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## NEWS

### BOOTH RENTALS OPEN FOR PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is taking applications for vendor spaces at its annual fall celebration.

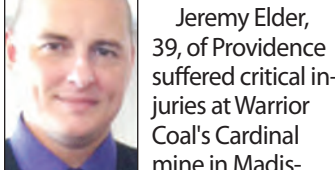
This year, the Pumpkin Festival is slated for Saturday, Sept. 28, running from 9 a.m. primarily in the downtown business district until 3 p.m. The Chamber is offering vendor booths for activities, selling wares or food or providing services. Booths with electricity run \$45. Those not needing electricity are only \$35. The deadline is Friday.

For more information on booth rentals, call (270) 965-2266 or (270) 704-6213.

While the schedule of events is not complete, there will be a car show from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Marion Baptist Church. Contact (270) 965-2348 for more.

### COAL MINER FATALITY CONNECTED TO COUNTY

A coal miner with ties to Crittenden County died last Thursday from injuries sustained that afternoon in an accident at a Hopkins County underground coal mine.



Jeremy Elder, 39, of Providence suffered critical injuries at Warrior Coal's Cardinal mine in Madisonville. A miner helper with 15 years of experience, Elder died as a result of a vehicle accident. He was brought to the surface but did not survive his injuries.

The Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Safety, sent investigators to the site following the accident. All mining operations were shut down and production remained closed Friday in the accident area. The Division of Mine Safety last inspected the mine in June of this year.

Elder was married with two young children. He was a member of the Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Crittenden County, where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and helped as a youth director. He was buried Tuesday in Shady Grove Cemetery. (See obituary on Page 7.)

Elder's death was the ninth this year in U.S. coal mines and the fourth in Kentucky.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at Rocket Arena for a working session.

- **Marion City Council** will meet at 5 p.m. Monday at city hall.

- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Crittenden County Elementary School. Board members will tour the school beginning at 5 p.m.

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. next Thursday at the courthouse.



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Mike Coleman (right) with Atmos Energy hosted a seminar last Thursday evening at Marion Fire Department for local firefighters and emergency personnel on how to detect natural gas and the proper procedures for responding to a natural gas leak.

## Gas leak leads to safety course

STAFF REPORT

Why does natural gas smell like rotten eggs?

It's a safety measure, explains Mike Coleman of Atmos Energy, the natural gas utility that serves Marion and a swath of properties along the Mott City Road corridor in southern Crittenden County.

Coleman presented a two-hour program last Thursday night at Marion Fire Depart-

ment for more than two dozen local firefighters and other first responders.

Odor is added to natural gas – locally at a distribution center between Fredonia and Princeton – so that the otherwise odorless gas can be detected in the event lines spring a leak.

The idea of giving it a smell was developed following the 1937 London School explosion in Texas that killed

almost 300 students and teachers. Since then, the chemical Mercaptan has been injected into natural gas lines so that even the smallest leak can be detected by humans with a normal sense of smell.

A leak one morning a couple of weeks ago caused by sewer utility work on Church Street in Marion was largely

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If you ever smell or suspect a natural gas leak, do not wait! **Leave the premises** immediately then **call 911** and Atmos Energy at (866) 322-8667. Do not rely on your sense of smell alone to detect the presence of natural gas. Use all of your senses – smell, listen or look – to check for signs of a leak.



## Tax onus falls

STAFF REPORT

All 2019 tax rates for Crittenden County have been finalized, and the average homeowner will be paying \$1.57 less in property taxes. Meantime, the average Marion homeowner will be hanging on to an additional \$1.21 over last year.

In general, Crittenden Countians are taxed at lower rates than the typical Kentuckian. City tax bills have already been mailed, while county tax bills will be mailed later this month.

The average levy, based on the median home value in Crittenden County of \$78,500, represents slightly lower real

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## Sideline dental work

Crittenden County Middle School football coach Jared Brown does some sideline dentistry last Thursday evening on player Bennett McDaniel, who broke a wire on his braces. Brown cut out the wire with a plier tool. CCMS played Webster County, moving to 1-3 on the season. For a story on the game and highlights, see Page 8.

## Sewer line upgrade nears end

STAFF REPORT

Marion's sewer line upgrades have transitioned this week from the city's north-eastern quadrant around the park to an area around the golf course in the southwest corner. Work is on pace to finish before winter.

"We're happy with where we stand in the process,"

said Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford.

The project is part of a \$2.5 million upgrade mandated by the state to improve the efficiency of the municipal wastewater treatment system. This first phase of improvements should conclude this year, with construction of a new sewer

treatment plant, the second phase of the overall project, on schedule to begin next year.

The line replacement around Marion-Crittenden County Park wrapped up late last week. It included a large amount of digging to replace a

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## Owner of dogs that attacked boy back in court

STAFF REPORT

A trial date has been set for the Crittenden County man charged with wanton endangerment related to a June dog attack on a 5-year-old local boy.

Larry E. Tabor, 60, appeared in Crittenden District Court last Wednesday for a pre-trial conference, giving attorneys an opportunity to discuss the case before Judge Daniel Heady. However, in light of new evidence brought by Crittenden County At-

torney Rebecca Johnson, the hearing was continued to Wednesday, Oct. 2 to give Tabor and his defense attorney Matthew Schalk of Princeton time to review it.

With the victim's mother and stepfather in the courtroom, Johnson also asked for a district court trial date. The judge has scheduled that for Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m.

Tabor, who lives on Sulphur Springs Road in southern Crittenden

County, was the owner of three dogs described by law enforcement as a pit bull-Labrador retriever mix. Two of the dogs were accused of attacking the boy June 17. They were destroyed in July by court order.

Investigators say the child was riding an ATV on his grandmother's property, across the road from the dog owner's home, when the alleged attack took place.

The boy suffered injuries across his body,

mostly in the jaw and ear area. He was initially taken to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., for treatment, but returned home later that week and continues his recovery. Additional reconstructive surgeries will be required.








Tabor, who was arrested three days after the incident, is charged with two counts of second-degree wanton endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor punish-

able by 90 days to 12 months in jail and a fine up to \$500. Tabor remains free on bond and will next appear in district court early next month.

In July, Tabor was ordered by the judge to pay \$710 for the dogs' expenses following the alleged attack while they were under quarantine at Crittenden County Animal Shelter. He was also forced to pay for the euthanization of the two dogs and sterilization of the other.



Crittenden Fiscal Court

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**  
**Is the courthouse open on Saturday?** The office of circuit clerk is open by appointment only on Saturday. The sheriff's department is open 9-11 a.m. each Saturday. All other offices are closed.  
**When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open?** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. It is closed Sunday.  
**Do I have to have a dog license?** Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd at Crittenden County Animal Shelter on U.S. 60 East. Call (270) 969-1054 for information.

The fiscal court typically meets at 8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month

STATE OF THE COUNTY

Judge looks at what's going on

It is my pleasure to once again provide this update for the citizens of Crittenden County regarding several items of business within your county government.

As I sit down to provide this update, I see that it has been quite some time since my last installment. I apologize greatly for the delay in getting an update out to you. Given the fact that it has been such a long time, I have a great number of updates to share, so I will attempt to provide a condensed version. You may have further questions, and I would simply ask that you call, email, visit the office or stop me on the street at some point for further clarification if needed.

Last year saw many changes in our community, and I hope to touch on just a few of those. We continue to move our community forward, though it is at a snail's pace at times. I am proud that many of the changes have been very positive.

Crittenden Hospital

To save our local hospital from closing, we were able to reach an agreement with a private business to purchase and continue operating the facility.

I am thankful for the work put into this project by so many in our community. Those responsible for ensuring our hospital did not close include the hospital board of directors, Rural Hospital Group, the Kentucky Hospital Association, Crittenden Fiscal Court and those members of the public who took time to provide input during the decision-making process that led to the sale of our hospital.

Our hospital is just that – it is ours, and I encourage everyone to continue to utilize this often-times overlooked community asset. Without this facility, we would be forced to travel anywhere from 10 to 30 miles or more to provide like services we have available at home.

Cave In Rock Ferry

Last year also found us in a situation that could

have resulted in the closure of the Cave In Rock Ferry. Although there are some who feel this service in merely beneficial to the ferry operators, I would beg to differ. This ferry allows an average daily traffic flow to over 200 vehicles.

These vehicles are bringing people through our community to buy products they need, which supports many local businesses. These vehicles also bring employees to our local businesses

that, in turn, help drive our local economy. These vehicles provide employees, who happen to be family members in our community, to coal companies in southern Illinois.

The ferry remained open due to the efforts of our county attorney, magistrates, Rep. Bechler, Sen. Ridley (at the time), now Sen. Mills (then-Rep. Mills), Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) Secretary Greg Thomas and Deputy Secretary Paul Looney, KyTC District 1 leadership, Illinois Sen. Dale Fowler, then-Illinois Rep. Natalie Phelps-Finnie, Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin, then-Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner and the Cave In Rock Ferry owners and operators.

U.S. 641

Finally, and now obviously, the first section of the relocated U.S. 641 was opened for traffic between Marion and Fredonia. This has been what seems to be a never-ending project that some felt would never come to fruition.

Even though the first phase has opened, and we can now say we have a legal road on which tractor-trailer traffic may travel, the road cannot be accessed legally by that same tractor-trailer traffic. We must continue to work and press our state legislative team and Transportation Cabinet to complete Phase 2 before we truly have a legal truck route on which to transport products to and from Crittenden County.

Last month's public meeting in Fredonia regarding Phase 2 of the



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In a half day of work today, Crittenden County Road Department with the help of some elected officials like Judge-Executive Perry Newcom (above) cleared the front lawn of the courthouse of trees and shrubs that mostly obscured the front of the building. The plan is to clear some of the foliage that was cluttering the lawn and replace it with lower-profile plants and mulch. The work was spurred by a \$500 grant from WoodmenLife for community beautification. A work day is planned for Saturday to finish the project.

U.S. 641 relocation between Fredonia and Ed-dyville served as the first indication that the project will be completed as promised. I would be remiss without offering a thank you to Gov. Bevin and his team at KyTC for ensuring this project moves forward.

Gifted property use

Moving now to more recent events, I would like to begin with the acquisition of two properties that have been donated for county use.

The congregation at the Marion Christian Church made the decision to forgo their charter and donate the facility to the county. Currently, this facility is being utilized to support counseling services to our community through a partnership with a local church and volunteer counselors. We are proud that we can provide space for the purpose of helping those in need of such services and thankful for our partners in meeting this need.

Secondly, the Department of the Army offered the county an opportunity to enter into a five-year, no-fee lease agreement to utilize the Carson B. Davidson National Guard Armory facility in Marion. This 13,628-square-foot facility will offer many opportunities to improve service to our community.

I thank the Department

of Military Affairs Director of Property Management Joe Sanderson for offering us this space. We will soon put together a committee that will be tasked with reviewing the available space and providing recommendations regarding the best possible use of this facility during this agreement period. At this time the space is limited to warehouse use or office space for county purposes.

Courthouse spruce-up

In the coming weeks there will be a noticeable improvement to the landscaping and visual aesthetics of our courthouse thanks to a partnership effort made possible by Grant Rogers with WoodmenLife. WoodmenLife's corporate office is offering a pilot program in which some of their agent representatives have been awarded a \$500 grant to provide beautification projects in their respective communities. Mr. Rogers was awarded such a grant and has chosen the courthouse lawn as his project.

Fiscal court members agreed to partner with him in his effort to address the much-needed improvements to the landscaping. The work to be done will be accomplished through a group of pre-chosen volunteers in partnership with our road department. The landscape design and plant

selection are being accomplished with the assistance of Wadlington's Nursery and Landscaping, who also agreed to help with the project.

I thank Mr. Rogers, WoodmenLife and Wadlington's for what will be a great improvement to our courthouse.

Road department woes

Before closing I would like to take an opportunity to provide a brief update on our road department and the work they do.

This summer has been full of challenges for our road department and road maintenance efforts. Shortly after our road mowing began, one of our tractors experienced a major breakdown. That tractor has spent most of the summer waiting on parts so repairs could be made. Once the parts arrived, it was found the parts were incorrect, and we had to re-order. Unfortunately, the tractor is an older unit, and parts are not readily available, which has been the root of all the delays.

This issue has kept us down to one unit mowing the entire county this summer, which is the reason for the delays in getting to everyone's road in a timely manner.

This same issue holds true for our patching truck. It broke down near the beginning of patching season and has been

down ever since. The truck is a model that was made by a company that no longer exists. Another company bought out the manufacturer of our truck, but no longer builds trucks in the same manner ours was built. Therefore, the parts we need to get the truck running again are having to be built special for our use.

The only patching we have been able to accomplish this summer has been through cold mix. The parts for our truck are due in this October, but that may not give us time to accomplish a great deal more patching depending on weather.

This aging equipment is a result of a lack of increased funding to support our road departments and our infrastructure. The funding for roads at the state level has not been increased since the 1990s, and as you all are completely aware, prices have increased significantly in that amount of time.

Unless our funding for roads in Kentucky is addressed at the state level, we will continue to experience greater failures to our infrastructure. I encourage each of you to question anyone you know or talk with at the state government level about the lack of action with respect to transportation funding.

Closing

I know there are many more things I could touch on with respect to county business, but due to my respect for the space in which The Crittenden Press provides for me to publish these updates, I will close for now.

As always, if you have any issue or concern regarding your county government, please contact me at your convenience. You will find I am available in the office most any given time during business hours by appointment. Or drop in, or you can email or call me, or just catch me in the street or at a community function when you see me. I will always do everything I possibly can to address your concerns or issues.

I appreciate the opportunity you provide me to represent our community and I look forward to many more great things to come during the months ahead.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jail teaching inmates good behaviors

To the editor:

I want to thank our local jailer, Robbie Kirk, and his staff for the work they do with our inmates.

I have had the opportunity to work with our inmates at the Crittenden County Food Bank many times. The inmates work hard and are very respectful to all, a first step for them to step back into society.

Without the mowing program, the Crittenden County Lions Club Fairgrounds would not be mowed. They also do an amazing job of keeping our grounds for Relay for Life at the Marion-

Crittenden County Park.

About a year ago, Fohs Hall Inc. requested female inmates to assist us in keeping the historic building clean each week. The ladies have taken this assignment to another level. They take great pride in their work. Last Christmas, the board provided the females with pizza in appreciation of their efforts.

I was able to sit with them and allow those ladies to tell me how much their lives had changed due to an inmate program that teaches them how to be a good woman. They complimented the efforts of the staff to help them get out of jail and into the community.

I have had the oppor-

tunity to travel to other counties and clearly see the value of our inmates picking up the trash along the roadways.

On a personal level, we have used inmates through the work release program and have watched them grow into great employees and citizens. We all deserve another chance and respect if we are willing to make a change in life.

Natalie Parish  
Marion, Ky.

Jail making difference in inmate lives

To the editor:

"Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from

their distress. He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains," reads Psalms 107:13-14 (NIV).

A lot of people have been giving Crittenden County Detention Center a lot of grief for some of the things that have been done there for the inmates. My view on it? I have been working in corrections for almost five years now. I have seen how a lot of jails/prisons function. Most of what is done doesn't work!

Crittenden County Jail has gone against the grain with a lot of its policies and procedures. It has changed the face of corrections in the state of Kentucky. These inmates are getting help

that they need. Church services take place almost every night, Bibles are passed out, there are scriptures painted on the walls. They are offered classes that not only help them spiritually, but also in the physical world. They are getting trained to go back into the real world and become productive members of society.

I have been able to take part in many church services at the restrictive custody center at Crittenden County Jail. I have been able to lead these men in worship, and when I go, I see a lot of men that are longing for a relationship with God, and that want to change for the better! I believe the jail is making a difference in these men's and women's

lives!

Just remember, none of us is perfect. We have all made mistakes in life. We have done some stupid things, and honestly probably should've been arrested at some point. Remember, these men and women are humans, and they are in a place where they can get help and become better fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters. They can go back out into the real world, function, and not go back to jail.

CCDC is doing a lot of great things. If you don't believe me, go check it out for yourself! Talk to people who work there, help with some church services, see that they are making a difference in this community.

Adam Guess  
Marion, Ky.



# Few taxpayers opt out of fire dues

STAFF REPORT

Only a small number of Crittenden County property owners choose to opt out of paying fire dues that will appear on 2019 tax bills to be mailed out this month.

Altogether, only 47 property owners chose to opt out of paying voluntary fire dues. Real estate holders living in seven of the county's eight fire districts are charged a flat \$30 on tax bills for qualifying property unless they opt out each July. Those with property in the Salem Fire District that covers a portion of western Crittenden County pay a flat fee ranging from \$35 to \$135 based on acreage and

whether a home sits on the property.

The county began collecting dues to fund fire departments on 2013 tax bills. Prior to that, Crittenden Fiscal Court made annual allocations to departments from general fund tax revenue.

In the first year of collection, twice as many property owners opted out as did for 2019.

The dues, if paid, act as insurance to cover the cost of an entire year of fire protection. Left unpaid, property owners could be charged \$500 for fire response, plus the cost of materials used to fight the fire and any equipment that may be

damaged, according to Billy Arflack, former chief of Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department. Arflack said departments can charge \$500 per response to a single property in a year's time if the owner has not paid dues.

"That's pretty good insurance," Arflack said of the voluntary fee.

Active volunteer firefighters have been allowed to not pay the dues and still be exempt from fire charges, though some like Arflack have elected to still pay. Fire departments must submit a list each year of eligible firefighters.

This year, 22 of the 47 who opted out of paying the dues were firefighters.

"When we first started, the fire department had to provide us with a list of their volunteers in order to be opted out," said Sherry Tinsley with Crittenden County PVA's office. "Now, only one fire department, District 8 Tolu, provided us a list."

Fifteen of those firefighters who elected to not pay were with Tolu Volunteer Fire Department. Mattoon Volunteer Fire Department did not submit a list, but seven individual members elected to not pay the dues. No other firefighters in the county opted out.

Seventy-seven of the 93 who opted out in 2013 were members of the volunteer departments.



The home of Ron Guess on U.S. 60 West between Marion and Salem caught fire early last Thursday morning. Guess, the sole occupant, made it out unharmed, but most of the contents inside the manufactured home were lost to fire or water damage.

# Blaze severely damages U.S. 60 home, occupant escapes safely

STAFF REPORT

Firemen responded to a home fire in the early-morning hours of last Thursday at a residence on U.S. 60 West between Marion and Salem.

The blaze began just before 4 a.m. and firefighters from Crittenden County and Salem responded to fight the blaze. The sole

occupant, homeowner Ron Guess, was out when firemen first arrived. Guess told firemen he awoke during the night and saw smoke. He was able to get a few personal items out of the home, but much was lost to fire, smoke and water damage.

The structure, in the Midway area of Crittenden

County, was a mobile home and it was terribly damaged.

The highway was restricted after daylight to one lane of traffic as commuters and school buses were heading toward town. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet personnel assisted firefighters with traffic.

# Courthouse chairlift back in operation

STAFF REPORT

The chairlift inside Crittenden County Courthouse is up and running again.

The lift, located at the back entrance and used by people with mobility issues, was repaired last week. It had been down since the previous Friday.

Initially, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom was uncertain how long it might take to make repairs, as a fix four years ago took about six weeks. But courthouse custodian Rick Nelson said repairs were completed last Thursday morning.

"It was a quickie," he said.

Nelson said a component had come loose inside the motor, and was adjusted by a Paducah elevator company. The previous malfunction required parts from Canada to be shipped for installation.

The broken lift presented no inconveniences to the public, Newcom said.

No level of the 58-year-old courthouse is accessible without the use of stairs. The chairlift was installed in the 1990s, after the Americans with Disabilities Act became law.

# Animal shelter report

Last Thursday, Crittenden County magistrates voted at a special meeting to incorporate a new Caldwell County veterinarian's office into Crittenden County Animal Shelter's spay, neuter and vaccination program that sees the county pay up to \$55 for sterilizations and rabies vaccinations for animals adopted from the facility. Dr. Travis Luna of Luna Veterinary Services in Princeton was added to a list of clinics in Crittenden and surrounding counties that participate the program. Anything above \$55 is the responsibility of the owner. Recently, two Princeton veterinarians – Charles Black and William Rogers – retired, leaving a vacancy in the program.

Meantime, with 50 more dogs taken in, the number taken in by the shelter this year has climbed to 435 through eight months of the year, according to Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd's August shelter report.

INFLOW	STRAY	SURRENDER	TOTAL
Crittenden dogs.....	13.....	15.....	28
Crittenden cats.....			2
Livingston dogs.....	11.....	8.....	19
Livingston cats.....			0
Lyon dogs.....	3.....	0.....	3
Lyon cats.....			0
OUTFLOW	TOTAL		
Dogs to rescue.....	35		
Dogs reclaimed by owners.....	9		
Dogs, pups adopted.....	8		
Cats to rescue.....	16		
Cats adopted.....	2		
Cats sponsored.....	5		
FOOD, LITTER	AMOUNT	VALUE	
Dog food donated.....	150 lbs.....	\$80.00	
Cat food donated.....	145 lbs.....	\$84.00	
Cat litter donated.....	200 lbs.....	\$40.00	
Stackable cages.....	8.....	\$600.00	
The county also paid \$77 for additional cat litter.			

The shelter brought in \$1,625 in August through donations and fees for adoption and reclamation.

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October 5, 2019

Activities start at noon

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-First 200 ladies get goody bags

-Giveaways

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• Safe to use around children and pets

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• Warm white or daylight

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DAP

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SEWER

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wide variety delivery line sizes, according to Ledford. The work begun this week affects a number of residential neighborhoods, Industrial Park South and schools. It will require less digging by utilizing what is called slip-lining to insert new pipes inside old ones. Sewer service should not be interrupted

Ledford received the updates last Wednesday in a progress report with representatives from the contractor performing the work, Akin Excavating of Corbin, Ky., and Eclipse Engineers of Somerset, the city's engineering firm.

The purpose of the first phase of the wastewater system project will improve the underground infrastructure for the sanitary sewer by reducing inflow and infiltration, known as I&I. Groundwater seeping into the delivery system causes dilution, decreasing the efficiency of treatment. It costs utility customers by treating hundreds of thousands of unnecessary gallons of wastewater and threatens homeowners.

"It's expensive to treat," Ledford said. "And the quicker the system fills up, the more likely for backups. (I&I) that makes its way to sewer plant has to go through the same treatment process. In a month, if we can keep out 1-2 million gallons, you can imagine the savings to our community."

While work prior to this week has been pretty straightforward with old lines being replaced with larger plastic lines placed in trenches and covered with dirt, the slip-lining is a more modern process.

"It is a less intrusive, less expensive option to address aging lines," Ledford said.

The city administrator explains that the contractor can operate from manhole cover to manhole cover, clearing old lines made of clay, steel or plastic of roots, collapses or anything that may prevent slip-lining. Running a camera from point to point allows workers to know the final stage of the process is ready, all without any digging.

To replace the old lines, the contractor will feed a hot, semi-soft line through the void to the next manhole cover. Once fed, the

line is inflated and set to cast a permanent line.

"It prevents degradation of the existing line and makes them water tight again," Ledford said. "All of this without tearing up from spot A to spot B."

However, some severe collapses may require more extensive fixes, he warns.

Ledford estimates slip-lining costs 25-40 less than trenching.

Some of the tiles being replaced across the city are as large as 15 inches in diameter, but the city administrator said the average size is 6-8 inches.

The new lines are expected to last more than a half-century. Some lines in the city, made of less durable materials, are nearly 100 years old. Like any older city, Ledford said, Marion's sewer system is a patchwork of lines installed at different times over decades.

While work is finishing up on upgrading lines, moving ahead with the new treatment plant will begin. The city expects to let for bids this fall and award a contract on what is expected to be a \$10 million or so facility in Industrial Park North.

"This would give the



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Work this summer on Marion's sewer system overhaul has concentrated on digging up and replacing old lines, but work transitioned this week to slip-lining to upgrade lines.

contractor time for some preliminary work prior to the spring building season," Ledford said.

The plant must be online by July 2021 for the city to avoid hefty daily fines from the state. The entire improvement project was mandated by the state because the current treatment plant gets overwhelmed at times, discharging raw sewage into Rush Creek.

To pay for the overall project, the city has added graduated environmental assessment fees to water/sewer bills.

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# Post office names documented in history

Time has so accustomed the people of Crittenden County to calling certain communities by their respective names that long ago much of the local history behind those names has been forgotten.

Post office names were derived from a number of sources, including well known characters from history, the name of the town which the post office was located, certain neighborhoods, cross-roads, local landmarks, and even the postmaster's name or place of residence. Some have names we have no history of where they came from. In the list below you will find many examples of the origin of the names.

All the rural post offices but two, and they have limited hours, have long since been discontinued with the extension of a thorough system of 911 addresses, but most areas in which they were located still go by the old name. Several of the post offices were listed under different names at different periods. Sometimes a site was changed because of road change, moved to a new store location, or moved to a growing settlement located nearby. Several existed for only a few years and were discontinued. Here are a few of the old community and post office names.

Post offices were established in what was then Livingston County as early as 1830. The following list is from the Post Office Department in Washington, D.C.

The earliest recorded is Camp Creek, established Jan. 13, 1830, Joab Truitt was post master. Other postmasters were: Otho Nunn, Daniel A. Flannary, Robert L. Moore. Camp Creek was discontinued

in July 1862.

Other early post offices include name, date established and date discontinued, if known: Lamb's 1833, name later changed to Willow Grove, was discontinued 1850; Cross Keys 1836-1843; Walker's 1838 - 1859; Oxford 1843, named changed to Marion 1846, -still in use; Bell's Mines 1843-1872; White Sulphur Springs 1848, name changed to Columbian Mines, changed again in 1852 to Crittenden Springs, Disc. 1892; Dycusburg 1848, name changed to Dycusburg in 1894 - still in use; Cookseyville 1849-1851; Ford's Ferry 1852-disc. May 31, 1947, mail sent to Marion; Shady Grove 1852-?; Westonburg 1859, named changed to Weston in 1877, Disc. 1916; Hurricane 1857, name changed to Tolu 1890 - Disc. 2011; Piney Fork 1867-1869; Iron Hill 1873, named changed to Deanwood in 1914, Disc. 1917; Crowell 1880-1886; Pony 1880 - 1883; Levias 1881-1908; Lamb 1882, named changed to Stone 1886, Disc. 1889; Trade Water 1886 - 1911; Frances, 1886-1908; View 1886-1908; Piney 1886-1918; Harold 1887-1895, mail sent to Kelsey; Crayneville 1888, name changed to Crayne 1907 - Still in use; Sheridan 1888-discontinued in April 1906 but re-established again in June 1906 -?; Irma 1890-1913; Mattoon 1891-1908; Nunn, 1891-1896; Mounds 1895-1898; Skeltonville 1893-1894; Tribune 1895-?; Mexico, 1896-1957. When Mexico closed Mrs. Beulah Highfil was postmaster; Gladstone 1897-1918; Ersa 1898-1898; Phillips 1898-1900; Rodney 1899-1907; Starr 1900-

1906; Hardesty 1900-1913, Luther Hardesty was postmaster; Casad 1915-1931; Repton 1887 - Was closed on Jan. 24, 1957. Mrs. Ollie Hower-ton was postmaster. Two rural carriers, W. E. Arflack would continue to serve the same route from the Marion office and the other, T. E. McDowell, re-tired.

Through the years, interesting facts about the early post offices have been published. I find these interesting and informative to read. Here are some of these interesting tidbits.

Lambs, Lambsville or Willow Grove was a small pioneer town located on the Flynn's Ferry road in the 1830s, and was started by Joel Lamb, who first built a blacksmith shop and a tannery. It was located near the Fishtrap Road and Wilson Farm Road.

January 17, 1895 - A new post office will shortly be established at J. H. Robinson's on the Marion and Fords Ferry route. The name of the office is "Mounds," and J. H. Robinson will be the official to stand upon it.

January 17, 1895 - Mounds Post Office was housed in a country store building. The store was the property of Mr. Harloe Robinson. Both the store and the office were operated by Mr. Robinson.

August 17, 1899 - A new post office has been established in Rodney. It is at James Hickland's and Mr. Hickland is the postmaster. The office is supplied Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from Weston.

March 29, 1900 - Starr is a new post office situated at Piney Camp grounds near Stonewall. We have two mails a week, Tuesday and Friday. Carl T. Boucher is the postmaster and is ready to hand out your mail or sell you goods.



Ann Shepherd (above) operated the Tolu Post office out of her home during her time as postmaster from 1936-1967. Above right is an antique mail box on display at the Crittenden County Historical Musuem.



The Pony post office was established July 19, 1880 by Richard Vanhook who remained postmaster until John T. Cochran took over Jan. 12, 1881. Pony was discontinued Dec. 14, 1884, and its mail service assumed by Levias. Going by the usual procedure of post offices in the county, the post office was conducted in a corner of Richard Vanhook's general store somewhere near Midway.

Kirksville-Hurricane-Tolu - The post office department reveals that the post office in Tolu was first established as Hurricane Aug. 23, 1857. It was changed to Tolu Feb. 3, 1890. The post office of Hurricane was in a boat at the river when the town was named Tolu the office was moved from the river to town.

The Weston Post Office was originally established as Westonburg on Feb. 22, 1859. The post office name was changed to Weston on Oct. 24, 1877. Rose E. Sturgeon was appointed as the last postmaster on Feb. 11, 1916 and served until the post office was discontinued on July 31, 1916.

Mr. Marion F. Pogue of Frances furnished this information on the little village of Frances that it was

named probably by a romantic post office clerk, for Miss Frances Folsom, who became the wife of President Grover Cleveland. Frances was the first post office named after the marriage and was so christened on the day the wedding was announced. At different periods before the coming of the post office, this community was variously known as "Cross Roads," Liberty," and "Needmore," but as each of these names was already in use by other post offices in the state, a new one was necessary. As the people of the community made no suggestion the privilege fell to employees of the post office department, as that is the custom in such instances.

All of the rural post offices but two, Crayne and Dycusburg, have long since been discontinued with Tolu being the last to be discontinued in 2011. Most all the old communities in the territory in which they were located still go by the old names.

Most of these long ago post offices where located in a corner of the local grocery store, or in some instances, the house of the postmaster. These old post offices were a welcome addition to the

small communities and besides being convenient for the local residents to use, it was a daily place to meet and visit with friends and neighbors, a great place to catch up on the happenings in the community. What great memories to have of those old post offices, grocery stores and communities of yesteryear.

Robert F. Wheeler helped establish one of the first mail routes in Crittenden County from which some of the star routes grew. A rare piece of old rural mail deliveries history is a metal box, that today is housed in the Crittenden County Historical Museum. The box contains inside under the lid the "penny case" on which a penny could be left when mailing a letter. The letter was left in the letter hook inside. When the mail carrier made his rounds, he would stamp the letter and it was then on its way at the cost of only one penny.

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

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# Personal filters are ever more important in times like these

“If men learn this, it will implant forgetfulness in their souls; they will cease to exercise memory because they rely on that which is written, calling things to remembrance no longer from within themselves, but by means of external marks. What you have discovered is a recipe not for memory, but for reminder. And it is no true wisdom that you offer your disciples, but only its semblance, for by telling them of many things without teaching them you will make them seem to know much, while for the most part they know nothing, and as men filled, not with wisdom, but with the conceit of wisdom, they will be a burden to their fellows.” Plato, “Phaedrus”

This is one of my favorite quotes concerning the new technology of

writing. I think the verdict is still out as to whether Plato was correct in his prediction, given the advent of the internet and social media. However, I do not think that one needs to know how to write to be filled with the “conceit of wisdom.”

There can be little doubt that in nearly any circumstance faced by most people most of the time, more information is better. More knowledge is better than less, and more freedom to speak and write is better than restrictions.

I recently read a speech given by Joseph Story, a lawyer and member of the state legislature of Massachusetts. He was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1811.



Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist  
Guest Columnist

I am constantly struck by the common experiences we share with those who have lived in the centuries before. Here is the opening of his speech given in August, 1826.

“One of the most striking characteristics of our age, and that, indeed, which has worked deepest in all the changes of its fortunes and pursuits, is the general diffusion of knowledge. This is emphatically the age of reading. In other times this was the privilege of the few; in ours it is the possession of the many. Learning once constituted the accomplishment of those in the higher orders of society, and of those whose monastic lives and religious professions sought to escape from the weariness of their common duties.”

With a few changes in context and a little imag-

ination, these sentences could be applied to nearly every decade from that one to this. There can be little doubt that the complaint about writing in “Phaedrus” (quite an interesting passage) could be applied to every communications breakthrough from that day to this. It is also true that the speech by Joseph Story, which is full of optimism and reminders of progress brought as a result of more people having more knowledge, encourages learning for all and democratization of those controlling what is printed.

I would expect that nearly anyone who lived in the 19th century would be stunned by the wealth of information available today. Even 20 years ago I heard that if a professor would begin reading in their field and read for 24 hours a day,

every day of the year, she would be five years further behind than when the year began. The challenge today is not getting information, it is determining which information is worth our time.

Technology has granted us easy access to information that most of us have no way to verify. It is important to have a center. Without a center, Paul’s warning to the Ephesians can be applied to much of life. We will be, “tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles.”

And the preacher said, “What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be

done; and there is nothing new under the sun.” (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

Enjoy the freedom of speech and freedom of press. Enjoy that we live in a time and place where people can share nonsense if they so wish. Be glad that we live in a time when we have on our person a device that connects us to nearly everything that man has ever done or known. But keep your center. Keep your filter and guard your heart. Believe your eyes and believe your life and experiences. And keep learning.

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# Revisiting the past, as the plot thickens

Please read again, and now believe.

The following column, I wrote November 2016. Little did we know then that by 2019 there would be over 20 communists (under the deceptive guise of socialism) vying to become the first communist dictator of this life-costly nation.

I’ve warned in this paper since 1999. Now read and weep.

I pray to God He will never let one of them ever see the inside of the American White House.

When I think of all the blood shed for America’s freedom and the American Dream, found nowhere else on the planet, I shudder to realize how much the communists have taken over in this country, under the guise of tolerance and the hypocritical political correctness. Read again 25 of the 45 goals communism in Russia put out in 1963, and see how far down the sewer we are.

You can go online and see more, but I’m listing only a few.

- Permit free trade between all nations regardless of Communist affiliation and regardless of whether or not items could be used for war.
- Provide American aid to all nations regardless of Communist domination.
- Grant recognition of Red China. Admission of Red China to the U.N.
- Allow all Soviet satellites individual representation in the U.N.
- Promote the U.N. as the only hope for mankind.
- Capture one or both of the political parties in the United States.
- Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers’ associations. Put the party line in textbooks.
- Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or organizations which are under Communist attack.
- Infiltrate the media.
- Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures.
- Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression.
- Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them “censorship” and a violation of free speech and free press.
- Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV.
- Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with “social” religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity, which does not need a “religious crutch.”
- Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of “separation of church and state.”
- Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.
- Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the “common man.”
- Belittle all forms of American culture and discourage the teaching

- of American history on the ground that it was only a minor part of the “big picture.”
  - Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture—education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc.
  - Discredit and eventually dismantle the FBI. This they are working on, but not yet succeeded.
  - Infiltrate and gain control of more unions.
  - Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.
  - Emphasize the need to raise children away from the negative influence of parents.
- The goal of Satan is to keep people uninformed of history, so they are helpless serfs in the dictator’s grip. Thank God He is opening the eyes and minds of some.
- To me this is only a reprieve, that God’s people prayed down, to see if we can win millions to Jesus who are now being controlled by Satan. Pray that God can bring us back to “One Nation Under God,” a Christian nation, or let us go on to our own deserved destruction.

And the preacher said, “What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be

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Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

175 Mexico Rd. (270) 965-4059 MexicoBaptist.org

### Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.  
Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

### Marion Church of Christ

546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450  
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Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

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Sunday: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Charles Tabor

### Emmanuel Baptist Church

108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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Worship service: ..... 11 a.m.

### 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

### Sugar Grove

cumberland presbyterian  
585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky.  
(270) 704-2455  
Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

### Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West  
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

### PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church

growing in grace 2 Peter 3:18  
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m. • Wednesday Night Service 6 p.m.



AREA DEATHS

Elder

Jeremy Lee Elder, 39, of Providence died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019.

He was a coal miner, having worked for Dotiki Mines and Warrior Coal for 15 years. He was a member of the Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Crittenden County, where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher and helped as a youth director. He was an avid hunter and loved camping.

Elder is survived by his wife of 20 years, Kristi Elder of Providence; two sons, Rylan Elder and Holden Elder, both of Providence; his parents, Terry and Loretta Elder of Providence; and a brother, Adam Elder of Providence.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Chester "Cowboy" and Robbie Elder, John Ipock and Howard Brooks.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Providence, with Bros. Jason Oliver and Jimmy Sigler officiating. Burial was in Shady Grove Cemetery in Crittenden County.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church, c/o Jane Rich, 798 Tribune Tower Road, Marion, KY 42064.

BRIEFS

Respiratory care program expands

An occupational education program for high school graduates in western Kentucky is expanding to Paducah.

On Monday, Madisonville Community College (MCC), West Kentucky Community & Technical College (WKCTC) and Murray State University announced a partnership to expand MCC's associate in applied science degree in respiratory care program to WKCTC.

This partnership will extend the reach of MCC's respiratory care program to help fulfill the need for qualified respiratory care technicians in the region.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, jobs for respiratory care therapists are projected to increase by 23 percent through 2026, with an 30,500 new positions.

Respiratory care students in the Paducah area will participate in class lectures through synchronous, bi-directional distance learning from MCC's Health Technologies Campus to WKCTC's campus. Students will complete skill demonstration lab activities in-person at MCC on a bi-weekly basis.

Through this collaboration, MCC will partner with MSU to develop curriculum for a bachelor's degree completion option for graduates of the associate degree program.

Moisture deficit affecting pastures

An extended period of little to no rain across much of Kentucky has led to a moisture shortfall in top and subsoil.

According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service office in Louisville, 61 percent of the state's topsoil was below normal in moisture content. Fifty-five percent of subsoil is at deficit.

The moisture deficit has not had a drastic effect on crops like corn and soybeans, but 29 percent of pastureland is rated at poor or very poor. Corn and soybeans are each at less than 15 percent poor or very poor.

In Crittenden County, according to the Kentucky Mesonet weather monitoring station in the Repton community, as of press time, no rain had fallen in the county since Aug. 26. It has rained only 3.1 inches since July 22.

Meantime, as of Sunday 13 percent of the state's corn crop had been harvested as of Sunday, with 59 percent mature. Only 1 percent of soybeans had been harvested.

Osburn

Eddie Woodrow Osburn, 73, of Marion died Monday, Sept. 2, 2019, at his home.

He was a Mason and member of Salem Baptist Church.

He is survived by his nephews, Paul and Jim Osborne, both of Paducah.

Services were Sunday at Salem Baptist Church. Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion was in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Guess

Aubrey Everett Guess Jr., 79, of Marion died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, at Crittenden County Health and Rehab Center in Marion.

He attended Calvary Baptist Church.

Guess is survived by three children, Bruce (Christy) Guess, Dennis (Lisa) Guess and Sue (Chris) McDonald, all of Marion; two sisters, Edna Kinnis of Salem and Elaine Brasher of Evansville, Ind.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Faye Guess; his parents, Aubrey E. and Ina Elizabeth Guess Sr.; a daughter, Linda Swatzell; a brother; and two sisters.

Services were Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Asbridge Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Gideon's International.

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*(Publisher's note: Extended obituaries require a nominal fee. There is no charge to run a photo with a death notice. Please ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.)*

All not excited for Ky.'s five-star schools rating

FROM STAFF, WIRE REPORTS

Within a month, Kentucky's new five-star accountability system for schools and school districts will go live, but not everyone is a fan of how the commonwealth measures educational achievement.

"Educators and parents are discouraged by our state's attempt to develop an accountability system that reflects student success," said Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark. "They are hard to understand and even more difficult to explain, but I believe it is designed that way."

Using school and student data from the 2018-19 school year, the new system will provide an overall rating for each Kentucky public school ranging from one to five stars, with five being the highest. Schools' new star ratings, along with other important education data, will be available online at KySchoolReportcard.com, according to a news release from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

The new system will be unveiled late this month or in early October.

No school will be able to achieve a perfect rating if it has significant achievement gaps between student groups, and it will be docked a star if such gaps exist, according to KDE.

According to KDE, elementary and middle schools will receive star ratings based on student assessments in reading, math, science, social studies and writing and students' growth in reading and math skills.

High schools will be rated based on reading, math, science and writing assessments, along with

the high school's graduation rate and its students' "transition readiness," or how ready they are for college or a career.

Additionally, elementary and middle schools will be graded on the growth of their English learner students in acquiring language proficiency, along with high schools, which will be measured for students' English attainment, according to KDE.

Clark, a Kentucky educator for almost 30 years, said changing accountability systems every few years creates a lot of anxiety from the central office down to the classroom.

Like Clark, some school district leaders are concerned the five-star rating could give a misleading picture of a school's success and that most people will not go deeper than the overall rating.

The new system is still being developed, according to KDE.

Western Kentucky University professor and Kentucky Board of Education member Gary Houchens calls the new rating system a reflection of a balancing act – rating a school's success in a way that's simple, while accounting for factors that make a successful school.

"There's just so many ways that overall performance rating can gloss over important details," Houchens said.

Schools may be successful in ways that are masked by a summative score, he adds, such as a school that has gradually grown the academic achievement of its poorer students, for example.

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Tailgate party Friday night

Lady Rocket Basketball team will host its annual tailgate supper before the first home football game Friday night. Pork chop meals are \$6 and hot dog meals \$4. Doors to the multi-purpose room at CCHS open at 5 p.m.

Stargazing at park Sept. 21

Night of Stargazing Party at City/County Park 7:00—9:00 p.m. Help us wrap up A Universe of Stories summer reading program and learn to find constellations in the night sky. Adult summer reading prizes will be awarded and there will be lots of fun armchair astronaut activities! The blue shaved ice cart will be open during this event.

Calendar

- The **Nunn Reunion** will be held Sunday at the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 224 W. Bellville St., Marion. The doors will be open at 11:30 a.m. and there will be a potluck lunch at 1 p.m.
- **Shady Grove Masonic Lodge** No. 559 will have family night at 6 p.m., Saturday. Come and join us at the Shady Grove Fire Department.
- **A Downton Abbey Party** will be held at 4 p.m Thursday (today). in the Crittenden County Library meeting room.
- **Crittenden County Genealogy Society** meets at 10 a.m., Saturday in the library meeting room.
- **Carrsville Fall Fling** will begin at 5 p.m., Sept. 21 at the Carrsville Community Center. The fundraiser begins at 5 p.m. with chili, potato soup, white beans and cornbread.
- **Lego Club** meets from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Crittenden County Public Library. K-4 students can join Children and Youth Services Director Kathleen Guess in the library meeting room for creative Lego building.
- **Friends of the Crittenden County Library** will meet at 6 p.m., Sept. 19 at the library. Bring a friend to this regularly scheduled FOCCPL meeting and help plan events throughout the year.

Extension

- Crittenden County **Genealogy Society** will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday the Crittenden County Library meeting room.
- **TAG Self Care** Afternoon meets in the Crittenden County Public Library meeting room at 3:30 p.m., Monday.
- **Hooks & Needles Crafter's Corner Club** (formally Crochet Corner) invites anyone interested in needlework — embroidery, knitting, tatting, etc. — to join them at noon, Sept. 18 at the Extension Office. Donations of any yarn, needles, hoops etc., are accepted. Contact Nancy Lapp (270) 965-4469 for more information.
- **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m., Sept. 20 at the Extension Office. If you are diabetic or want to learn more about diabetes, come join us.

4-H events

- **Rifle Team** meets at 6 p.m., each Thursday at the Extension Park. This is for children 9-18.
- **Trap Team** for children 9-18 meets at 6 p.m., each Tuesday at the Extension Park.
- **Early American Heritage Club** meets from 4-6 p.m., Thursday. This is for students in grades 8-12.

Don't foul up tailgating food

Whether you're enjoying Friday night lights in your hometown or Saturdays at a college game, football and tailgating go hand-in-hand for many fans. But unsafe food handling practices during your tailgating event could have you sidelined by game time. To keep your guests and yourself safe from foodborne illnesses, follow these tips:

- Wash your hands. Handwashing is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of disease-causing bacteria.



Janeen TRAMBLE  
FCS Agent  
*Home Notes*

Parking lots don't have access to running water so bring your own handwash station. Portable water jugs with a spigot can be found in the drinking water aisle of most grocery stores. Bring along liquid soap, paper towels and a bucket to catch waste water. Wash your hands before and after preparing food and especially after using portable restrooms. Always wash your hands before eating, and encourage your tailgating

friends to wash their hands before eating.

- Keep cold foods cold. You should keep perishable food below 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Use insulated coolers and plenty of ice or frozen gel packs to keep meat, poultry, sandwiches, dairy and deli salads cold. If you plan on grilling, keep the raw meat separated from ready-to-eat products and drinks. Use two coolers and designate one for raw ingredients and one for ready-to-eat.
- Keep hot foods hot. Cooked foods should stay above 140 degrees F. Food can be kept hot in disposable pans on the grill. You may also use insulated containers or

Sterno heaters to keep casseroles and other cooked foods hot. If electricity is available, slow cookers are a great option for keeping foods like chili and homemade dips hot.

- When grilling, use a metal stemmed thermometer to make sure your meats reach the correct internal temperature before taking them off the grill. You should cook all poultry to 165 degrees and ground meats (burgers) to 160 degrees. Roasts, steaks and chops of beef, pork, lamb and veal should be cooked to 145 degrees F. Hot dogs and bratwurst should be cooked to 165 degrees F. Never use color as an indicator of

doneness.

- Eat prepared food within two hours. If the temperature is over 90 degrees, consume the food within an hour.
- Discard leftovers in trash cans with plastic liners and lids before heading into the stadium.
- After returning home, clean and sanitize all of your food preparation equipment including coolers, thermometers and utensils.

For more food safety information, contact the Crittenden County office of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service at 270-965-5236.

Source: Annhall Norris, Extension associate

Tech conference connects CCHS, WKCTC

Learning about information technology took a unique route last Friday for nearly 450 regional middle and high school students with West Kentucky Community and Technical College's first Tech Connect Teleconference.

Crittenden County students interested in information technology fields watched the teleconference produced by the TV department and shown on media stations provided by the WKEC's first year of its seven-year GEAR UP grant.

Tech Connect was made available through part of the federally-funded GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) grant that was provided through the West Kentucky Educational Cooperative (WKEC). The

partnership between WKEC and WKCTC included the services of the college's television department and four faculty members who reached the students through Facebook Live.

Business, computer and information technologies (CIT), visual communication and industrial robotics were the topics WKCTC faculty members presented via PowerPoint and video to the students. The faculty members, who included Kate Senn, WKCTC's CIT program coordinator/director of online learning and teleconference coordinator/host, fielded questions from the students through their teachers with the live Facebook feed. Other faculty members were Allison Smith, business and logistics program coordinator; Emily Esau, visual



About 25 Crittenden County middle and high school students participated in a technology teleconference last week with West Kentucky Community and Technical College. Retired Crittenden County teacher Todd Merrick is the community liaison for the project.

communications instructor; and Robin Walker, CIT instructor.

While the teleconference

was opened to high school students, the initial target was middle school students, who

Sullivan said need to be reached earlier for post-secondary education.

Library session Christmas credit

An upcoming class at Crittenden County Public Library will satisfy a requirement for participating in Community Christmas.

Everyone who signs up for assistance through Crittenden County's Community Christmas Program is required to complete at least one

educational/enrichment class by Nov. 1.

A "Reading Reboot" class will be held at 10 a.m., Sept. 27 at the library. Participants will receive information on updates at the library including a new reading section for new and struggling readers. Additionally, participants of the class will learn about

a digital eBook and audiobook service called Kentucky Libraries Unbound using the Libby App, as well as a new library catalog and website. Treats and new patron goody bags will be provided to attendees.

Pre-register by calling (270) 965-5236.

Tuesday – Menu hamburger on whole wheat bun with lettuce, tomato and onion, pork 'n beans, baked potato with sour cream and Mandarin oranges.

Sept. 11 – Menu is Southwest pork roast, baked sweet potato, peas and pearl onions, cornbread, apple crisp and margarine. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

For more information, call (270) 965-5229.

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PREP SPORTS

Upcoming games

**THURSDAY**  
Volleyball at Union County

**FRIDAY**  
Football hosts Caldwell County

**SATURDAY**  
Jr Pro football hosts Caldwell-W  
Golf at Graves Co. Invitational

**MONDAY**  
Soccer at Paducah Tilghman

**TUESDAY**  
MS football at James Madison  
Soccer hosts Trigg County  
Volleyball hosts Livingston

FOOTBALL

Class A Rankings

KY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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

Others receiving votes: Lynn  
Camp 18. Hazard 10. Holy Cross  
8. Bellevue 7. Eminence 6. Ful-  
ton County 6. Frankfort 5.  
Fairview 3. Paris 2.

Caldwell No. 5 in 2A

Caldwell County, this week's Rocket opponent in high school football, is ranked No. 5 in Class 2A. That is down a couple of slots from their previous mark at No. 3 prior to losing last week to Hopkinsville, which is No. 6 in Class 4A. Mayfield remains No. 1 in Class 2A. Murray is No. 7 in 2A and Todd Central, another future CCHS opponent, is ranked at No. 9.

VOLLEYBALL

Lip Sync to raise \$

Crittenden County High School's volleyball girls will be hosting a Lip Sync Battle to raise money for the sports program. The event will be held starting at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Fohs Hall. Performers will need to be there by 5:15 p.m. Admission is \$5 adults, \$2 students and 10-under are free. To perform, the cost is \$20 for an individual or team. There will be a silent auction as part of the fundraisers, and concessions will be available. For more information, contact coach Bayley McDonald (270) 601-0973.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	Aug. 17 - Nov. 8
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Bow Deer	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Bow Turkey	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Crossbow Deer	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Wood Duck/Teal	Sept. 21-25
Teal Only	Sept. 26-29
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 29
Crossbow Turkey	Oct. 1-20
Youth Deer	Oct. 12 - Oct. 13
Muzzleloader Deer	Oct. 19 - Oct. 20
Shotgun Turkey	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1
Gun Deer	Nov. 9 - Nov. 24
Crossbow Turkey	Nov. 9 - Dec. 31
Raccoon (trapping)	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Squirrel	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Red/Gray Fox	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Beaver	Nov. 11 - Feb. 29
Dove	Nov. 28 - Dec. 8
Canada Goose	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Duck	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1
Shotgun Turkey	Dec. 7-13
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Dove	Dec. 21 - Jan. 12
Muzzleloader Deer	Dec. 14 - Dec. 22
Youth Waterfowl	Feb. 1-2
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

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Sam  
Greenwell

2-over-par  
8th Place

Gibson Bay Course

Lauren  
Gilchrist

6-over-par  
10th Place

University Club of Arlington

“I am proud of them. Two top 10 finishes for Crittenden County is great.”

- Coach Vicki Hatfield



Rocket golfers finish among state's best

STAFF REPORT

Less than 24 hours after finishing in eighth place out of more than 100 golfers in the Kentucky All A Classic Golf Tournament, Crittenden County junior Sam Greenwell was back on the range.

“I just saw some things that needed a little work,” Greenwell said Sunday, taking a break from his work on the practice tee.

A tireless worker on the golf range, Greenwell's driver was strong early in the state tournament on Saturday at Gibson Bay Golf Course in Richmond.

“My driver and my ball striking started

really well,” said Greenwell, who finished with a 2-over-par 74 in his first state tournament appearance.

“It got me into a little trouble toward the end, but my putter stayed consistent the whole time.”

Greenwell had two birdies on each side and six bogeys for the round.

“It is kind of bittersweet,” he said about the eighth-place finish. “Because I look back at a few decisions and shots and know I could have been better. There are three shots I can think of and those three would have meant the difference in eighth and third place,” he said.

Senior Lauren Gilchrist, playing in her fifth All A State Tournament on Saturday, shot a 78 and finished 10th overall. She was eighth overall last year in the state tournament. Gilchrist has won the last two Second Region All A Tournaments.

Gilchrist's round was six-over par. There were more than 100 girls participating in the small-school state tournament.

“I am proud of them. Two top 10 finishes for Crittenden County is great,” said Crittenden County golf coach Vicki Hatfield.

Livingston Central's Darit Barnes shot an 80 to tie for 38th place.

Rockets 50, Ballard 6

Caldwell comes to Crittenden;  
both teams ranked among Top 5

STAFF REPORT

It is likely that there has never been a Crittenden-Caldwell football game more closely watched than the one coming up Friday night at Marion. For the first time ever, the Rockets and Tigers meet with each team ranked among the Top 5 in their respective divisions, and adding to the importance of this showdown is the fact that for the first time, the KHSAA has a new playoff system in force which will seed some rounds of the late post-season based on a strength-of-schedule fourmla.

The fifth-ranked Class A Rockets will be at home to face Caldwell County, ranked No. 5 in Class 2A, on Friday. It will be Crittenden County's first real test of the season and Rocket Stadium will be packed with consequences high for both storied programs.

Crittenden comes into the matchup 3-0 while Caldwell is 2-1.

The Rockets' trip to Ballard Memorial last Friday night was as much about sharpening their tools as it was about winning what most expected might be a lopsided affair.

Both boiled to fruition as Crittenden County breezed by the Bombers 50-6 in a game that featured a merciful running clock less than three minutes into the second period, and Rocket coach Sean Thompson was able perform a litmus test with some new weapons – namely sophomore receiver Brysen Baker and junior running back Eli Moss. Neither had factored into the Rockets' previous wins, but at Ballard they got some touches and didn't disappoint.

Baker, a 6-2 receiver, caught two passes for 60 yards and nearly scored twice. His first reception went for 55 yards before he was tackled at the three-yard line to set up CCHS's first touchdown. Another would-be TD was called

back because of a penalty. Baker was a key player in middle school but sat out last season as a freshman. Moss is the fastest player on the team, but had never played football until this season. The first carry of his career went for a 14-yard touchdown as he turned the right corner and sprinted into the end zone untouched.

The usual characters filled their roles as expected. Junior Caden McCalister, figuring more predominantly in the offense with starting running back Xander Tabor sidelined, scored three times – twice on a pass and he had one of the Rockets' two punt returns. It was the first time in team history that CCHS had returned two punts for touchdowns in one game. Both came in the first period and freshman Preston Morgeson had the longest at 69 yards.

Quarterback Hunter Jones completed more passes in this game than he had the two previous combined, finishing 8-for-12 with three touchdowns. Coach Thompson said he'd have liked to have worked on the passing game a bit more, but the score got lopsided quickly partly because of the two kick returns, forcing him to change those plans.

“With those special teams touchdowns the score kind of got out of hand early and I don't like to throw it down field when it's like that,” the coach explained.

Crittenden will need to have all of its weaponry honed to near perfection this week for Caldwell County.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Crittenden County	29	14	7	0
Ballard Memorial	0	0	0	6

SCORING PLAYS

C-Preston Morgeson 3 run (Caden McCalister run) 11:31, 1st  
C-McCalister 25 punt return (Noah Perkins



Rocket sophomore Brysen Baker broke loose for a couple of big plays early in the game. One long reception set up Crittenden County's first touchdown at Ballard Memorial.

kick) 9:13, 1st  
C-Morgeson 69 punt return (Perkins kick) 4:23, 1st  
C-McCalister 9 pass from Hunter Jones (Perkins kick) :00, 1st  
C-Travis Guess 44 pass from Jones (Perkins kick) 9:22, 2nd  
C-McCalister 6 pass from Jones (Perkins kick) 1:47, 2nd  
C-Eli Moss 14 run (Perkins kick) 1:16, 3rd  
B-Trenton Howard 20 run (run failed) 5:00, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Crittenden 8, Ballard 6  
Penalties: Crittenden 2-10, Ballard 3-30  
Rushing: Crittenden 17-109, Ballard 29-113  
Passing: Crittenden 10-14-0, 179 yds., Ballard 1-3-0, 11 yds.  
Total Yards: Crittenden 288, Ballard 124  
Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 3-2, Ballard 2-2

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing**  
Crittenden: Morgeson 5-42, Keifer Marshall 5-33, Moss 4-29, Jones 2-8, Luke Crider 1-(-3). Ballard: Trenton Howard 5-32, #48 1-0, Logan Hargrove 12-67, Ayden Riley 4-5, Trevor Howard 2-14, Parker Rathman 5-(-5).

Passing

Crittenden: Jones 9-12-0, 173 yds., Crider 1-2-0, 6 yds. Ballard: Rathman 1-2-0, 11 yds., Trevor Howard 0-1-0.

Receiving

Crittenden: Brysen Baker 2-60, Tyler Boone 3-53, McCalister 2-15, Guess 1-44, Preston Turley 1-1, Kaleb Nesbitt 1-6. Ballard: Trenton Howard 1-11.

Defense

Guess 2 solos; Jones 2 solos, assist; Phillips 3 solos, 2 assists, TFL, fumble recovery; Urbanowski solo; Boone 3 solos, 2 assists, TFL; Easley 5 solos, 3 assists, 2 TFL; McCalister 3 solos, 4 assists, caused fumble; McGowan caused fumbled; Turley 3 solos, 2 assists, TFL; Baker assist; Crider solo, 2 assists, fumble recovery; Mundy 5 solos; Stone solo, assist; Yates 2 solos, assist, sack; Burnes assist; Holliman solo, TFL; Morgeson solo, assist; Nesbitt 2 solos, assist.

Players of the Game

Offense Hunter Jones. Defense Lathan Easley. Lineman Ian Ellington.

Records

Crittenden 3-0, Ballard 0-2.



Pictured are members of the fifth- and sixth-grade Junior Pro Rockets football team (front, from left) Mason Tramble, Brennen Clifford, Trey Taylor, Braylen Clifford, Gage Markham, Trent Todd, Isaac James, (middle) Keegan Pierson, Jantzen Rodgers, Brayden Walton, Colton McLean, Levi Quetermous, Lane Curry, Noah Byford, Seth Lynn, Logan Nolan, Davis Perryman, Jake Rich, (back) Brayden Brandsassee, Micheal Counts, Jaxton Duncan, Garner Stallins, Caleb Combs, Dakota Sosh, Quinn Summers, Brayden Poindexter, Brody Samuel, Gunner Topp, Paxton Watson and Avery Thompson. Coaches are (from left) Tanner Tabor, Joey Rich and Aaron Summers.

Jr Pro Rockets



Cross Country

# Keller stays strong with 2nd

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Cross Country team competed at the Calloway County Invitational last Saturday.

For girls' varsity, Kate Keller continues to run strong, finishing second overall with a time of 22:04. Kara Fulkerson placed 12th with a time of 24:07, Courtney Fulkerson was 31st with a time of 27:00, Allie Newman 58th with a time of 29:59, and Leah Long placed 75th with a time of 32:25. There were over 90 girls in the varsity division. The girls' team placed seventh out of 11 squads.

Preston Morgeson led the varsity boys by finishing 31st with a time of 19:57. It was his first meet of the season. Morgeson is also a football player and is pulling double duty this fall competing in two varsity sports.

Doug Conger placed 55th with a time of 21:14, Jamie Burt was 85th with a time of 22:37, Zach Weathers was 114th with a time of 26:13 and Parker Kayse 128th with a time of 29:13. There were over 130 boys in the varsity division. The Rockets finished 11th out of 15 teams.

For the middle school girls, Mary Martinez placed 11th with a

## SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Calloway County Invitational at Calloway County High School, Murray, Ky.	
<b>GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL</b>	
Place, Athlete, Grade, School, Time	
2 Keller, Kate 11 Crittenden County	22:04.8
12 Fulkerson, Kara 9 Crittenden County	24:07.3
31 Fulkerson, Courtney 10 Crittenden County	27:00.4
32 McCormick, Kaydence 11 Livingston Central	27:00.6
34 Starczewski, Danielle 8 Livingston Central	27:04.4
37 Stlyt, Sheyenna 12 Livingston Central	27:09.4
58 Newman, Alexandra 11 Crittenden County	29:59.1
68 Jackson, Kaylynn 9 Livingston Central	31:28.9
73 Davidson, Kerah 12 Livingston Central	31:59.3
74 Swann, Olivia 9 Livingston Central	32:07.4
<b>BOYS HIGH SCHOOL</b>	
10 Kitchens, Carson 11 Livingston Central	18:20.1
31 Morgeson, Preston 9 Crittenden County	19:57.5
45 Schmitt, Robert 11 Livingston Central	20:46.1
47 Harris, Jarrett 12 Livingston Central	20:47.8
54 Davidson, Machi 8 Livingston Central	21:11.4
55 Conger, Doug 12 Crittenden County	21:14.1
85 Burt, Jamie 12 Crittenden County	22:37.6
114 Weathers, Zac 12 Crittenden County	26:13.0
128 Kayse, Parker 9 Crittenden County	29:13.1
79 Goodaker, Johnathon 12 Livingston Central	22:24.2

time of 12:11, and Taylor McKinney placed 65th with a time of 19:31. There were over 70 girls in the middle school division. For the middle school boys, Kyler Goodwin placed 23rd with a time of 10:58, Gabe Keller placed 47th with a time of 11:53 and Asa McCord placed 64th with a time of 12:34. There were over 100 boys in the middle school division.



Rocket receiver Gabe Keller hangs onto the ball after catching a pass from quarterback Micah Newcom to score a touchdown in middle school football action last Thursday against Webster County.

# CCMS gets first win by wiping out Webster

Crittenden County put everything together last Thursday to wipe out Webster County 42-14 in middle school football at Rocket Stadium.

It was Crittenden's first win in four middle school games this season.

The Rockets scored early and often. Quarterback Micah Newcom threw for 98 yards and two touchdowns. Levi Piper and Newcom rushed for two apiece and Bennett McDaniel and Gabe Keller each had a scoring reception. Piper rushed for a career-high 121 yards.

Here are statistics for the Rockets:

**Passing:** Newcom 8-8-0, 98 yds. **Rushing:** Piper 10-121, Newcom 4-14, Belcher 8-14, Belt 1-2, McLean 2-8. **Receiving:** Belt 3-34, McDaniel 2-26, Willingham 2-15, Keller 1-23. **Tackles:** McDaniel 4, McLean 3, Tramel 3, Sharp 2, Blazina 2, Hatfield 2, Belt 2 (interception), Willingham 1, Conyer 1, King 1, Piper 1 (interception), Phillips 1.

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS WRAPUP

### Volleyball girls 7-10 overall after winning at Webster

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County, ranked No. 5 in the Second Region according to the latest volleyball coach's poll, won a tight road game Monday at Webster County.

The Lady Rockets prevailed 25-21, 15-25, 25-23, 15-25, 15-13. The Lady Rocket are now 7-10 on the season.

Crittenden County won two of five matches Saturday at Hopkinsville, playing in the wRECK @ThePlex Tournament, featuring a number of the best teams in western Ken-

tucky.

Crittenden lost to Marshall County, Graves County and Henderson County, but was much more successful against schools near its own size. Graves and Marshall are each ranked among the top five teams in the First Region. The Lady Rockets beat Trigg County in straight sets and defeated Todd Central in similar fashion. The girls played a highly-contested match against Henderson, losing 25-22, 25-23, and Marshall, losing 26-24, 25-22.

### Junior Pro Rockets sweep opening games at Caldwell

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's fifth- and sixth-grade Junior Pro Rockets overcame five first-half turnovers and an 8-0 deficit at the break to beat Caldwell County Gold in come-from-behind fashion on Saturday at Princeton. The Rockets took the victory 13-8 behind a touchdown reception by Dakota Sosh on a pass from Avery Thompson and a rushing TD by Thompson.

Defensively, coach Tanner Tabor said it was a strong showing other than a couple

of early breakdowns, one of which allowed Caldwell to score its only TD.

Crittenden had three fumbles and two interceptions in the first half, one of which was at the goal line with the Rockets threatening to score just before intermission.

"We were able to settle down in the second half and execute much better," Tabor said. "Our run game got going and we completed a few passes to loosen up the defense."

The third- and fourth-grade Rockets whipped Cald-

well 28-0 as Colt Bailey and Azariah Rich each had touchdowns, and Eli Lovell scored twice.

**5th & 6th Grade Statistics**

**Crittenden County Jr Pro**

Rushing: James 11-53, Thompson 16-124, McLean 2-2. Receiving: Duncan 1-(-2), Walton 2-4, Sosh 1-10. Passing: Thompson 4-7-2, 12 yds. Tackles: James 3 (2 TFLs), Thompson 3, Stallins 1, Pierson 1, Topp 1, Summers 5 (1 TFL), Poindexter 1, Taylor 2 (1 TFL), Duncan 4, (interception), Brandsassee 2 (1 TFL, fumble recovery), Sosh 4 (2 TFLs).



Young Rockets appear on Sideline Show

A couple Crittenden County Junior Pro Football stars, Isaac James and Avery Thompson, appeared on the YTG Insurance PreGame Sideline Show Friday night from Ballard Memorial where the Rockets won their third game of the season. The show, produced by The Crittenden Press, is broadcast Live on Facebook starting at 6:40 p.m., on high school football game days. Hosted by former Rocket football players Tanner Tabor (pictured) and Mike Crabtree, the online program takes a look at the upcoming Rocket football game, plus a whole lot more.

### Rockets win golf match at Calvert City

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's golf team finished first in a four-team match at Calvert City Country Club.

The Rockets shot a 191 and outdueled Christian Fellowship, Livingston and Graves County. Sam Greenwell led the way for Crittenden with a 41 on the nine-

hole round. Landen Crider shot 47, Jeremiah Foster 48, Evan Belt 55 and Avery Belt 61.

Livingston was second at 195, led by Darit Barnes as medalist at 39.

Lauren Gilchrist shot a 41 on the girls' side of the event. Crittenden's Addie Hatfield had a 61 and Brylee Conyer a 64.

### Caldwell breaks close game to beat CCHS soccer girls

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County kept Caldwell County close for nearly the whole game, but the Lady Tigers scored four late goals to win 5-0 Monday night at Princeton.

Allie Geary had 10 sves for Crittenden.

Freshman midfielder Taylor Guess played her best game of the season last Thursday

but the Lady Rockets were unable to win last Thursday at Mayfield. The girls lost 5-2 in a physical matchup plagued by a number of fouls.

Keeper junior Allie Geary had three saves. Lyli Wesmolan and Taylor Stoner each scored for CCHS.



### Cowboys

More than 115 roping teams participated Saturday night in a rodeo coordinated by Loehr Productions of Indiana. Sean Loehr provided the stock for the team roping event featuring a handful of participants from Marion. First place went to Kyle Myatt and Jim Vaughan and second place to Kyle Myatt and Steteson Fox. Pictured are Shawn Loehr, the heeler, and Jason Peterson, the header.

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## Schlarman's wife never quits worrying UK's OL coach

Ask John Schlarman what his life might be like if he wasn't coaching and he'll tell you he doesn't know because coaching football is all the Kentucky offensive line coach has ever done.

However, his wife, LeeAnne Federspiel Schlarman, understands that well because she feels the same about being a coach's wife.

"I can't imagine doing anything else. John was a GA (graduate assistant at UK) and then got the job as a head high school coach in northern Kentucky and we really enjoyed that," LeeAnne Schlarman said. "It has just been exciting from the start. The kids love it. It has just been a good ride we have enjoyed."

They were students at UK when they met. John was a four-year starter in the offensive line at UK from 1994-97 (he was all-SEC his senior season) after an all-state career at Highlands High School. LeeAnne was in a UK sorority with a "bunch of girls" from Highlands and the two had the same circle of friends.

"His senior year his roommate started dating my roommate and another couple and us all went out one night but John and I were even in separate cars. Then we started talking and hit it off," she said.

It's worked out so well that the couple has four children — sons Joseph, Benjamin and Matthew, and a daughter, Evelyn. LeeAnne's father, Joe Federspiel, was a star football player at UK who played 10 years in the NFL and then became a

Southeastern Conference football official.

"We have family dinners every Sunday night with my aunt and uncle. I remember going to my uncle's house with John for the first time. Of course once you meet John, they liked him right away. It was easy. No problem at all with anybody," she laughed and said.

Still, nothing prepared LeeAnne, her husband or anyone in the family for what happened last year after the UK assistant coach was diagnosed with cancer. He had to undergo chemotherapy treatments and made trips to Houston for treatments — and still is. He did not miss a game and seldom missed a practice. John Schlarman said before this season started he was feeling better and new medicine was making it easier and more

convenient for him to continue his fight with cancer.

For his wife, it has been an emotional last year or so.

"It has been a terrible, awful year," she said during our interview that was exactly a year after they found out he had cancer. "He has just been so strong through it all. I would go with him and sit five hours for chemo and then he would go straight to practice."

"He has been so strong. It's not normal but he marches on like it is. I drive him crazy because I ask him every five seconds if he is okay, is he feeling good, can I do anything. If he scratches, I ask him why he did that. If his foot hurts, what is that. I just worry," she said. "He will do great during the day but in the evenings he definitely crashes."



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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 85.31 ACRES - \$441,947.5 - This hunting tract is known for big bucks and amazing views. A large lodge is located on the property with a large eat-in kitchen, wood burning stove and gated.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 95.5 ACRES - \$188,612 - Property has a diverse mix of habitat types, good trail system, numerous entry points along road frontage, hunter friendly topography, a creek and planted pines.

CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 127 ACRES - \$307,000 - Property has a diverse mix of habitat types, CRP income, diverse blend of habitat types, gently rolling topography and a proven history of big bucks! 00

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 233 ACRES - \$649,000 - Superb hunting tract with a nice lodge, CRP income, diverse blend of habitat types, gently rolling topography and a proven history of big bucks! 00

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 100 ACRES - \$222,500 - This farm is set up for livestock but is also a great hunting property. The property has several ponds, a rock bottom creek and several awesome building sites.

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

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


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

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

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 865 ACRES - \$1,726,000 - This large acreage hunting farm has a diverse mix of habitat types and topography and income from the tillable. Site of historic Crittenden Springs.

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

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 421 ACRES - This is an excellent hunting tract with the added bonus of tillable income! This farm has great mix of diverse habitat types on a very hunter friendly topography.



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## STAFF REPORT

The authorized pavement will be put on:

- Collie Brown Road a distance of 0.365 miles from U.S. 60 East extending east to the end of the road.
- Guess Road a distance of 0.584 miles from Yandell Mines Road extending south to Brown Mines Road.
- Mattoon Loop a distance of 0.839 miles from U.S. 60 East extending south back to U.S. 60 East.
- Providence Road a distance of 1.6 miles from Ky. 139 extending north to Ky. 1917.
- Valley View Road a distance of 0.765 miles from the trailing end of

A white Chevrolet pickup truck is parked on a street. A wooden ramp or stand is placed in front of the truck, likely for loading or unloading. The truck is a single cab model with a short bed. The background shows other vehicles and buildings, suggesting an urban or commercial setting.

# Authorities seeking stolen Ford F-150

STAFF REPORT

Church just under 8 miles off U.S. 60 West.

Agent said distinguishing features on the truck are a Weatherguard aluminum tool box mounted in the bed, a broken grill and large crack in the windshield. According to a Facebook post from Ann Deboe, the headlights have also been taped with silver tape. The F-150 is a regular cab, two-wheel drive.

The truck is valued at \$1,500, making the theft a felony.

The sheriff said vehicle thefts in the county seem to come in spurts, but it has been some time since the last stolen automobile.

Anyone with information on the stolen truck is asked to call the sheriff's office at (270) 965-3400 or Marion Dispatch at (270) 965-3500.

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## KENTUCKY NEW ERA

"The 2019 Quality Counts rankings confirm much of what we already know about Kentucky's public education system," said Kentucky Education Commissioner Wayne D. Lewis in a news release. "I believe an overall grade of C- accurately reflects both our system's strengths

Of the 50 states, Kentucky came in 36th place with a final grade of 72.4 percent. The state ranked 31st in the school finance ranking.

According to the news release, socioeconomic factors aren't always a credible predictor for a state's academic performance. Florida ranked 43rd in

family income but ninth for fourth-grade reading achievement. Kentucky ranks 41st in family income, but 22nd in fourth-grade reading.

Lewis said that it will take a "combination of increased strategic investment in classrooms and improved education policy, leadership and instructional practice" to improve the state's rankings.

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ion and until recently there were regular problems with leaks. Fireman Jim Johnson said that he remembers many years ago, well before Atmos was providing natural gas here, that two homes exploded because of leaks.

Coleman said that until the recent delivery system upgrade in Marion and Crittenden County, it wasn't uncommon to have about 60 or so leaks on the

books at any given time. "Now, there are zero," he said. "I've seen this town go from probably the worst town we had in the state of Kentucky to probably the best town in the state of Kentucky." The improvement is directly due to renovation of about 85 percent of the delivery system in Marion over the past 10 years, Coleman explained, plus the trunkline from the substation

in Caldwell County to Marion along Mott City Road (formerly U.S. 641) has been upgraded. There are plans to upgrade the rest of Marion, which will center around Greenwood Heights. Coleman's presentation was largely aimed, however, toward first responders, explaining what they should look for, how to respond to leaks or other natural gas issues and details about the characteristics of the gas - non-toxic, colorless, lighter than air, tasteless and otherwise odorless were it not for a disaster decades ago in Texas.

The last of the taxing districts in Crittenden County have set their rates for the 2019 tax year, with many rates falling or staying the same. The chart below shows the rates that will appear on 2019 tax bills mailed out this month expressed in cents per \$100 of assessed value, with rates changes from 2018 indicated by respective arrows. A flat \$30 fire fee due is added to tax bills for real property outside the City of Marion unless the owner opted out of paying the fee prior to July.

TAXING DISTRICT	REAL ESTATE	TANGIBLE PERSONAL	MOTOR VEHICLE
<b>Crittenden County Extension Service</b> .....	3.7310	5.1246	2.5000
<b>Crittenden County Health Board</b> .....	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000
<b>Crittenden County Public Library</b> .....	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000
<b>Crittenden Fiscal Court (general fund)</b> .....	11.7000 ▼	12.4000	12.4000
<b>Countywide total</b> .....	23.4310 ▼	25.5246	22.9000
<i>Statewide countywide average from 2018</i> .....	33.6499	40.5396	25.2628
<b>Crittenden County Schools</b> .....	48.6000 ▼	48.6000 ▼	54.1000
<i>Statewide school district average from 2018</i> .....	65.8843	66.0331	55.9893
<b>City of Marion *</b> .....	23.0000 ▼	31.0500	22.9000
<i>Statewide city verage from 2018 *</i> .....	22.4845	21.5448	16.7510
<b>Lower Tradewater River Floodplain *</b> .....	32.4000	0.0000	0.0000

**Timberland fire protection:** 2 cents per acre of timbered property.  
**County fire dues (outside City of Marion):** \$30, on each county bill unless opted out.  
*\*Paid only by those owning property within the defined boundaries of the taxing district*



Based on the median household value of \$78,500 in  
Crittenden County, below is what you will pay in 2019  
for combined city, county and school taxes on your home.  
Add \$95.77 for state taxes on real property.

What you'll pay in 2019	What you paid in 2018	State average in 2018*
<b>\$754.99</b>	<b>\$757.77</b>	<b>\$957.84</b>

What you'll pay in 2019	What you paid in 2018	State average in 2018
<b>\$565.44</b>	<b>\$567.01</b>	<b>\$781.34</b>

*\*Includes average real property tax rate for all incorporated areas in Kentucky*

To calculate your property taxes, take the value of your property, divide by 100 and multiply by the tax rate expressed as dollars. For example, \$100,000 / 100 x \$0.818 = \$818.00.

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tricts to keep rates the same or even lower them and expects more tax revenue over last year.

All tax bills will be mailed in the coming weeks. The City of Marion has mailed its. County tax bills include levies from the school system, Extension service, library, health board and Crittenden Fiscal Court for general county government purposes. It also includes taxes for the Lower Trade-water River Floodplain placed on properties along the river and \$30 fire dues, unless opted out of by the owner of qualifying property.

County government and the school district lowered taxes on real property by a penny per \$1,000 valuation. The

school district also lowered its levy on personal property by the same amount. Meantime, the city dropped its real estate tax by 1.3 cents per \$100. Other tax rates across the county were unchanged.

The typical Kentucky homeowner not living within an incorporated area like Marion pays about \$214 more in annual property taxes than their counterparts in Crittenden County. This is based on a \$78,500 home value.

With a tax rate slightly higher than the average Kentucky city, Marion property owners lose a little ground based on the same home value, saving about \$200 over the average property owner in the Bluegrass State.

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