers don't go well, it hurts."

The shelter gets no public money and adoption fees for the approximately 100 animals it finds homes for annually barely cover the cost of care for the dog or cat while at the shelter. Costs for everything have gone up since 2010 and the influx of animals has only increased, leaving little to no room to board animals for revenue.

Less than 20 percent of the start-up money remains available, and Beavers said the shelter board of directors has done as much as possible to keep things going.

"I think we've done well. I think Mary Hall-Ruddiman would be proud of what we've done," she said. "We've exceeded everybody's ex-

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pectations on how long we'd be open." Beavers said the shel-

ter is not picky about how supporters might want to help out from one-time food or litter donations to regular finansupport sponsorship of a particular animal. Treats and

cleaning supplies are

"Every little bit helps," she said.

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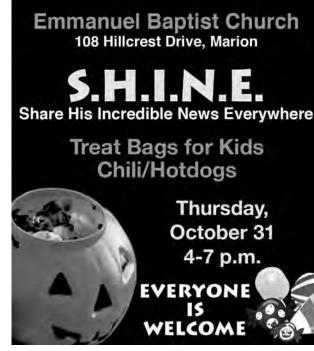
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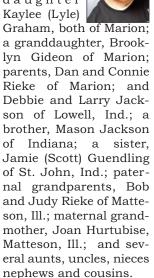
Area Deaths

Rieke

Lucas Daniel Steve Rieke, 39 of Marion died Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019 at Crittenden

Community Hospital. Surviving are his wife,

Kimberly Rieke of Marion; a son, Kollin Graham; a daughter Kaylee (Lyle)



He was preceded in death by grandparents, Freda and Bill Morrill; Ray Hurtubise; Loretta Calcaterra; great-grandfather Foges; and an uncle, Jeff Rieke.

Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019 at St. William Catholic Church, where he was a member. Burial will follow at St. William Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m., Friday Nov. 1 at Myers Funeral Home. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m.

Bivins

Tyler Blake Bivins, 25, of Marion died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Evansville.

He was a member of Marion General Baptist

Survivors include his son, Brayden Thomas Blake of Princeton; mother, April Bivins of Marion; father, Eric Tolbert of Elizabethtown, Ill.; grandparents, David and Reba Smock of Marion; grandmother, Delta Tolbert; brother, Christian Tolbert: sisters, Bri-Bivins, Anna Callie Bivins and Casey Freeand stepfather, man; David Matthew "Diddy" Faith.

Services were scheduled for 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at the Smock Family Cemetery.

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Robert E. "Boozer" Belt, 91, of Marion died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Survivors include his stepson, Butch McDowell of Marion; step grandsons, Sean Belt of Oklahoma and Chad Belt of Louisville; step granddaughter, Gina McDowell of Eddyville; and nieces, Charlotte Yates, Shawna Sunderland and Mary Ann Wheeler, all of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma Belt; a step-daughter, Judy Belt; step-grandson, Jason McDowell; parents, John Calvin and Mary Wilma Belt; three brothers; and three sisters.

Services were Tuesday, Oct. 29 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Mapleview Cemetery.

Hardin

Jeanetta Maxine Hardin, 85, of Paducah

died Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019 at her home.

She was born May 24, 1934 in Liv-

ingston County to the late Coy Owen Sr. and Fada (Smith) Owen.

Hardin had worked as a waitress at the Little Castle for over 30 years and 17 years at Dollar Tree. She was very outgoing and enjoyed quilting, camping, fishing, visiting with her family and friends and attended the Church of Jesus Christ in Paducah.

Surviving are four daughters, Melinda Payne, Janice Brooks and Jeanie Nelson, all of Paducah, and Reta Ren-

frow of Barlow; a brother, Coy Owen Jr. and his wife Dorothy of Salem; six grandsons, Brian Nall, Kary Lee, Shane Humphrey, Brad Nall, Kenny King and Cory King; a granddaughter, Kenna Humphrey; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Kenneth Hardin; three brothers, Harold Wayne Owen, Jimmie Dale Owen and Tom Owen; and parents, Coy Owen, Sr. and Fada Smith Owen.

Services were Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Pastor Pat Sallee officiating. Burial was at Frances Cemetery.

Conyer

Helen Conyer, 78, of Marion died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 at Crittenden Hospital.

Survivors include her children, Robin (Rodney) Phelps of Marion and Richard "Buddy" (Audra) Napp of Murray; grand-children, Lindsey (Dilen) Phelps, Morgan Phelps, Matt (Christen) Napp, Austin Napp and Kayli (Daniel) Cendejas; greatgrandchild, Lily Stalion; a brother, John Naylor; and sister, Carolyn Pate.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Doyle Conyer; parents, Fernie and Merita Naylor; and a sister, Martha Naylor.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Frances Cemetery. Visitation was scheduled for 5-8 p.m., Wednesday and from 9 a.m., until service time Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Frances Cemetery.





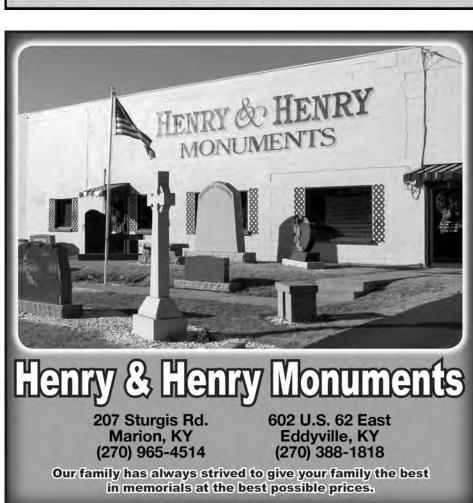
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Benefit planned for Hamilton

A benefit for Margie Hamilton will be held Nov. 9 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion to help with travel expenses for an upcoming trip to Mayo Clinic.

Hamilton has Mixed Connective Disease and was diagnosed three years ago with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

"I was given three months to live and I'm still living, I've been on Hospice and I need heart surgery and intestinal surgery but must be approved by doctors at Mayo Clinic," Hamilton said.

The event Nov. 9 will include a chili and vegetable soup meal at 5 p.m., and singing by the Stone Family at 6:30 pm. It is hosted by friends Teenie Murray and Rita Binkley.

Funds raised will help Hamilton purchase a plane ticket and for a week's stay in Minnesota in mid-December.

Anyone who is unable to attend but would like to make a donation can do so to an account set up at Peoples Bank.

Everyone is welcome to attend the benefit.

Fredonia Lions hosting meal

Fredonia Lions Club will have its annual Telethon breakfast from 7-10 a.m., Nov. 10 at the Lions Club Building. Donations will be accepted for the all-you-can-eat breakfast including biscuits and gravy, country sausage, bacon, eggs, pancakes and more. A road block will also be held in Fredonia to raise money for Lions Club's charities as well as a contribution to the annual Telethon of Stars on WPSD.

Calendar

- The 15th annual toy and coat drive sponsored by Cash Express will begin Friday in Marion. Coats, toys and non-parishable food items are being accepted through Dec. 11 and will be delivered prior to Christmas. Donations can be made at Cash Express at 103 Morningside Drive in Marion.

Home-based businesses are invited to participate in a vendor fair Nov. 9 at the Lions Club Building at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds. Call Natalie Parish at (270) 871-1383 to reserve booth space.

 Woman's Club of Marion will meet at 5 p.m., Nov. 14. Brandie Ledford, Education Chair, is providing the program. Woman's Club meetings are open to the public.

Extension

- Small Runinant Profit School will be held at 6 p.m., Monday at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. Call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to register.

- Hooks & Needles Crafter's Corner Club (formally Crochet Corner) invites anyone interested in needlework to meet at noon, Nov. 6 and Nov. 20 at the extension office. Donations of any yarn, needles, hoops etc. no longer needed are also being accepted. Contact Nancy Lapp (270) 965-4469 for more information.

- "Oh Starry Night" table runner class will be held at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 7 at the Crittenden County Extension Office. Call the office at (270) 965-5236 to pre-register. You can also pick up a list of supplies at the Extension Office.

4-H events

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

Two graduate CCHS' Pathway

Two Crittenden County High School graduates were honored at last Thursday's board of education meeting as the latest to complete high school through the district's Path-

M i c h a e l
Adams was recognized by Superintendent of
Schools Vince
Clark during a
brief ceremony.
"Times were
tough for
Michael, but he
showed a lot of
grit to finish,"
Clark said.

way Academy.

Adams

Also honored but not present due to a family illness was Leah Yates. Pathway Academy Virtual Education, or PAVE, is one of many alternative programs available for local students. PAVE is offered to support students who would like to earn their high

> school diploma while working online, either at home or on the high school campus.
>
> The program

The program offers alternative learning environments for students who have been unsuccessful in the traditional classroom environment. It is also believed to

potentially enhance the overall learning experience for those students.



Oldest Crittenden resident

Ms. Ada White, likely Crittenden County's oldest resident, celebrated her 102nd birthday in mid-October. Pictured with White are caregivers (from left) Faye Conger, Nicole Brummett, Diane Shuecraft, Piper Phillips, Peggy Easley, Rhoda Tinsley and Janey Miller. Not pictured Diane Fox.





School recognition

Three Crittenden County School District employees were honored at last Thursday's board of education meeting as ROCKET Way Employees of the Month for October. Bill Nesbitt (above with Superintendent Vince Clark) and Chuck George, directly above, both custodians at the three school campuses, are responsible for cleaning up after 700 or students and staff during the course of a school day. Also honored was fifth-grade teacher Mandy Hunt, who was not present at the meeting. Besides being a teacher at CCES, Hunt drives a bus and is coaching middle school basketball.

Fohs Hall hosts Hayride sellout

If you possess one of the 450 tickets to the Old Kentucky Hayride Saturday at Fohs Hall, consider yourself lucky. Since the event sold out over a week ago, many people likely will be turned away in order to avoid exceeding capacity limits at Fohs Hall.

The country and bluegrass event features a half-dozen local musicians portraying several country music legends including Brennan Cruce as Luke the Drifter, Glen Browning as Chet Atkins and Cash Singleton as Little Jimmy Dickens.

Newcomers to the Old Kentucky Hayride, which premiered earlier this year, are David Conyer singing some of Vince Gill's most loved tunes and Alonzo Pennington as Hank Wiliams Jr. Returning to the Hayride are Franklin Hamilton as Johnny Cash and Lacie Duncan as Patsy Cline.

Proceeds from ticket sales benefit Crittenden County Food Bank, and a canned food drive will help stock the food bank's shelves, said Shelley Singleton, co-coordinator of the Old Kentucky Hayride

tucky Hayride.

A drop-off area in the lobby of Fohs Hall will be open at 10 a.m., Saturday through the end of the show. Someone avail-

able to help unloa canned food.

Crittenden County
High School Band will be
providing concessions
during the show. All profits from concessions will
benefit the band.

A little comedy is good for the soul, and Cutter Singleton will have that element of the show covered as he portrays Ray Stevens.

The Old Kentucky

Hayride begins at 7 p.m.



Lighthouse agenda

Four members of Crittenden County Middle School's Lighthouse Academy Leadership team presented to board members at last week's meeting an update on their activities and the purpose of the volunteer student group. Bryan Chaney (fourth from left) speaks his lines as middle school Guidance Counselor Laura Poindexter helps and other team members (Brayden Poindexter, Kodi Stoner and Emme Lynch await their turn. There are a dozen members of Lighthouse Academy participating in activities like hosting bus driver appreciation breakfast, helping student council sponsor a Thanksgiving food drive to help 70 middle school families, leading an effort to repaint and refurbish the rocket in front of the school, hosting a senior prom at Crittenden County Health & Rehabilitation Center and helping with the annual Stuff the Bus toy drive at Christmas. Poindexter said that besides leadership, the program's goal is to instill integrity into the lives of the students.

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.

Upcoming menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is chili with crackers, hot dog on

bun, macaroni and cheese, applesauce and fruit salad.

Friday - Menu is chicken and dumplings, buttered broccoli, buttered carrots, cornbread, baked apples and raisins and margarine. Bingo will begin at 10:30

Monday - Menu is meat balls with gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole grain biscuit and pears. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio will

begin at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday – Menu is sweet 'n sour chicken, brown rice, seasoned peas, spring roll, chocolate pudding and fortune cookie.

Nov. 6 – Menu is baked 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.

PACS provides milk, coffee, tea and water each day. Aging coordinator Jenny Sosh serves as director of the center.





BENEFIT ACCOUNTS

have been opened to help with the expenses for

Chris Hunter

who was in an automobile accident, Sunday, October 13.

The accounts can be accessed at The Farmers Bank and Trust Co. in Marion and Salem, Ky.

Origin of poppy dates back to WWI

here soon. It is a time to larly larks, could be heard

remember and give thanks to those veterans still that are alive and a time remember and honor veterans and their service that they freely gave to make our country free.

Although one usually thinks of the poppy being sold on Memorial Day, Veterans Day is also another day that the

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sale proceeds of the poppy flower will benefit the disabled veterans of the wars. There isn't a set price to purchase a poppy, the price is what donation you would like to give. The program today is known as the "Buddy The proceeds from these poppy sales are available to all needy, disabled veterans, widows and children and active service members and their families.

Our local Virgil Jones VFW Post #12022 will once again be selling the little red poppy flower. If you see one of their members, including the Ladies Auxiliary members, around town during the days before Nov. 11 and wonder what they are doing and why, I'd like to share the incredible history of the poppy with you. It will surely make you stop and think about the meaning of this simple beautiful red flower that has carried on a tradition for all these years and the proud heritage that our local VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) organization continues to carry on.

In the fighting zones the devastation caused to the landscape over a period of years while in a state of static warfare created a wasteland of churned up soil, smashed up woods, fields and streams. Few elements of the natural world could survive except for the soldiers who had little choice but to live in an underground network of holes, tunnels and trenches. In many cases the only living things they might see on the ground during tours of duty in front line trenches were scavenging rats, mice and lice. Sometimes, however, the sounds of nature could be heard through the fog of battle. Soldiers' accounts included how

Veteran's Day will be birds, and most particu-

twittering high in the sky even during the fury of an artillery bombardment.

Mc-

James

Connell was American pilot who had volunteered to fight in the war and was flying with the French Escadrille fayette. He recorded a vivid description of destroyed landscape below him as he

flew over the 1916 battlefield of Verdun. He describes the front line as a "brown belt, a strip of murdered Nature."

"Immediately east and north of Verdun there lies a broad, brown band ... Peaceful fields and farms and villages adorned that landscape a few months ago - when there was no Battle of Verdun. Now there is only that sinister brown belt, a strip of murdered nature. It seems to belong to another world. Every sign of humanity has been swept away. The woods and roads have vanished like chalk wiped from a blackboard; of the villages nothing remains but gray smears where stone walls have tumbled together... On the brown band the indentations are so closely interlocked that they blend into a confused mass of troubled earth. Of the trenches only broken, half-obliterated links are

The spring of 1915 was the first time that warm weather began to warm up the countryside after the cold winter at war in 1914-1915. In the region around Ypres in Belgian Flanders the months of April and May 1915 were unusually warm. Farmers were ploughing their fields close up to the front lines and new life was starting to grow. One of the plants that began to grow in clusters on and around the battle zones was the red field or corn poppy (its species name is papaver rhoeas). It is often found in or on the edges of fields where grain is grown.

The field poppy is an annual plant which flowers each year between about May and August. Its seeds are disseminated on the wind and can lie dormant in the ground for many years. If the ground is disturbed from



World War 1 soldiers carry ladders through trenches in a smashed up forest on the Ypres Salient battlefield.



World War I soldiers crawl in a trench in a battle in France.



The Remembrance Day Poppy symbol started with a

the early spring the seeds will often germinate and the poppy flowers will

grow. This is what happened in parts of the front lines in Belgium and France. Once the ground was disturbed by the fighting, the poppy seeds lying in the ground began to germinate and grow during the warm weather in the spring and summer months. The field poppy was also blooming in parts of the Turkish battlefields on the Gallipoli penninsula when the AN-ZAC and British Forces arrived at the start of the campaign in April 1915.

In May 1915 the sight of these delicate, vibrant red flowers growing on shattered ground caught the attention of a Canadian soldier by the name of Major John McCrae. Although Mc-Crae had been a doctor for years and had served in the South African War, it was impossible to get used to the suffering, the screams and the blood everywhere, and Major John McCrae had seen and heard enough in his dressing station to last him a lifetime.

to the 1st Field Artillery Brigade, Major Mc-Crae had spent 17 days treating injured men in the Ypres salient. It had been an ordeal that he had hardly thought possible. One death particularly affected McCrae. A young friend and former student, Lieut. Alexis Helmer of Ottawa, had been killed by a shell burst on May 2, 1915. Lieut. Helmer was buried later that day in the

McCrae's dressing station, and McCrae had performed the funeral ceremony in the absence of the chaplain.

The next day, sitting on the back of an ambulance parked near the dressing station beside the Canal del'Yser, just a few hundred yards north of Ypres, McCrae looked around from time to time, his eyes straying to young Helmer's grave. He vented his anguish by composing a poem.

In the nearby cemetery, McCrae could see the wild poppies that sprang up in the ditches in that part of Europe. He noticed how they had sprung up and the morning breeze was blowing them in the disturbed ground of the burials around the artillery position he was in. The first verse of this poem has become four of the most famous lines written in relation to the First World

In Flanders Fields By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872 - 1918)

IN FLANDERS FIELDS the poppies blow Between the crosses

row on row, That mark our place;

and in the sky The larks, still bravely

singing, fly Scarce heard amid the

guns below. We are the Dead. Short

days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw

sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to

hold it high. If ye break faith with us

We shall not sleep,

though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

What a powerful message in this little sad As a surgeon attached poem written in 1915. What an incredible nisto ry is carried on today in the little red Poppy flower. Next week we will recall some of those that gave their life in the battles of World War I.

> (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.



Rockets Special Olympics bowling team

Members of the Crittenden Rockets Special Olympics bowling team competed at the Area 1 Regional Bowling Tournament on Oct. 19 at Paducah's Cardinal Lanes. Pictured are team members and their results (front from left) Hunter Miles, 2nd place; Tahla Trail, 1st place; David Walker, 2nd place; Amber Notestine, 1st place; Carmen Orr, 4th place; Mandy McConnell, 4th place; and (not pictured) Justis Duncan, 2nd place.



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Class A Rankings

KY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
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1. Pilovillo 9-0

1. Pikeville 2. Ky. Country Day 9-0 7-2 3. Newport Catholic 7-2 4. Paintsville 7-2 Williamsburg 6-3 6. Hazard 7-2 7. Crittenden County 8. Campbellsville 6-3 9. Holy Cross 7-2 10. Raceland 5-4

Others receiving votes: Pineville, Eminence, Bethlehem, Fulton County, Ludlow.

BASKETBALL Chili fundraising

Crittenden County's boys' basketball team is hosting a chili supper fundraiser Friday night before the high school football game at Rocket Stadium. Tickets are \$7 for chili, a hot dog, a dessert and drink.

Open event Nov. 9

Crittenden County Lions Club will be hosting a disc golf tournament next month to benefit those needing eyeglasses. The multidivision event will be held Saturday, Nov. 9 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. This will be a 36hole event, which will be seeded following the first 18 holes. The final 18 will be the championship round. There will be open divisions for Advanced, Intermediate, Recreational and Novice. There will also be a women's Recreational Division. Cost is \$40. Juniors 15-under can play nine holes for \$20. Only 72 entries will be taken and there will be prizes for top finishers. A shotgun start will be held at 9:30am for the first round, juniors will play at lunchtime and there will be a shotgun start for the championship round at 1pm.

MBC open play at park

Marion Baptist Church is hosting an open kickball tournament for high school and middle school age children. The event will be Sunday after church at Marion-Crittenden County Park. There will be a free lunch at 12:30 p.m., and the tournament starts at 1:30 p.m. Players are encouraged to form a team in advance and notify Sean Holeman for entry 270-704-1493.

RUNNING Park 5K on Nov. 16

There will be a 5K race at Marion-Crittenden County Park on Saturday, Nov. 16. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The race starts at 9 a.m. The event is being hosted by Deer Creek Church and proceeds will go to World Vian.

OUTDOORS **Hunting Seasons**

Bullfrog May 17 - Oct. 31 Aug. 17 - Nov. 8 Squirrel Sept. 7 - Jan. 20 Bow Deer Sept. 7 - Jan. 20 Bow Turkey Crossbow Deer Sept. 21 - Jan. 20 Oct. 1 - Feb. 29 Raccoon Shotgun Turkey Oct. 26 - Nov. 1 Nov. 9 - Nov. 24 Gun Deer Crossbow Turkey Nov. 9 - Dec. 31 Raccoon (trapping) Nov. 11 - Feb. 29 Nov. 11 - Feb. 29 Squirrel Nov. 11 - Feb. 10 Quail Nov. 11 - Feb. 10 Rabbit Nov. 11 - Feb. 29 Red/Gray Fox Nov. 11 - Feb. 29 Beaver Nov. 28 - Dec. 8 Dove Canada Goose Nov. 28 - Feb. 15 Nov. 28 - Dec. 1 Duck Shotgun Turkey Dec. 7-13 Duck Dec. 7 - Jan. 31 Dec. 21 - Jan. 12 Dove Muzzleloader Deer Dec. 14 - Dec. 22 Feb. 1-2 Youth Waterfowl

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Rockets rush for district 3-peat

STAFF REPORT

In a steady drizzle Friday night at Rocket Stadium when almost anything could happen, Crittenden County's defense made sure it didn't when all of its cash was on the table.

Russellville had already been the beneficiary of a tipped Rocket pass that went for an interception return in the first half, and two of its own passes were deflected into friendly hands, which had helped the Panthers make the regular-season title match a one-touchdown game in the closing minutes. But with its back to the wall, Crittenden defended three late aerial shots at paydirt from Panther OB Lennon Ries from the Rocket 33, and CCHS won the game 21-14.

It didn't come as easy as some might have expected. A cursory review of both teams' resumes through the fall of 2019 would have indicated something less thrilling. The Panthers came into the contest with just two wins - both in district play against Caverna and Fulton County - and the Rockets had three times as many wins at the opening kickoff. But with the stakes high, Russellville took Crittenden to the final 42 seconds before giving in to the now regular-season three-time, First District Class A champion Rockets.

"We knew they were a good team, traditionally a power-house," Rocket skipper Sean Thompson said of the Panthers. "We knew they would come in and give us a tough battle."

Thompson pointed to a onetwo punch presented by juniors Xander Tabor and Caden McCalister for spearheading a Crittenden running game that piled up 341 yards rushing. Tabor went for 218 yards - it was the third time in four games he eclipsed the 200yard mark. That had never been done before in the Rockets' 62-year football history. McCalister ran for 82 and two touchdowns as Crittenden deployed another steady dose of smash-mouth football for the victory.

McCalister also had an incredible defensive effort, recording 13 tackles and intercepting a pass. Leading tackler Tyler Boone suffered a sepa-



Rocket quarterback Luke Crider hands off to running back Caden McCalister on a tuchdown run against Russellville.

rated shoulder in the game and will be lost for the remainder of the season.

Sophomore Luke Crider, getting his first start at quarterback after coming in midway through last week's game and sparking a win at Fulton County, threw a touchdown pass to freshman Preston Morgeson in the third period against Russellville. That TD eventually proved to be the winning stroke. Crider completed 3-of-6 passes for 29 vards. He did toss one interception, which was picked off Russellville's Jackson Hampton and returned 67 yards for a first-half touch-

The takeaway from this game was not how Crittenden threw the football, however, it was how the Rockets ran it. They did it in varying ways, from varying formations and in various hands. From direct snaps to well-executed counter plays, Crittenden was able to carve up the Panther defense with a punishing ground attack that has become a staple of the Rocket persona since its last loss on Sept. 27 at Union County.

Crittenden was in a fairly good place with about seven minutes left in the game, leading 21-12, but Russellville blocked a Rocket punt through the end zone for a safety to make it a one-possession game. These two teams will likely meet again in the second round of the playoffs because the KHSAA has changed the post-season for-

mat. Now, the first two playoff games are played within the district. Crittenden will open post-season play at home against Caverna Nov. 8, then – if successful in that one – host the winner of the other side of the bracket (Russellville or Fulton County) the following week. From there a ranking system will dictate the thirdround opponent. Fulton County beat Caverna 47-0 Friday to claim the district's third seed.

The Rockets will close out the regular season next Friday at home in a non-district matchup with Todd Central.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Russellville 6 6 0 2

Russellville 6 6 0 2 Crittenden 6 8 7 0

SCORING PLAYS

C-Caden McCalister 8 run (kick failed) 11:07. 1st

R-Xavier Coleman 3 run (kick blocked) 1:54, 1sst

C-McCalister 4 run (Braxton Winders run) 9:07, 2nd

R-Jackson Hampton 67 interception return, 1:36, 2nd

C-Preston Morgeson 12 pass from Luke Crider (Noah Perkins kick) 4:03, 3rd R-Safety 6:54, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Crittenden 19, Russellville

Penalties: Crittenden 9-105, Russellville 10-65

Rushing: Crittenden 51-341, Russellville 36-115

Passing: Crittenden 3-7-2, 29 yds., Russellville 7-19-1, 107 yds. Total Yards: Crittenden 370, Russellville

222 Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 1-0, Russel-

RPI RANKING

KHSAA Ratings Power Index Used to determine playoff seeds CLASS A FOOTBALL

KY Country Day 9 - 0 0.810 Pikeville 9 - 00.783 Paintsville 7 - 2 0.716 Holy Cross 7 - 2 0.689 Williamsburg 7 - 2 0.674 Newport Catholic 7 - 2 0.658 Eminence 0.640 Hazard 6 - 3 0.634 Raceland 5 - 4 0.617 Crittenden Co. 7 - 2 0.612 Bethlehem 6 - 20.609 Campbellsville 6 - 3 0.590 Pineville 7 - 2 0.581 Ludlow 6 - 3 0.551 0.528 Berea 6 - 3 **Fulton County** 6 - 3 0.518 Nicholas County 6 - 3 0.508 Phelps 4 - 5 0.498 Lynn Camp 3 - 5 0.477 Frankfort 3 - 6 0.475 Bishop Brossart 5 - 4 0.466 Dayton 4 - 5 0.450 Fairview 2 - 6 0.424 Russellville 2 - 7 0.423 Betsy Layne 3 - 6 0.418 Fort Knox 2 - 7 0.402 Bellevue 0.400 Harlan 1 - 8 0.377 Paris 2 - 7 0.370 Caverna 0.310

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Crittenden: Xander Tabor 28-218, Mc-Calister 14-82, Morgeson 1-0, Winders 7-41, Crider 1-0. Russellville: Jovari Gamble 14-90, Coleman 2-8, Chevis Elliott 5-18, Lennon Ries 15-(-1).

Passing

Crittenden: Crider 3-6-1, 29 yds.,

Winders 0-1-1. Russellville: Ries 7-19-1, 107 vds.

Receiving
Crittenden: Tyler Boone 2-17, Morgeson
1-12. Russellville: Gamble 1-7, Hampton

3-52, Coleman 1-3, Josh Allen 2-27.

Defense

Boone solo, 2 assists; Easley 7 solos, 6 assists, TFL, 3 sacks, caused fumble; Ellington assist; McCalister 10 solos, 3 assists, TFL, interception; McGowan 5 solos, 2 assists, 2 TFL, 2 fumble recoveries; N.Perkins 3 solos, assist; Tabor solo; Turley solo, assist, sack; Winders 4 solos, 5 assists, sack; Bailey 2 solos; Carlson assist; Derrington assist; Mundy 2 solos; Yates 4 solos, assist, 2 TFL; Gobin assist; Morgeson 3 solos, inter-

Players of the Game: Lineman Riley Gobin, Defense Caden McCalister and Lathan Easley, Offense Xander Tabor.



Crittenden County had five girls selected to the All Fifth District Volleyball team. They were (from left) Ellie Smith, Kyron Hicks, Jada Hayes, Cameron Howard and Addy Kirby.

CCHS wins 2nd Region opener in comeback

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Rockets clawed their way back from a two-set deficit to win the opening match Tuesday in the Second Region Volleyball Tournament at Madisonville.

It was the first time Crittenden County

has ever won a match in the regional tournament.

Crittenden (15-17) lost the first two sets

23-25 and 13-25 to Sixth District runnerup Webster County, but turned the tide with some nice serving by senior Ellie Smith and great frontline play by junior Lily Gardner. The girls bounced back to beat the Lady Trojans in the next three sets, winning 25-23 and 25-18, then a 15-10 in the tiebreaker.

The teams had split their two matches in the regular season – both were closely contested. Webster's season ends at 17-16 overall.

The Lady Rockets won the Fifth District title last week, beating Livingston Central in the championship match. They will play University Heights on Wednesday in the regional semifinals.

First-year Lady Rocket skipper Bayley McDonald said her girls overcame some incredible odds to pull off the victory

incredible odds to pull off the victory.

"At this moment, I can't really breathe,"



Crittenden's bench and coaches celebrate during its regional win Tuesday night.

she said shortly after the match. "I am overly proud of this group of girls."

After losing the second set by a dozen points, it looked like Webster was on the cusp of pulling off the first-round win.

"It would have been really easy to lay down in a 2-0 game, but we came back and fought really hard. This group of seniors wanted this win really, really bad and they went out in took it," she said.

Crittenden has been a streaky team all season. It won eight of 11 at one point in September and early October, but went into post-season play having lost four of their last five matches of the regular season. Since then, the girls have won the district championship and were just one win away from an unprecedented berth in the regional championship game after Tuesday's victory.

X-Country earns 10 state berths

Junior Kate
Keller won the
First Region
Class A regional
cross country
meet Saturday
at Draffenville,
battling a large
field and windy,
wet conditions.



Regional Champ Kate Keller

Times were

slow due to the weather. Keller finished in 21:40.86. The Lady Rockets finished third and qualified for the state meet as a team, and three male runners – Doug Conger, Michael Kirk and Jamie Burt – each qualified as individuals for this weekend's state championship race at Lexington.

Behind Keller on the girls' side was Kara Fulkerson in sixth place at 23:29.66, Courtney Fulkerson in 14th place at 24:57.48, Mary Martinez was 34th in 28:55.22, Alexandra Newcom was 39th in 29:51.46, Leah Long was 40th in 30:02.74 and Karsyn Potter 45th in 31:46.01.

Conger led the Rocket state qualifiers in 15th place at 20:24.97, Burt was 18th at 20:37.84 and Kirk 22nd in 20:57.39.



Crittenden County Middle School's eighth-grade basketball team includes (seated from left) Gabe Keller, Turner Sharp, Levi Piper, Travis Champion, Brady Belt, (back) Avery Thompson, Jaxon Hatfield, Chase Conyer, Tyler Belt, Bennett McDaniel, Jase Adams, Micah Newcom and Casey Cates.



Crittenden County Middle School's seventh-grade basketball team includes (seated from left) Kaiden Travis, Brady Belt, Avery Thompson, Bryson Walker, (standing) coach Devin Belt, Tyree McLean, Chase Conyer, Cam'Ron Belcher, Andrew Candelario and coach Ethan Hill.

CCMS BOYS

Oct. 24 TRIGG Oct. 29 **WEBSTER** REIDLAND Oct. 31 Nov. 5 LYON at Livingston Nov. 11 Nov. 14 at Trigg

Nov. 15 DAWSON SPRINGS*

Nov. 18 JOHN PAUL Nov. 19 LIVINGSTON Nov. 21 CALDWELL Nov. 26 at Lyon

Dec. 3 UNION Dec 5 at Caldwell

DAWSON SPRINGS, 7th only

Dec. 10 at Webster

Dec. 12-14 7th Grade District at Lyon Dec. 19-21 8th Grade District at Livingston

CCMS GIRLS

Oct. 24 at Trigg

Oct. 29 at Livingston

Nov. 5 at Union

Nov. 7 CALDWELL

Nov. 12 LIVINGSTON Nov. 15 DAWSON SPRINGS*

Nov. 19 at Lyon

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Dec. 5 at John Paul

Dec. 9 DAWSON SPRINGS (7th)

Dec. 12-14 7th District at Lyon

Dec. 19-21 8th District at Livingston

Crittenden Middle School Basketball Summaries

8th - John Paul 33, Crittenden 28 CCMS Scoring: Travis Champion 5, Micah Newcom 7, Levi Piper 6, Casey Cates 2, Jaxon Hatfield 6, Turner Sharp 2.

7th - John Paul 33, Crittenden 17 CCMS Scoring: Brady Belt 5, Bryson Walker 5, Chase Conyer 4, Cam'ron Belcher 3.

8th - Crittenden 46, Trigg 42 CCMS Scoring: Champion 13, Newcom 4, Cates 13, Tyler Belt 8, Piper 3, Sharp 4.

7th - Crittenden 42, Trigg 27 CCMS Scoring: Brady Belt 4, Avery

Thompson 14, Chase Conyer 10, Kaiden Travis 2, Tyree McLean 6, Bryson Walker 2. Andrew Candelario

GIRLS

7th - Crittenden 22, Dawson 10 CCMS Scoring: Anna Boone 4, Elliot Evans 8, Elle McDaniel 6, Andrea Federico 2, Madison Walker 2.

7th - Lyon 27, Crittenden 12 CCMS Scoring: Boone 4, Evans 2, McDaniel 2. Federico 2. Walker 2.

8th - Lyon 34, Crittenden 22 CCMS Scoring: Hannah Long 3, Jaelyn Tapp 4, Anna Boone 2, Elliot Evans 6, Elle McDaniel 1, Andrea Federico 2, Georgia Holeman 2,

Bristyn Rushing 2.

Davis 2.

8th - Crittenden 24, Dawson 9 CCMS Scoring: Long 2. Emily Mattingly 2, Tapp 4, Boone 5, Evans 3, Chloe Hunt 4, Federico 4.

7th - Crittenden 32, Trigg 4 CCMS Scoring: Anna Boone 2, Elliot Evans 4, Andrea Federico 4, Madison Walker 2, Georgia Holeman 6, Chloe Hunt 6, Bristyn Rushing 6, Taylor

8th - Crittenden 25, Trigg 22 Crittenden; Hannah Long 2, Jaelyn

Tapp 1, Emily Mattingly 2, Anna Boone 6, Riley Smith 6, Elliot Evans 4, Elle McDaniel 2, Andrea Federico



left) Riley Smith, Hannah Long, Jaelyn Tapp, Emily Mattingly, Ashley Little, (back) coach Mandy Hunt, Elle McDaniel, Andrea Federico, Bristyn Rushing, Madison Walker, Chloe Hunt, Georgia Holeman, Anna Boone, Elliot Evans and coach Lee Anna Boone.



Members of the Crittenden County Middle School seventh-grade team are (front from left) Elle McDaniel, Andrea Federico, Madison Walker, Anna Boone, Elliot Evans (back) Lacey Boone, Bristyn Rushing, Taylor Davis, Chloe Hunt and Georgia Holeman.

UK offer 'honor' for shooter Hardy

His coach doesn't want to make Jaden Hardy sound too good to be true Coronado High School (Nev.) coach Jeff Kaufman can't help him-

self. "He is the best offensive high school player I have certainly seen in the last sev- Larry Vaught eral years. He's a phe- Vaught's No

nomenal shooter. one shoots like him and Kentucky realizes that." said Kaufman. "He's the best shooter in the class of 2021, maybe the best overall offensive player in the class. He's the No. 1 shooting guard but he's bouncy and gets to the

Kentucky has already extended a scholarship offer to the 6-5, 185pound junior guard, a consensus top 10 player in the 2021 recruiting class who averaged about

25 points, eight rebounds and seven assists per game as a sophomore. He has a long list of scholarship offers that includes Florida, Texas Tech, LSU, Kansas, Alabama, Memphis, Wash-Missouri, ington, Oklahoma, Arizona, Illinois, Vanderbilt, Texas A&M, Mississippi State and others.

Kaufman says not to think Hardy can only shoot because he can do a lot more.

"If you are up close to him, he will go by you in a second. He has great leaping ability, he's fearless and he will attack the rim against anybody," the Coronado coach said. "He's really a phenomenal passer. We had a game against Bishop Gorman (one of the nation's best teams) last year and he had seven straight assists.

"He is long at 6-5. He is in great shape. He's only a junior but has a great body. He just has to fill out. As he gets bigger and strong his upside really is unlimited. He can do so many things with the basketball. He's really exciting because he's also a great defender and really good rebounder. More than anything he wants to win and gets his teammates to want to win and do whatever it takes to do that. There are not a ton of high level players that have spirit about him."

Hardy shot almost 48 percent from 3-point range last year despite putting up a high volume of shots. Teams often also double teamed him but he not only can split the double team to drive inside, but he's also able to see the floor to find open teammates.

"When teams double team him the ball is up the floor in two seconds (via passing) or he is going by somebody," Kaufman said. "He is very, very good at imposing his will on the basketball court and does it much smoother and with much less problem than anybody I have seen recently. We are going to use him a lot more at the

1 (point guard) this year." Kaufman says Coronado is a highly ranked academic school with a lot of advance placement classes and normally has the highest ACT and SAT scores in the state.

"I know he's taking chemistry, world history, honors English right now," Kaufman said. "Last time I checked he had five As and one B. That shows a little bit about his character. He lives for basketball but he does everything he's supposed to do and does it the right way. His dad and mom are wonderful people and with them it is about his development as a person, not just an athlete. That base has led him to what he is today."

Hardy knows plenty about Kentucky's basketball history, one reason he was thrilled to get a Kentucky scholarship offer personally from coach John Calipari even though he has more than 25 scholarship offers.

"Once they (Kentucky) showed an interest in Jaden, that's an honor for any kid," Kaufman said. "He is really in awe of the whole history of the program and what it represents. He's not looking to go there just for six months (and then head to the NBA). He's very enamored with the fans and mystique at Kentucky."

Boyle County head coach Chuck Smith has won six state high school championships and also spent eight years as an assistant coach at the University of Kentucky where he coached linebackers such as Wesley Woodyard and Danny Trevathan — who are both still playing in the NFL. One of his former Boyle players, Jacob Tamme, also played at UK and then nine years

in the NFL. Smith has watched Lexington Catholic quarterback Beau Allen play against his team the last three years and likely will see the UK commit in the playoffs again next month. From all he's seen, Smith likes what the future Wildcat can

"I think he is a really good player," Smith said. "He stays in the pocket and delivers the ball. He's not afraid to take a hit as he delivers the ball and I really think he has got better every year we have played him. He just really throws a good ball and he's not afraid to run the ball. I think he has got better every year."

Allen has thrown for close to 3,000 yards this year and 29 TDs in eight games.







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If you can't see it, you can't be it

ask what they want to be when they grow up. It might be something they just saw, something they watch on T.V. (probably over and over and over again), or whatever random thing pops into their head. It may be a genuine profession,

Faith-based columnist Guest or it might be **Columnist** an inanimate object. Whatever it is, it will be something with which

they have had contact.

Sean

NIESTRATH

It gets a little more serious as we grow, but I would suggest that it is impossible to aspire to something we do not see or understand. It is here that I think we can see some faults in our society. Want to know why so many young people want to be professional athletes, musicians, you tube influencers, or gamers? Because for some that is nearly all they see. The world of working with one's hands to build something is a mystery. The world of working on a project that might require weeks, months, or years of planning and execution is

beyond their imagination. To be fair, most of us have comparatively little idea of the adult world while we are still in high school. Most will either enter a trade or continue education and be exposed to new thoughts and possibilities. However, in my own little world, I find that those who have been exposed to different people, places, and possibilities have fewer challenges to overcome when "adult" life begins. This also holds

One of the great tells of challenged with "helicopa preschooler's life is to ter" or "bulldozer" par-

ents. So many are not exposed to work, consequences, or responsibility. They have never seen it, and therefore have difficulty "being

I am not suggesting that all is lost, or that we are in any more trouble now than we have always been. I am suggesting that

the results that we get are due to our decisions. I have never understood why any older generation complains about a younger one, since it is obvious that the older generation produced it. One of the reasons I believe generations are so different in the United States is that we tend to follow trends, economics, fads, and technology (as in, if we can do it, we should do it). An alternative might be to accept and understand change, but not let that change be the arbiter of our morals.

Just think of the trouble loving our neighbors would have saved us as human beings. What if we made decisions based on "love your neighbor as yourself" rather than economics? How would that have affected slavery, labor, war, or politics? What if we took our parenting lessons from Proverbs 1-9 (for example) rather than the latest psychological theory or trendy book?

When we apply this to our spiritual lives, it lays a heavy responsibility on us all. If a child cannot see faithfulness, it will be difficult for them to be it. If our first pursuits are worldly true for those who are rather than spiritual because we are ignoring, "Seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things will be yours as well." (Mt. 6:33), it will be hard for our children to do otherwise. If children do not see generosity, patience, or kindness they will not even be able to imagine it.

There are those in history who have recorded good examples for us. Sulpitius Severus, who lived around the turn of the fifth century, and called "friend" by Jerome (Bible translator), wrote this in his introduction to his, "Life of St. Martin."

"For in truth, those who estimate human life only by present actions, have consigned their hopes to fables, and their souls to the tomb. In fact, they gave themselves up to be perpetuated simply in the memory of mortals, whereas it is the duty of man rather to seek after eternal life than an eternal memorial, and that, not by writing, or fighting, or philosophizing, but by living a pious, holy, and religious life. This erroneous conduct of mankind, being enshrined in literature, has prevailed to such an extent that it has found many who have [imitated] either vain philosophy or the foolish excellence which has been celebrated. For this reason . . . I [will] write the life of a most holy man, which shall serve as an example to others." (Life of St. Martin, Ch. 1).

I am thankful for those whose holy lives have been preserved for us. Show these good examples to all we can. Seek the good. Feed the spirit.

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Church Events & News

■ Salem Baptist Church will have Trunk or Treat from 5:30-8 p.m. Thurs. (today) at the Salem Baptist Christian Life Center. Bring a pre-carved pumpkin to be judged, there will be prizes for best carved pumpkin. The event will be held at the Salem Baptist Christian Life Center gym in case of inclement weather.

■ St. William's Church will have a soup supper from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Fri., Nov. 8. Adults \$5, children 4-10 years of age \$3.

Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church will have a Fall Bazaar Sat., Nov. 9 at the church. There will be homemade baked goods, jellies, embroidery items, holiday items. Lunch will be served. Come join

Community **Outreach Programs**

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

■ The clothes closet of

First Baptist Church of Fredonia is open from 1 to 3 p.m. every Thursday. It is located at the back of the church's Family Life Cen-

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the

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Prescription Drugs Can Destroy Your Life

Question: Why has prescription drugs negatively affected so many families? P. H.

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Some abuse them to get high, seeking greater pleasure. Others take pain pills after an injury or to relieve a chronic pain, and some of them become addicted.

pharmaceutical companies have to share the blame because they've over sold their pain relieving drugs and under emphasized their addictive side effects. Many doctors are to blame, too, for ex-

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



cessively prescribing them to make greater profits. To avoid their addiction: Be very cautious of taking any habit forming drugs

and be very careful how long you take them. Say "NO!" to any pills offered to you by a friend. He's not a friend, but a PUSHER! Get away from him/her who encourage you to make good choices.

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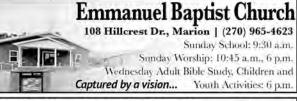
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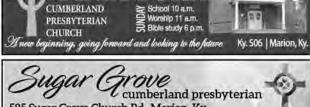
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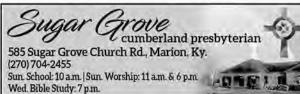
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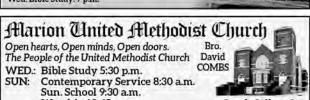
Crooked Creek Baptist Church

261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., Marion, Ky. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Pastor: Bro, Mark Girten





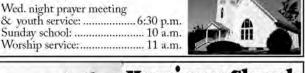




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Sunday School 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.



South College St.



Hour delays possible

The Cumberland River Bridge at Smithland will be undergoing repairs for two weeks starting on Friday. Livingston schools have made special arrangements to avoid having to cross the bridge at all during the work period. The bridge will be closed at night.

Smithland bridge will close at night during two-week work period

STAFF REPORT

The Cumberland River bridge at Smithland will be closed nightly for two weeks beginning Friday while repairs are made to a beam that has been damaged by overweight trucks. Load limits have recently been reduced until repairs are made.

The work will begin on Friday and closures will begin at 8 p.m., each evening and end at 5 a.m. The bridge will have a reduced speed limit during the day.

Motorists traveling between Paducah and Livingston or Crittenden counties should expect an hour or more of delays during overnight construction periods.

Livingston County schools originally made arrangements to not drive buses across the bridge during construction, but on Tuesday announced that they would

use it during daylight hours based on assurances of safety from highway engineers. Also, contingency

Also, contingency plans to deal with possible emergency scenarios, such as medical emergencies requiring ambulance service to Paducah are being worked out.

Load limit restrictions:

• Type 1: 17 tons - Two axle single unit trucks

• Type 2: 18 tons - Three axle

single unit trucks
• Type 3: 20 tons - Four axle

single unit trucks
• Type 4: 32 tons - Five axle
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Single Unit Vehicle with five axles: 22 tonsSingle Unit Vehicle with six

axles: 22 tonsSingle Unit Vehicle with seven plus axles: 24 tons

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is planning construction of a new \$45 million bridge in about two years.

Grant will pay for South Main, West Carlisle sidewalks

STAFF REPOR

Bids for a sidewalk replacement project along a portion of South Main and West Carlisle streets in Marion are due in Friday, but construction is not likely to take place until early 2020.

Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford said he met with multiple interested bidders on the project that will relay about 1,700 feet of sidewalks along four city blocks. The estimated project cost is \$193,200, which will all but \$10,000 be covered by federal grant money.

"Originally, it was as much as a 20 percent match," Ledford said,



City maintenance workers Tony Jackson and Garry Gerard repair a section of sidewalk on East Bellville Street Tuesday. Part of it had buckled up, creating a walking hazard.

"but the state has said the match is \$10,000."

The money is being made available through the Transportation Alternatives Program, to which the city applied for

a grant in 2016 for sidewalk rehabilitation. The project will add to a sidewalk reconstruction started years ago with Safe Routes to Schools money and will connect the high/middle school campus with the public library.

The new sidewalk will run along South Main Street from West Elm to West Carlisle, heading down West Carlisle from the Farmers Bank & Trust Co. corner past the library and to the end of the 100 block of West Carlisle at South Weldon. It will join up with a previous project that saw a new walk put down several years ago along West

Elm from South Main down to the foot bridge over an unnamed tributary of Crooked Creek – often called Rocket Creek – at the high/middle school campus.

"We don't expect it to be done this year," Ledford said.

The majority of the new concrete will be 5 feet wide, save 600 feet of 12-foot sidewalk that runs past city hall and the Farmers Bank and down to the library. The new concrete represents \$115,000 of the overall cost. Demolition and prep work account for \$42,000 with the balance covering engineering and contingency costs.



Funeral Home Facelift

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion has gotten an exterior facelift with a coat of dark gray paint on its facade over the last couple of weeks. Above Troy and Allison (obscured) Dorman of Dorman Painting in Kuttawa wrap up last Thursday's work. Late-week rains held up completion of the project, which Troy Dorman said has taken more than 100 gallons of paint.



Main Street work begins

STAFF REPOR

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet was scheduled to begin curb and gutter upgrades along parts of Main Street in Marion starting on Wednesday of this week.

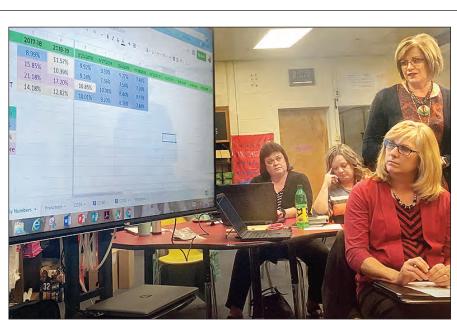
The curb and gutter work is prelude to other upgrades to Main Street, including paving, which could be done in November if weather cooperates, according to State Rep. Lynn Bechler. Otherwise, it will be done next spring or summer.

Motorists until at least mid November will encounter work zone lane restrictions on Main Street. The initial curb and gutter work will be done in blocks with the first segment going from the intersection in front of NAPA to Depot Street. second second phase will be from Five Star to First Street. These blocks will be completely closed to traffic while work is ongoing and motorists will have to detour on side streets.

The paving along Main Street will be from the U.S. 641 intersection to First Street.

Some of the followup work was to include a turning lane in front of McDonald's restaurant on North Main Street. However, city leaders balked at the blueprint for such a plan because it would mean eliminating some parking spots in front of businesses.

Unless an alternative can be engineered, the turning lane for McDonald's will be eliminated from the plan.



Crittenden County Schools Director of Pupil Personnel Diana Lusby at LAST Thursday's meeting briefed board of education members on improvements to school attendance in the current academic year. The school system's districtwide attendance goal for the year is 96 percent, and through the first nine weeks of classes, the rate has eclipsed that mark. "We're thrilled with the way attendance is going," Lusby said, citing a new board policy to help administrators battle chronic absenteeism. "I believe with all my heart that is making a huge difference." Over the last few prior years, attendance after the second week of classes has dipped below 96 percent, but a more stringent policy to deter absences appears to be staving off that trend.

CVS, Country Club among newest beer licensees

Liquor sales will be later

STAFF REPORT

Four alcohol licenses have been issued to Marion businesses since sales became legal following the May referendum that ended an 83-year ban on selling liquor in Crittenden County. Three of those have begun selling beer.

Five Star Food Mart, Ideal Market and The Heritage at Marion Country Club are currently selling alcohol. The two convenience stores have retail sales of packaged beer and other malt beverages. The country club's limited golf course license allows it to sell drinks on its property and Mulligan's Pizzeria and Pub, which will be opening on Friday for bar-seating and carryout initially, then eventually a sit-down restaurant.

The fourth license issued is to CVS. While the Marion pharmacy has yet to start selling, it has the same retail malt beverage

package license as Five

Star and Ideal.

CVS has also submitted its application to the City of Marion and Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) to sell package liquor, as has Marion Discount Tobacco. The tobacco store has also applied for a license to sell packaged beer, but is not yet selling.

City of Marion ABC Administrator Heath Martin said it will be at least a couple of months, maybe into February or March of 2020, before the state grants the two licenses allowed the city for a liquor store. The approval process for a license to sell hard liquor is much more involved.

A third applicant for

A third applicant for the liquor store license has started the process, but still lacks several steps.

The prospective owners

steps.

"Marion Liquors' application is still incomplete at this time," Martin said

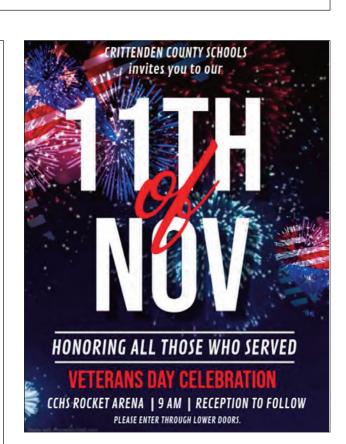
last Thursday.

of Marion Liquors, who's name(s) were not immediately available, had yet to submit a completed application to the city and publish a state-required intention-to-apply legal advertisement in The Crittenden Press. Their proposed store would be at 118 Sturgis Road at a former home that is now empty.

Marion is allowed only two liquor store licenses based on population. Officials in Frankfort will determine who receives approval.

The only stand-alone restaurant in Marion to apply for a license to sell alcohol by the drink is not even open yet. Gameday Pizza and Wings, which will be located where the former Tony's Main Street Italian Grill operated across from the courthouse, had not yet been awarded a license at press time. The owners, Bill and Kory Wheeler, are looking at early 2020

to open their restaurant.



CCHS seeks veterans for 11/11 recognition

STAFF REPOR

Crittenden County High School is asking veterans to be part of its Nov. 11 Veterans Day Celebration.

History and social studies teacher Kim Vince says Crittenden County students will present a Military Through the Ages program and exhibit a Missing Man table.

"Students are in charge of the event," Vince said.

Livingston Hospital CEO Liz Snodgrass, a military veteran, will be the keynote speaker. Snodgrass was the feat u r e d speaker at the recent Kent u c k y Traveling Vietnam War Memorial opening ceremony



ceremony and drew great accolades

from those attending.

"We are making a big
push to have as many
veterans participate as
possible," Vince said.

The event begins at 9 a.m., at Rocket Arena and there will be a reception for veterans following the presentation.

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