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Hunter Boone and Kenlee Perryman were crowned football homecoming king and queen before Friday's 48-13 win over Webster County

NEWS

CITY SIDEWALK PROJECT DELAYED BY LEGALITIES

Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford said to not expect new sidewalks anytime soon as part of a federal grant through the state's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

Last summer, it was announced that the city would receive more than \$154,000 in 80/20 TAP grant money to upgrade 1,700 feet of sidewalks as part of a rehabilitation program to connect with new sidewalks put in several years ago to the high/middle school campus. But Ledford said right-of-way questions are presenting a hold-up on the upgrades. He said it is not uncommon for such projects to take up to three years for completion.

The new concrete will run along South Main Street from West Elm Street to West Carlisle Street and continue down West Carlisle Street to South Weldon Street. The city will be responsible for 20 percent of the total cost.

LIBRARY HAS 2 TERMS EXPIRING ON ITS BOARD

Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees has two expiring terms this fall. Anyone interested in serving may pick up a short trustee application at the library. The board will consider nominees next Thursday.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will meet at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at the courthouse.
- **Crittenden-Livingston Water District Board of Directors** will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the utility's office in Salem.
- **Crittenden Health Systems Board of Directors** will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the hospital administrative annex.
- **Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees** will meet at 5 p.m. next Thursday at the library.



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Boy hurt when vehicle enters soccer field

STAFF REPORT

Youth soccer coaches are being credited with reacting quickly on Saturday when a vehicle crashed through a chain-link fence and onto the soccer field at Marion-Crittenden County Park, injuring one.

A 10-year-old boy was struck by the car and taken to Livingston Hospital & Healthcare Services in Salem. The incident

happened shortly after 9 a.m. The child, who lives in Lola, is recovering from a broken leg. He was the only person injured, but people at the park say it's a miracle that others were not hurt, and they say the coaches may have saved others from serious injury.

"We were just a few feet from having a really bad day with more kids hurt," said Zach

Bloodworth, who was one of the first people to sprint into action.

Bloodworth was coaching a youth soccer team. His daughter and 17 others children were on the field, others were sitting on benches on the sideline area. Bloodworth, who serves as Crittenden County's District 3 magistrate said he heard the car scratching through the fence and turned to look.

"We heard it before we saw it. She came through the fence and accelerated, heading right down into the bench area, but then turned out toward the middle of the field," Bloodworth said.

"It was just awful. Kids were running and parents were running. The car shot out there so

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Homecoming spirit

The Jaw-Dropping Juniors from Crittenden County High School took first place in the homecoming parade competition with their Chomp the Trojans theme, which incorporated the popular Baby Shark Dance. Here, Morgan Barnes holds up one of a series of posters – perhaps predicting their win – during their skit in front of the judges. For more pictures from homecoming week, see Page 3.

Council OKs use of city land for disc golf course

By **DARYL K. TABOR**
PRESS EDITOR

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Disc golf dominated a nearly two-hour Marion City Council meeting Monday, with the elected body giving the go-ahead for utilizing municipal property for half of the 18 holes for a proposed course.

After months of discussion between Marion Tourism Commission and Marion-Crittenden County

Park Board, Tourism Director Michele Edwards approached the council seeking approval for use of the city's 42 acres where Crittenden County Detention Center maintains the Victory Gardens. With Jailer Robbie Kirk on board, according to Edwards, council members unanimously granted a three-year agreement for the land to be used for a Frisbee golf course.

The deal, though, will contain a clause that gives the city an out at any time if they choose to sell the property. The city and jail have a lease that ends December 2019, but after that, the council could elect to sell the land for needed revenue.

Councilman Darrin Tabor has never liked the idea of selling the acreage.

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Democrats, GOP showcase their candidates

STAFF REPORT

Local Democrats and Republicans will each be offering an opportunity for voters to meet their respective candidates running in an important general election Nov. 6.

Besides the mid-term congressional election, this year's balloting will seat all countywide races, three school board seats, Marion's city council and mayor and representation in both the Kentucky House and Senate. Though four of the six magisterial seats are contested, the only contested countywide race is for county attorney: Republican Bart Frazer is challenging Democrat Rebecca Johnson for the four-year post.

First up, Crittenden County



Democratic Party will host a chili supper next Thursday that will feature hopefuls for local office as well as Dr. Paul Walker, a challenger for the 1st Congressional District seat; Abigail Barnes, challenger for the 4th District House seat in Frankfort; and Sen. Dorsey Ridley, the incumbent representing the 4th Senate District in the state legislature.

The event is open to all voters and begins at 6 p.m. in the fel-

lowship hall at St. William Catholic Church in Marion.

Next month, Crittenden County Republican Party is hosting a meet-and-greet for candidates running in local, state and federal races. Confirmed guests include U.S. Rep. James Comer, the incumbent 1st District congressman; Rep. Lynn Bechler, the incumbent representing the 4th House District in Frankfort; and Robby Mills, challenger for the 4th Senate District seat in the General Assembly. Also, candidates for state constitutional offices in 2019 have been invited.

The gathering will offer hors d'oeuvres and begins at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.



Candidate Showdown

The Crittenden Press has sent a questionnaire to all candidates for contested local, state and federal races. Their responses will be published in the Oct. 25 edition of the newspaper.



Crittenden Fiscal Court

Crittenden Fiscal Court convenes in regular session at the courthouse at 8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the courthouse open on Saturday? The office of circuit clerk is generally open only the first Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. 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.

HOSPITAL

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local hospital, he was able to spend the day with her and sleep in his own bed at their Greenwood Heights home. In two weeks, she was well enough to rejoin him at home.

“We’ve got awfully good doctors and wonderful nurses,” he said of CHS. “We have a wonderful facility.”

RHG’s Terry Nichols has been onsite since the company inked a contract with the CHS Board of Directors to manage the 48-bed, acute care hospital. He told Vaughn and others passionate about their concerns at the meeting that his company has every intention to not only continue the 75-plus years of service Crittenden Hospital has provided the community but to improve the level of care and treatment options.

“It’s your hospital,” he said addressing worries over the lack of local control if the sale goes through. “You should be emotional about it. You should also understand, 450 hospitals have been identified on a critical list. You were on that list last year (when RHG began management). You are not on that list this year.”

Last month, a Morgan Stanley analysis identified 450 hospitals in the United States were at potential risk of closure based on a number of factors. The financial services company also classified another 600 hospitals as “weak.”

Rural health care woes

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom conducted last week’s meeting. He offered discussion on numerous slides projecting facts on CHS and the state of rural health care. Near the conclusion, he pointed to Capitol Hill as the reason the local hospital is even on the market.

“The biggest thing I’ve heard is, ‘We’re going to lose control of our hospital.’ We don’t have control of it now,” he countered, pointing to regulations and mandates from Washington, D.C. “The federal government does.”

While the fed holds no direct control over CHS, it sets operational guidelines and reimbursement rates for Medicare and Medicaid, which accounted for about two-thirds of patients in 2015. The strain of federal interference appears to be affecting the health of small medical centers across America.

Rural hospitals like the one in Crittenden County serve as a lifeline for health care for a community as well as the local economy. But since 2010, according to a July 2018 report from NPR, 85 have closed, including four in Kentucky.

Locally, the impact is huge. In 2015, CHS paid out more than \$7 million in wages and salaries, which is greater than 12 percent of the total individual earnings in the county. The facility spent more than \$2 million at local businesses and funneled nearly \$88,000 to local government general funds from payroll taxes.

No one wants to see the medical center close, least of all the county’s judge-executive and six magistrates who are facing the decision on whether to sell the land and buildings where the hospital operates. That decision is imminent because the CHS board is ready to sell its interest to RHG.

In Crittenden County, the hospital real estate is owned by the county, while the operations and equipment are owned by Crittenden Health Systems Inc. The corporation is its own entity, created to oversee the non-profit hospital through a seven-member board of directors appointed by the fiscal court. The board hires a CEO and



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Terry Nichols of Rural Health Group (RHG) answers questions and concerns last Thursday from a room at the Marion Ed-Tech Center full of community members concerned over the proposed sale of Crittenden Health Systems to Kansas City, Mo.-based RHG.

can make the decision – like it did almost a year ago – to hire a management company to run the hospital.

RHG is not the first outside firm to manage local hospital operations. Through most of the 1990s and until 2009, Quorum Health Resources based in Nashville, Tenn., was contracted by the board to administer the medical center.

Charlie Hunt, chairman of the CHS board, told last Thursday’s crowd that expenses for services offered outweigh total reimbursements from private pay, insurance and government programs like Medicare and Medicaid. Things were so bad a year ago, Hunt believed the facility would be closed by May of this year despite desperate efforts to slow the bleeding by cutting jobs, reducing wages and benefits for those who were kept on and ending certain services.

“Last August, our CEO talked to our (board) attorney about what was involved in closing the hospital,” said Hunt, a 14-year board member of the same facility where his children were born and parents spent their last days. “It nearly scared me to death. In my opinion, we had seven or eight months. But the hospital is still there because of the changes in attitude, starting with us.”

One of those changes led to relinquishing daily management to RHG 11 months ago at \$15,000 per month.

“At that time a year ago, CHS was losing \$100,000 cash (per month); two months previous, \$240,000 cash; and the bank account was down to \$500,000,” said Nichols. “If it had stayed on that track, it definitely would have closed.”

RHG has been able to slow the bleeding by doing things like reintroducing services, bringing in more specialists and improving billing procedures that have reduced the lag time between receiving payments for services rendered. Some wages and benefits slashed have been restored and employment is up to 167 full- and part-time workers, an increase of 20 from 2015.

“We’ve stopped the bleeding; now we’re being profitable,” Nichols said. “You can’t cut yourself to success.”

With the turnaround, RHG sees potential in the hospital. That’s why the company wants to buy it, making it the second medical center in its portfolio. Last month, the company’s CEO, Larry Arthur, told The Crittenden Press he would like to eventually own 10-15 rural community hospitals.

“It’s economy of scale,” Nichols said, addressing a question about how RHG plans to turn a profit when the local board has been unable to do so.

USDA key to deal

The USDA appears to be key to getting any deal done between CHS and RHG. In fact, the Kansas City firm would be depending on a low-interest loan through a USDA’s Industry and Business Loan Program to back

the transaction.

Nichols said the 2 percent interest rate is the linchpin to making the purchase happen. It would immediately shave off close to \$200,000 in annual interest being paid on the remaining \$3.8 million debt it would assume for the addition of a surgical wing to CHS five years ago. The hospital is currently paying 8.5 percent interest on that loan, Hunt said.

And Nichols said USDA involvement should offer security to those in the community concerned about RHG simply stepping in to strip CHS to the bone and sell it for a profit.

“We have proved financial wherewithal, and have to show it to the USDA,” Nichols said, adding that RHG has to ensure long-term viability to qualify for the loan. “That is the third party that makes us cross every T and dot every I. We’re not coming in to buy a hospital and sell it.”

Bob Campbell, chairman of CHS’s Community Healthcare Foundation and a former CHS employee, said it looks like “the fox is guarding the hen house” with RHG being the only suitor for buying the hospital after managing it a year.

“The guard dog is the USDA,” Nichols replied, trying to allay that concern.

Hunt said as board chairman he has spoken with a dozen health care providers over the years about buying CHS or joining forces with the hospital. Those have included Lourdes, Baptist Health, Methodist Hospital, Livingston Hospital & Healthcare Services, Jennie Stuart Medical Center and some national firms. All, he added, want to manage a facility six months to a year before considering a deal.

Nichols said the USDA program stipulates that RHG would have to own the property and hospital operations, requiring both the CHS board and fiscal court be in agreement to make a deal possible. At least one magistrate, Dan Wood, said after last week’s meeting that he needs more information and financial details he has not seen before he could make a decision on whether to put the county’s real estate up for sale.

Stipulations set

The county could not set a sale price for the real estate if they decide to sell, as state law would require the property to be surplus and sold at a public auction. However, County Attorney Rebecca Johnson said a reserve amount could be established and a requirement made that the purchaser would have to operate a hospital on the property in order to qualify for the purchase. Any proceeds from the sale of the real estate would go into the county’s general fund.

Hunt said CHS, the corporation responsible for hospital operations, is ready to move forward.

He explained that RHG has agreed to several sticking points to make it more palatable to the board. Among those are creation

of an advisory council made up of local representatives from the community who would have input but no decision-making power with RHG, a 36 month requirement to keep hospital services at no less than the current level, assumption of all liabilities, continuation of a \$100,000 annual supplement to finance the ambulance service over the next four years, putting \$1 million of working capital into the operation of CHS and more.

Assuming the \$3.8 million in current debt for the surgical wing is huge, said Hunt. One question if CHS decides to close the hospital rather than sell is who would be responsible for that debt. Hunt believes that could fall back on the taxpayers of the county. Taxpayers have not been responsible for any costs associated with the hospital since a property tax of 14 cents per \$100 valuation was removed in 1986 when the initial bonds to build the facility were paid off.

Should a deal go through, Nichols alluded to a reduction in the number of beds at the hospital at the end of the three-year requirement to keep services untouched. Last Thursday, only 13 of the 48 beds were filled, and Nichols said 22 is the most he’s seen occupied since RHG took over management. Reducing the number of beds would help improve efficiency, he explained.

Regardless of what happens to the hospital, there will continue to be an EMS presence in the county. By Kentucky statute, each county is required to maintain an ambulance service. Today, the fiscal court is in the first year of a five-year deal with Com-Care Inc. to contribute \$250,000 annually from the county’s general fund for the company to manage Crittenden EMS. That three-way deal also includes \$100,000 a year from CHS. If the hospital closes or if RHG buys the hospital and no longer contributes the money at the end of the five-year obligation, the fiscal court would still have to ensure there is a viable EMS to serve its citizens.

Decisions to make

Newcom said last week that the hospital sale would not be on the agenda for today’s (Thursday) fiscal court meeting, but added that it may very well be brought up for discussion. No decision, however, will be made today, he assured.

In the long run, though, he sees few options to keeping the hospital open besides either selling CHS to a third party or adding a property tax to keep the medical center open and run by a local board. Only eight of Kentucky’s 120 counties levy a hospital tax.

“Are people willing to have a 22-cent tax?” Newcom posed at last week’s meeting, referring to the rate Trigg County property owners are paying to keep their hospital open. “We just voted down a (6-cent) school tax.”

CHS history, background

A brief history of Crittenden County Hospital/Crittenden Health Systems:

- **December 1942:** Articles of incorporation filed to form Crittenden County Hospital.
- **July 21, 1944:** Crittenden County Hospital opens on North Walker Street across from Fohs Hall.
- **Nov. 5, 1968:** County voters approve construction of new hospital 2,357-633.
- **1970:** Hospital property purchased for \$18,122.
- **May 16, 1972:** Hospital opens at its current location on West Gum Street.
- **Aug. 15, 1972:** Taxing district established to levy 14 cents per \$100 of valuation on real and tangible property to pay off \$650,000 in bonds issued to fund construction and furnishing the new hospital.
- **1986:** Final bond payment made from hospital tax revenue, and tax was removed.
- **Summer 1994:** Crittenden County Hospital name changed to Crittenden Health Systems (CHS).
- **Aug. 1, 2009:** CHS board ends almost 20-year association with Quorum Health Resources to manage the hospital.
- **June 2013:** The first procedure is performed in a more than \$4 million surgical wing added to CHS. Taxpayers have not been responsible for any of that cost.
- **Oct. 3 2017:** CHS board hires Rural Hospital Group (RHG) to manage hospital system.
- **Late summer 2018:** RHG expresses an interest in purchasing CHS operations and property.

CHS facts of interest

Any decision to sell Crittenden Health Systems will be made jointly between Crittenden Fiscal Court and the CHS Board of Directors. Following are details to consider for any proposed sale:

- Crittenden Health System Inc. owns and operates the hospital services and equipment. It is its own entity run by a seven-person board of directors appointed by the fiscal court. The current board consists of Chairman Charlie Hunt, Fred Stubblefield, Don Matheny, Nathan Boone, Valerie Newcom, Grant Rogers and Dr. Gary James. They conduct board meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month to oversee hospital business.
- The fiscal court owns the hospital property, including the ground and buildings. Ownership has changed hands over the years between CHS and the county to meet the needs of specific goals. CHS currently has a 100-year lease with the county to operate a hospital at the facility.
- The fiscal court is responsible for the decision to surplus the property for a sale at public auction. It could set a reserve and require that a health care facility be run on the property, thereby limiting risks.
- The CHS board hires a CEO (currently Dan Hibben) and either manages hospital operations or hires a management company like RHG (currently at \$15,000 per month). The board reviews all financial and operational aspects per the CEO and approves major renovation projects, purchases and sales of excess property tied to hospital business.
- An agreement was made many years ago with Family Practice Clinic to build a supporting clinic on CHS property. It is surveyed as separate property.

CHS by the numbers

Figures associated with CHS that were presented at last Thursday’s public forum on the proposed sale:

- 48 beds
- 167 full- and part-time employees
- 897 annual admissions (2015)
- 22,137 total outpatient services (2015)
- 3,833 total inpatient days (2015)
- 4,754 ER patients treated (2015)
- 60 percent-plus of patients were covered by state, federal programs (2015)
- \$2.04 million in purchases by CHS was made from local businesses (2015)
- \$2.36 million in estimated purchases was made by CHS employees from local businesses (2015)
- \$52,733 in occupational taxes was collected by the City of Marion from CHS employees (2015)
- \$35,155 in occupational taxes was collected by Crittenden Fiscal Court from CHS employees (2015)
- 12.1 percent of all wages countywide are attributed to CHS (2015)
- \$7.03 million in wages and salaries was paid by CHS, almost equalling the entire county budget (2015)

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Football Homecoming 2018



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Clockwise from top, the 2018 Crittenden County High School football homecoming court surrounding king Hunter Boone and queen Kenlee Perryman includes (from left) freshmen attendants Dylan Yates and Maggie Blazina, junior attendants Bill Engellau and Lynzee Lynn, senior attendant Shelby Summers, Boone, Perryman, senior candidates Payton Riley, Devon Nesbitt and Ashley Wheeler, sophomore attendants Sam Greenwell and Jesse Potter and 2017 queen Emma Atchison. Flower and crown bearers are Korie Bloodworth and Ryan Hardin. Sophomore Cameron Howard's run in powderpuff football action last Thursday ends with a pulled flag by junior Emmie Smith. Sophomore Jesse Potter is on the heels of her older sister and ball carrier junior Jenna Potter. Sophomores defeated the jurors and later the seniors to win the annual tournament. Kolton Woodall, 4, and Presley Herrin, 5, wave at parade entries passing down Main Street. Three individuals were honored as Crittenden County Distinguished Alumni Friday at a luncheon ceremony held in conjunction with homecoming. (From left) Jared Ordway, a geneticist who graduated from CCHS in 1989; Laura Kalista represented her late father, Barry Enoch, a 1954 graduate of Marion High School who was a member of the initial U.S. Navy SEAL team; and Corey Crider, an operatic baritone who graduated CCHS in 1994. Freshmen turned up the spirit with their depiction of the old Marion High School and its former athletes, earning second place behind the junior class' parade entry.

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but wants to make sure the proposed new recreation will not interfere with other activities already taking place on city and park property.

“Personally, I think this is the most ridiculous thing we talk about,” Tabor said of discussions on selling the land.

Mayor Jared Byford said the city would have to be in dire straights for getting rid of the property to make sense.

“If it comes to us selling that property, we’ve got bigger problems to worry about,” he said.

The Victory Gardens will be maintained on the land, as the planned disc golf course will operate around the garden plots.

The course will start on park property, which is adjacent to the city’s land. Parking and hole No. 1 will be near the basketball courts. It will continue back and forth on the two properties, ending at hole No. 18 near the first hole. The course will be free to use, but planners hope tournaments will bring scores – possibly hundreds – of players to Marion.

Kevin Maxfield, an avid disc golf player, was on hand Monday to help sell the idea to council members. He said you can drive 45 minutes from Marion in any direction and play disc golf. The proposed local course would put the city in the center of a ring of popular courses.

Despite Monday’s victory, Edwards knows the community will not be sold on the idea of disc golf.

“The biggest hurdle is explaining to people what it is,” she said.

It operates on the same concept as regular golf, with tee boxes and par set for each hole. Frisbee-like discs are thrown to advance toward the “hole,” which is an elevated basket to catch the disc. There is even a Professional Disc Golf Association.

The venture will cost city property taxpayers nothing. Tourism has already put more than \$3,000 toward designing the course, with Edwards estimating total costs to install the equipment and signage to be less than

\$30,000. That will come from \$15,000 in contingency funds set aside for the park, with additional money coming from revenue off the city’s prepared foods and lodging tax dedicated to tourism and recreation expenses.

“I see it as an opportunity to get something done, and we don’t have to pay for it,” said Byford, referring to funds used to run city government.

While part of the intent is to draw visitors to Marion, others see a disc golf course as an opportunity for community residents.

“It gives local people something else to do,” said Darrick Myers, a Tourism commissioner.

“It’s something for the kids to do,” added Councilwoman D’Anna Browning. “It’s free.”

Some on the council want to see the design reworked, fearing the planned holes will interfere with fishing at the lake on city property and warm-up areas for softball and baseball at the park.

Sewer plant on track

Things are still on track to meet the state’s deadline for a new wastewater treatment plant to serve the city.

Alan Robinson, president of Eclipse Engineering and manager of the project, told the council that plans for the first phase of the overall sewer system upgrade have been approved by the Kentucky Division of Water. Advertising for construction bids could come as early as next month, with construction on the almost \$2 million project starting in January. This step will upgrade about 6 miles of sewer lines around the city.

Funding for the project through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority has also been OK’d, but still requires signatures on documents before things can move forward. Robinson said, though, that letting for bids on construction of the sewer plant itself will likely come in early spring 2019. Building the facility on city-owned property in Industrial Park North should start in May.

“That gives us 26 months before the Division of Enforcement deadline,” said Robinson. “Everything is on target.”

Construction is ex-

pected to take about 24 months.

The overall \$12 million project was mandated by the state to address regulations repeatedly violated by an inadequate treatment system that dumps untreated sewage into the environment at times. If the problem is not corrected by July 21, 2021, the city would face fines of \$10,000 per day per violation.

The city is still hoping to knock \$1 million off the cost of the upgrades through a federal community development block grant. The money would be awarded based on low- to moderate-income standards. If an earnings survey already conducted on randomly-selected city residents qualifies, the award could be announced later this year or early next year.

The city was denied the grant last year based on technicalities. Robinson said if the grant is not given this cycle, the city still has time to apply at least one more time before construction is complete.

Annexation

Tabor is still looking to annexation to bring in more city revenue, specifically from homes along Airport Road. Even if residents of the street do not wish to be incorporated into the city, some council members would like to see Marion-Crittenden County Airport within the city.

Tabor and Councilman Don Arflack say some residents along Airport Road would like to be included in the city in order to receive city services like fire and police protection. Already, city sewer is offered to homes along the county road. The drawback for residents would be paying city property taxes on top of county levies.

But before moving ahead, some on the council would like to get a better feel of how most of the Airport Road residents feel. City Attorney Bart Frazer said he has not seen contested annexation in Marion while he has been city attorney.

The first step, if the council wants to move ahead with annexation, would be to pass an ordinance of intent to annex. That would put the wheels officially into motion. It would take a 55 percent supermajority of voters in

the proposed annexation area to reject incorporation into the city should the council choose to move that fare ahead.

Even if the council chooses to not annex homes or if residents reject the idea, the city could still annex the airport itself, offering city and police protection while having the availability of taxing hangared aircraft for revenue.

Oak Hill complaints

Oak Hill Drive residents were in attendance for the second straight month regarding repairs to their city street and have promised to return in October.

Randy Dunn, speaking on behalf of several residents along the street, said the improvements made to the deteriorating street after complaints were

brought forward in August were appreciated, but more is needed. Two sizeable areas where the road is failing still need work, he said.

However, City Utilities Director Brian Thomas said the work would require costly new asphalt, not patches. The areas are so significant that rock or patching material would simply wash away after a few rains.

But City Administrator Adam Ledford warns that Oak Hill Drive is not on his list of priority pavement that will be presented to the council next month. He said there are too many areas in worse shape to address with limited funds. Only three to four streets will be targeted for new asphalt with money available this year.

“You could take a map of the (entire) city and circle

it, as far as needs,” said Thomas, explaining the extensive need for improvements to city streets.

Though Oak Hill Drive will not be on his priority list, Ledford said the council will have the final say in who gets new pavement.


Midwest

The city has terminated Midwest Trucking’s lease on municipal property off East Elm Street. The company was paying \$1,000 per month for use of the land, but nuisance complaints from neighbors tied to alleged illegal burning on the property led to discontinuation of the agreement. Byford said the company’s owner told him they planned to continue burning on the land.

“So we felt it was best if we terminated that lease,” the mayor said.

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Grand jury hands down several indictments

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted six individuals last week on a variety of charges, mostly for drugs or theft. A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecuting a case in circuit court. Indicted last week were the following:

- Amber Lanea Davis, 39, of Marion was indicted on a felony count of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), two counts of misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, misdemeanor public intoxication and third-degree criminal trespassing. Police reports say that officers responded to a complaint and found Davis on the parking lot at Dollar General where she was arrested.
- Andrew Paul Ferguson, 22, of Marion was indicted on a variety of

GRAND JURY

charges including second-degree assault, for allegedly stabbing another man during a confrontation on July 23. Police reports say that a man went to the local hospital emergency room with a stab wound. Police were notified and were told that Ferguson had allegedly been the perpetrator. Ferguson was found at Farmers Market on Main Street and arrested. The police report says that he admitted to the stabbing. Ferguson was also indicted on a charge of felony theft of a firearm. Court records say that on July 22 Ferguson is believed to have taken a Cobra .380 pistol and two boxes of cartridges from a vehicle without permission from the vehicle owner. In a separate case, Ferguson was indicted on three counts of felony third-degree burglary, felony receiving stolen property and misdemeanor charges of receiving stolen property

and third-degree criminal mischief. These charges stem from an investigation by Marion police into burglaries of parked vehicles that allegedly occurred on East Carlisle, East Elm and West Elm streets on the night of July 21 and early-morning hours of July 22.

- Valerie J. Bowers, 34, of Marion was indicted on three counts of felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (meth, opiates and an unspecified drug) and felony first-degree wanton endangerment for allegedly having meth within reach of a three-year-old child. She also faces misdemeanor charges of fourth-degree assault, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Police reports say that officers were summoned on May 17 to a residence on View Road in rural Crittenden County where an altercation was occurring between family members. After investigating and searching the scene, offi-

cers charged Bowers and placed her under arrest.

- Paul Jonathan King, 34, of Dyersburg, Tenn., was indicted on six felony drug counts which were enhanced because he also had a firearm in his vehicle. Police received a complaint Aug. 7 that King had dropped a bag of meth in a parking lot of a Sturgis Road business. When officers located him, they searched his vehicle and found a number of alleged illegal drugs. King is indicted for two counts of possession of methamphetamine, possession of unspecified drugs, possession of marijuana, trafficking in marijuana and trafficking in methamphetamine. He was also charged with misdemeanor count of carrying a concealed deadly weapon, a five-shot revolver, under the seat of his vehicle. He did not possess a license to carry a concealed weapon in Kentucky.

- David B. Smock, 42, of Harrisburg, Ill., was in-

dicted on a variety of drug and driving infractions after he allegedly nearly hit a state trooper head-on on U.S. 60 on the afternoon of Aug. 23. Trooper Darron Holliman's report says he had to take evasive action to avoid being hit by Smock's vehicle. Once the trooper got turned around and stopped Smock's Mercury Villager, the police report says he allegedly saw Smock dispose of a hypodermic needle. After further investigation, Smock was charged with felony first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, felony tampering with physical evidence and lesser charges of reckless driving, defective steering gear, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, improper windshield, possession of drug paraphernalia, operating on a suspended license, failure to maintain insurance and no state registration.

- James E. Todd Jr., 39, of Marion was indicted on a single count of being a convicted felon in pos-

session of a firearm, a class D felony. Todd was stopped by Marion police on Aug. 13 for being on city property on Mill Road without permission. Although he was charged with trespassing, the grand jury did not indict on that accusation. As a result of the city police investigation, an alleged burglary in the county may have been solved. Crittenden County Sheriff's Department was notified of some seemingly odd items that were found in the bed of Todd's truck when he was stopped on Mill Road. Upon further investigation, Deputy Chuck Hoover charged Todd with felony theft, misdemeanor theft and possession of burglary tools in connection with items taken from equipment and vehicles parked at the Rogers Group Quarry on U.S. 60 East. Police believe those items were stolen the day before Todd was stopped on Mill Road in Marion by Police Chief Ray O'Neal.

3 sentenced in circuit court last week

STAFF REPORT

Last week's regular monthly docket in Crittenden Circuit Court was lighter than usual. Judge Rene Williams disposed of the following cases last Thursday.

- Brandon Keith Shinnall, 21, of Logansport Ind., pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years in prison. Probation was denied and he was remanded into the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections. Shinnall was indicted on charges of felony theft of a firearm and felony theft (under \$10,000) in July for taking a number of items, including a firearm, from a home belonging to a relative on Country Drive in Marion. Some of the items were pawned in Marion and Princeton.

CIRCUIT COURT

- Amber Louise Graham, 29, of Marion had her probation revoked. She

had been convicted earlier this year of flagrant non-support. Judge Williams said Graham's probation was revoked due to new criminal charges being filed against her. Graham was ordered to complete her original five-year sentence but the judge did not rule out giving her shock probation in a long-term substance abuse program after the new charges are adjudicated.

- Robert A. Daniels Jr., 21, pleaded guilty to felony

custodial interference and a misdemeanor first-degree criminal trespassing for helping a 13-year-old female run away from home back in June. The girl was found at Daniels' residence on Piney Road in Marion. He was given pretrial diversion for five years on the felony and 12 months on the misdemeanor with the time to run concurrent. He is also ordered by the court to have no contact with the minor victim.

Vocational continuing ed courses October 20

STAFF REPORT

Madisonville Community College will host one-day continuing education courses next month in Marion for electrical and plumbing vocations.

On Saturday, Oct. 20, the following courses will be offered for respective license holders at the Marion Ed-Tech Center:

- Electrical contractor: 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., six hours credit, \$85.
- Master electrician/electrician: 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., six hours credit, \$75.

- HVAC and plumbing (master and journeymen): 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., eight hours credit, \$110.

Lunch is included with the cost of each class.

Early registration is advised, as there will be an additional \$10 charge for payments made the day of the classes.

"Although we welcome walk-ins, please make every effort to call in advance to make sure a class has experienced enough enrollments to be conducted," said Brianna Crowley, continuing educator coordinator with MCC.

For questions, multiple license discounts or if you would like to register, call MCC at (270) 824-8658.



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Dr. Barnes honored

Livingston County physician Dr. William E. Barnes speaks last Thursday at a dedication ceremony for Livingston Hospital & Healthcare Systems' Heartburn & Acid Reflux Center of Excellence as hospital CEO Elizabeth Snodgrass looks on. Last week's celebration was threefold, drawing a large crowd for the ribbon cutting for the center, special recognition from EndoGastric Solutions to Barnes for being the world's leader in endoscopic transoral incisionless fundoplication (TIF) procedures to control acid reflux and a dedication of a plaque at the LHHHS visitor entrance (inset) to Barnes for his loyalty and commitment to the hospital and community over a 36-year career there. A parade of well-wishers, patients of Barnes' and hospital officials took turns congratulating and thanking Barnes for his help. "He epitomizes what we all want health care to be," said Skip Baldino, President and CEO of EndoGastric Solutions, before presenting his company's recognition. Barnes, who helped perfect the TIF procedure to stop acid reflux that can cause myriad symptoms and increase the risk for esophageal cancer, was credited by several of his patients for improving their lives with the technique. Some went even further with their praise. "God has been good to our county in sending him here," said Mickey Teitloff, whose daughter was seriously injured in a car wreck 27 years ago. "I don't think Christi would be standing here today without him."

New handicap placard requires doctor signature

STAFF REPORT

Significant changes to Kentucky's familiar blue and red disabled parking placards started this week. The modifications are aimed at improving parking access for disabled populations and curbing potential fraudulent use. Some of the significant improvements include:

- Replacement or duplicate placards will cost \$10. The first card is free.
- Permanent handicap placards will be valid for six years – maximizing convenience.
- The parent or guardian of a disabled person may apply for a placard on his or her behalf.
- Permanent placards

will expire on the placard holder's birth month.

- Permanent and temporary disabled placards will be linked to the applicant instead of vehicle, eliminating the need for additional placards for multiple vehicles the disabled person may use.

- Organizations will be allowed to obtain a placard.

The placards are issued in county clerk offices. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing is responsible for the change to disabled placards statewide set in motion by House Bill 81.

Crittenden County Clerk Carolyn Byford said applicants will need the

signature of their doctor for a new placard.

"At first, we didn't think we would need a new application signed by a doctor," she said. "However, as information trickles in from Transportation and according to HB 81, the applicant for a renewal or replacement of their disabled placard must have a new application signed by their doctor."

Expiration dates on existing placards are currently handwritten and could be susceptible to potential alterations. New permanent and temporary disabled placards will feature a decal with a printed expiration date to minimize fraud.

With strong support from legislators and advocacy groups, like the Cen-

ter for Accessible Living, HB 81 reintroduces a \$10 fee for duplicate or replacement placards to reduce the number of placards on the roads that may be used by non-disabled drivers not transporting a disabled person.

In 2009, Kentucky stopped charging for additional placards; and in one year, the number of placards issued surged from nearly 32,000 to more than 209,000.

"Charging a fee for additional placards and linking placards to individuals, not vehicles, are steps we hope will cut down on the number of placards issued and help disabled populations find designated spots," said bill sponsor Rep. Jerry T. Miller.

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Crittenden nation’s largest spar producer

In the early 1900s, not only was Crittenden County excited and hopeful about the rich deposits of minerals found in the area, other places were becoming familiar with the county being the largest producer of fluorspar in the nation and also noted for lead and zinc.

The Courier-Journal of Louisville, on Nov. 16, 1902, featured Crittenden County in a full-page layout, with many interesting facts and figures, plus some one-of-a kind photos. Here are some of the highlights from the article.

November 16, 1902
Mining Lead and Zinc in Crittenden County.
Big Riches In Deposits of Ore In Western Ky.
The discovery of ores of zinc in one of the three counties locally termed the western Kentucky mining district, dates back not quite two years. The counties of Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell are known to possess great fissure veins in which are stored the ore accumulation of centuries.

It is difficult to detail the genesis of these deposits in the great fissures running northeast and southwest throughout the territory named with their numerous dips of spurs and angles without the use of technical phrases scarcely adapted to a newspaper article.

The numerous faults, breaks and dikes, as the geologists term them, form a network of mineral throughout this entire territory that have scarcely a parallel in the world.

The ore impregnated waters flowing through these great fissures have quietly but persistently precipitated their mineral contents along and on the sides of the limestone walls which so generally prevail in every mine that has so far been exploited. Indeed, many of these fissures are so large and so completely filled with merchantable ores that it is more an act of quarrying out the mineral, loading it on cars for the smelter or the oxide of zinc burners, than it is mining as generally understood.

Enormous open cuts are in some instances made, and the zinc ore is

handled in high masses. After hand-dressing to remove the soluble matter that surrounds to some extent the lumps, the carbonate is ready for shipment to the smelting or reduction works.

A case in point is that of the "Old Jim" mine, owned and operated by Clem S. Nunn and John W. Blue, who are "Kentucky born and bred." These two lawyers, both in the early state of manhood, received their degrees and sheepskins in Kentucky schools, and have for years been the most persistent of mining prospectors. Early and late, before and after court, the possibilities of a great paying mining property in their native county was an incentive that nothing seemed to daunt.

A very neat and rather romantic story went the rounds of the newspapers and magazines shortly after the discovery of the "Old Jim" mine by Messrs. Blue and Nunn. Indeed, that story, in a way, has become a classic. It has been adopted in many of the public schools as a reading lesson and we of Marion are rather proud of its author, the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, the pastor of one of our two Presbyterian churches.

Mr. Montgomery said that a boy and a dog were chasing a rabbit, the animal ran into one of the numerous sink holes that existed on the land where the "Old Jim" mine is situated, the boy followed, taking up a rock to throw at the rabbit; he was so impressed with its weight that he forgot about the rabbit and brought the rock to his father, who in turn took it to Blue & Nunn for their inspection. Thus, Mr. Montgomery says, was the first carbonate of zinc discovered.

The Old Jim vein is in places 67 feet wide and completely filled with carbonate of zinc. The mine is worked as an open cut or quarry and is, without doubt, the largest high grade carbonate of zinc

property in the world.

At some 30 feet in depth in this open cut at or a trifle below water level sulphide of zinc prevails. This is the ore that is called "jack" and is essentially the ore of commerce, being used for the production of metallic zinc the world over.

The large oxide of zinc producing plant in Mineral Point, Wisc., has become well known to the miners of zinc ores throughout the United States. Cars of this material are shipped from the depot at Marion to this plant. The carbonate from

Marion is utilized in these great works and comes back to us in part in kegs and barrels; not the brown color that it has when shipped, but a beautiful pure white, ready for the painters' use. It is largely used for the inside finishing of residences and business houses, but latterly chosen for outside work on account of its permanence of color in any climate.

Fluorspar In Western Kentucky

Our Western Kentucky mining district contains within its borders practically all of that valuable mineral called fluor spar that is found in the United States in anything like paying quantities. The mine at Rosiclare, Ill, across the Ohio river from the Kentucky side, is really a portion of our district, this vein having evidently strayed across the river from its native heath and been captured by some enterprising people of that state.

Tourists passing through from Paducah north of Princeton on the Illinois Central railroad will notice at Mexico and Crayneville, two small stations a few miles south of Marion, great dumps of this dazzling



Kentucky Fluorspar Company was located near the railroad tracks in Marion. It was able to fill large orders of the much desired fluorspar from Crittenden County.

white mineral, which in the sun sparkle like diamonds.

The numerous beautiful colors of purple, red, green and blue, in some instance a combination of all, make lumps of fluor spar eagerly sought for cabinet adornment. It somewhat dampens our enthusiasm, however, to learn that a very great proportion of this beautiful material is fed into the mouths of the great open-hearth steel plants of the North, the South and the East. Thousands of tons are used by these immense steel producers, the foundry men and the glass workers.

The Kentucky Fluor Spar Company, of Marion, are the largest miners and shippers of fluor spar deposits in fissure veins in this county. At a depth of 100 feet a magnificent breast of white fluor spar twenty feet wide had been met with.

The machinery at the mines of the company consist generally of a steam hoist and one or two log washers. The latter are used whenever the fluor spar is at all covered with the surrounding soil. This is notably the case in the Tabb mine, the Hodge, the Yandell and to some extent in the Memphis mine. All of which with several others are owned and operated by this company.

The Kentucky Fluor Spar Company is the only company in America that is able to fill their contracts and orders at the time specified. The three great reserve dumps at Marion, at

Mexico, and at Crayneville, on the Illinois Central railroad, enable them to do this. Good weather, bad weather, or muddy roads make no different. Scores of teams and wagons do the hauling to the railroad and hundreds of men are at work in the mines.

The Eagle Fluor Spar Company, of Wheeling, W. Va. have a great vein of this gravel spar in their Asbridge mine, situated near the Mexico station on the Illinois Central railroad. The mining and raising of their product is carried on systematically and economically, and a large tonnage is shipped for fluxing purposes.

The Crittenden County Lead, Zinc and Fluorspar company own lands in the immediate vicinity of the well known Memphis mine, a great producer of the best kind of grinding fluor spar. The vein has been opened, disclosing the

same general character of the Memphis. Engine, pump, hoist and other mining machinery have been purchased and will be installed immediately, Messrs. Allie and John Moore of Marion represent the company.

The legacy of this county being rich with ore and fluorspar deposits continues today through the world famous Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum that we are fortunate to have located here in Marion.

The Crittenden County Historical museum also has a small but beautiful display of our county's famous fluorspar.

(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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Noon-1 p.m. Rachelle Beck (from Mayfield, Ky.)
1-1:30 p.m. Stephen Barnard
1:30-2 p.m. Rhonda Belford

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Area Deaths

Campbell Crowell

Lavine Marguerite Campbell, 94, of Marion died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018 at her home.

She was a factory worker and lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are her daughter, Gail Minner of Marion; two grandchildren, Jamie and Jared; six great-grandchildren; and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Esdey and Mary Phillips Lewis.

Services were scheduled for 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 19 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Mexico Cemetery. Visitation was set to begin at 10 a.m., at the funeral home.

James Finnie "Red" Crowell, 83, of Princeton died Friday, Sept. 14, 2018 at Caldwell Medical Center.

He was born in Crittenden County and was formerly of Webster County where he was a retired route delivery man for Goldenrod Milk Company in Madisonville.

Surviving is his wife of 54 years, Shirley Crowell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Colista Orr Crowell; maternal grandparents, Finnie and Cordie Crowell Orr; and paternal grandparents, James and Jeanie Ann Crowell.

There will be a private burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton was in charge of arrangements.



Willingham

Judith Willingham of Chicago, Ill., died Thursday in Chicago.

Survivors include her husband, Russ Willingham; children, Tommy, Stacy, Eric and Russ Jr.; grandchildren, Alexis, Heighlee, Jake, Mia and Cash; and brothers, Gregg (Linda) Giannini, Louis (Jo) Giannini, Gino (Bonnie) Giannini and Jeff (Debby) Giannini.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and LaVerne Giannini.

Services were Tuesday Sept. 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial was at Willingham Cemetery.

Binkley

Peggy Jean Binkley, 77, of Burna died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She enjoyed flowers, cats and hummingbirds.

Surviving are her daughter, Donna (David) Bebout of Hampton; sister, Shirley Bracey of Ashland City, Tenn.; brother, Sammie Scott of Temple Hill, Ill.; two grandchildren, Trey Bebout of Owensboro; Cyn-del (Harold) of Ledbetter; and three great-grandchildren, Corbett, Emery and Timber.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Don Binkley; a sister; a brother; and parents, Erwin and Gean Medley Scott.

Services were scheduled for 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 19 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

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Ferry owner fighting river; negotiating with state

STAFF REPORT

Just moments before he was to meet Tuesday with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Deputy Secretary Paul Looney, Cave in Rock Ferry owner Lonnie Lewis was on the Kentucky shore operating a backhoe, trying to fend off the high waters of the Ohio River.

"People don't see all of this part of it," he said, referring to his work to keep the ferry going despite high water.

Lewis continues to negotiate terms with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet leaders with hopes of returning to a 16-hour ferry service. For the last few weeks, the ferry has operated on an abbreviated schedule, just 12 hours a day, 6 a.m., until 6 p.m. Lewis says he needs about \$300,000 more each year from Kentucky and Illinois combined to get the ferry back to its previous service hours.

Lewis was set to meet Tuesday with state transportation officials at his office in Cave in Rock. He didn't seem too convinced that governments on either side of the river can come to terms.

"Illinois is ready to fund it," he said.

More information should become available in the coming days as to what transpired at this week's high-level meeting. Most are hop-



Cave in Rock Ferry owner Lonnie Lewis heads back to his backhoe, which he's using to fend off the swollen Ohio River.

ing that a long-term solution can be found to get the ferry's hours back to where they were.

Right now, the Ohio River is swollen beyond normal levels. Lewis said the river had actually

receded a bit early this week, but with all of the complex weather systems on the Eastern Seaboard, he thinks the river could start rising again.

Band has banner outing in season's first competition

Crittenden County High School's band had a banner outing in its first competitive event of the season Saturday at Butler County High School.

The band received a score of 58.95 for a first-place finish in Class A.

Crittenden also placed in the Best Percussion and Guard in Class A.

"The student-members received high ratings for their music performance and received helpful comments on how to improve on their visual," said Lind-

sey Maddux. "Even after numerous homecoming performances last week and having to leave the school at 6 a.m., on Saturday, the students gave one of their best performances of the season."

The band will perform again at the home football game Friday night

and will be joined by other seventh- and eighth-grade members interested in becoming part of the marching band.

The band is off from weekend competition until Sept. 29 when it competes at Graves County.

In October, the band will be competing twice at the Stadium of Champions in Hopkinsville. Once on Oct. 6 then again the following weekend on Oct. 13.

"We are looking forward to seeing what the rest of the season will hold," said Maddux.

The Crittenden Press Obituaries

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Storefront contest for Pumpkin Fest

STAFF REPORT

Time is quickly approaching for the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce 9th Annual Pumpkin Festival Car Show, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 6.

"With the festival located around the courthouse we are asking store owners, to decorate their storefront with cornstalks, pumpkins and fall foliage," said Chamber President

Randa Berry. "There will be a contest. First-, second- and third-place plaques will be awarded to the Best Dressed."

Berry is asking merchants to put on their creative hats and make their storefronts beautiful.

"This will help unify our pumpkin theme," she said. "If the Chamber can be of any assistance to you or your business please let us know."



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Calendar

– **Crittenden County High School SBDM** will meet at 4 p.m., Thursday (today) in the high school conference room.

– **Livingston County Hospital Auxiliary** will be **celebrating mobility, fitness and good health** by walking, jogging or running a 5K, 2M, 1M starting at 8 a.m., Saturday at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. Pre-register at ultrasignup.com.

– **Livingston County Helping Hands' Food Pantry** is conducting its annual **fall yard sale** to raise money for Christmas baskets. The benefit yard sale will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct 4-5 and from 8 a.m.-noon Oct. 6. .

– Young women and girls ages 0-18 are invited to participate in the **Octoberfest Pageant** beginning at 6 p.m., Oct. 5 at the Livingston County Extension Office. Entry fee is \$15 for ages 0-9 years; and \$25 for ages 10-18 years. For more information and age divisions, contact director Alicia Paris at (270) 816-1184.

– **Crittenden County Ducks Unlimited** banquet will be held Sept. 29 at the Carson G. Davidson National Guard Armory in Marion.

Extension

– Sue Parrent will present a **nutrition class** at 10:30 a.m., Thursday (today) at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.

– **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at 10 a.m., Friday at the Extension Office

– **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Tea** is from 1-3 p.m., Saturday at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Marion. Advance ticket sales required for \$20 donation.

– **Quilt Club** will meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday at the Extension Office.

Church Notes

– **Main Street Missionary Baptist Church** at 718 S. Main Street is holding a week-long Revival beginning at 11 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 23. Nightly services Monday through Friday, Sept. 24-28, will begin at 7 p.m. Evangelist will be Bro. Steve Stone and the Stone Family will provide singing.

ALA facilitator training Oct. 16

The American Lung Association (ALA) will be hosting a Freedom from Smoking (FFS) facilitator training session next month in Salem.

FFS is a comprehensive smoking cessation program designed to offer the group support and encouragement many need to quit smoking for good. It is an eight-session program and uses an addiction-based model to help smokers understand their addiction and ways to break the habit. Participants are encouraged to use the nicotine replacement therapies and other medications as components of the program.

The seminar will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Salem Baptist Church at the corner of U.S. 60 and North Hayden Avenue. The training is sponsored by Glenn's Pharmacies.

Space is limited and the registration deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 9. ALA reserves the right to cancel should the minimum number of registrants not be met.

Registration is \$120 per person or is free for any public housing affiliate. The fee includes a comprehensive FFS Facilitator Guide, certificate upon course completion, continental breakfast and lunch on training day.

To register, visit Lung.org, call (502) 363-2652 or email Tami.Capelletti@lung.org.

U.S. 60 Yard Sale is Oct. 4-7

Shop for bargains and enjoy the scenery along western Kentucky's Highway 60 Yard Sale that begins next month. The annual highway yard sale, which began in 2006, includes eight counties and 200 miles along U.S. 60. There will

also be booths featuring food, arts and crafts. The counties involved from west to east are: Livingston, Crittenden, Union, Henderson, Daviess, Hancock, Breckinridge and Meade. The route, of course, follows U.S. 60, and mo-

torists and shoppers are asked to use caution during the four-day yard sale Oct. 4-7 and to fully pull off the road in a safe fashion before stopping to shop.

The yard sale has proven to be a great success for the vendors who

usually report brisk sales. For specific information, to have your sale listed in local advertising or to obtain an official Highway 60 Yard Sale sign, contact Marion Tourism Director Michele Edwards at (270) 965-5015 or email her at

Michele@marionkentucky.org.

Yard sale hosts in both Crittenden and Livingston counties are invited to contact Edwards. More can be found on Facebook by searching for "Highway 60 Yard Sale."

Wedding



Jordan Thurman & Joshua Boone

Thurman, Boone to wed Oct. 6

Jeania Short of Marion and David and Martha Thurman of Washington, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jordan Thurman, to Joshua Boone, son of Terry and Lisa Boone of Marion.

Thurman is the granddaughter of Stephen and Dotty Short of Madisonville, the late Gloria Allen of Marion

and Jerry and Joyce Thurman of Bowling Green.

Boone is the grandson of Sue Boone of Marion and the late Marion Boone and Leroy and the late Mary Bosse of Elberfeld, Ind.

Wedding vows will be exchanged in a private ceremony Oct. 6 in Marion.

Senior Menu

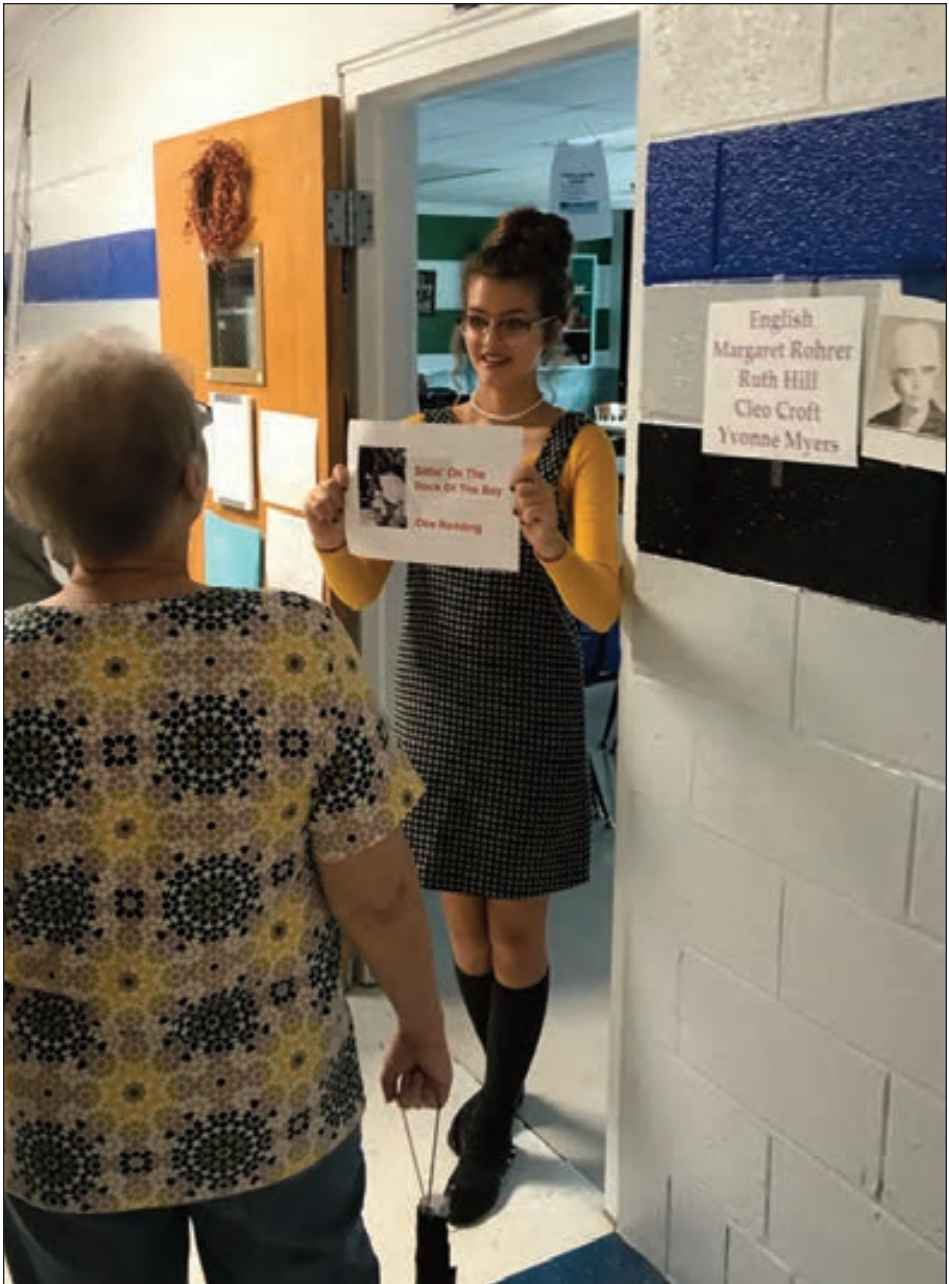
Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those 60 and older or \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are requested by 9 a.m. Upcoming activities and menu include:

– Thursday (today): Menu is Southwest pork roast,

baked sweet potatoes, peas and pearl onions, cornbread, apple crisp and margarine. A nutrition lesson will be presented at 10:30 a.m., by Sue Parrent.

– Friday: Menu is baked potato soup, chicken drumstick, seasoned peas, cornbread and pear crisp. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

– Monday: Menu is BBQ chicken, macaroni and



50 year reunion

Reagan Peak, a student at Crittenden County Middle School, was one of a handful of students present during a tour of the former high school by the Crittenden County High School Class of 1968. Their 50th reunion included walking the halls of their high school and seeing posters on classroom doors depicting names and pictures of teachers, like the late Ruth Hill, shown on the wall above.

cheese, green bean casserole, wheat bun, baked apples and raisins. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

– Tuesday: Menu is meat loaf and mashed potatoes, seasoned cabbage, peach crisp and wheat roll.

– Sept. 6: Menu is chicken pot pie, twice baked potatoes, green beans, dreamsicle gel-

atin and wheat bread. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. Bible study will be held at 10 a.m.

All menu items are subject

to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day. Aging Coordinator Jenny



Badge ceremony

Marion native Cameron McDaniel (left) receives his firefighting badge Aug. 30 from Lt. Lax of the City of Murray. McDaniel is a 2015 Crittenden County High School graduate and received fire training at Goodfellow Airforce Base in Texas through the Kentucky National Guard. He joined the City of Murray fire team in November 2017 after serving on the Crittenden County Volunteer fire department the previous two years. McDaniel is the son of Sharon and Billy McDaniel and grandson of Sam and Linda Smith and Carol and Wanda McDaniel, all of Marion.

Woman's Club art contest for kids

The General Federation of Women's Clubs in Kentucky are hosting an arts, needlework and crafts contest for students in grades 9-12 in a public, private, or home school. Students from surrounding counties are eligible to participate through the Woman's Club of Marion.

Classes include paint-

ing, drawing, printing, watercolor, computer design, pottery and ceramics, porcelain/China Painting, weaving, sculpture, basket weaving, ornaments, scrapbook, rugs, jewelry, purse, wearable art, wreaths, needlepoint, crochet and knitting, tatting, cross Stitch, counted cross Stitch, embroidery,

shadow embroidery, applique quilts, patchwork quilts, collaborative quilts. Only original and independent work created since October 2017 is accepted.

Deadline to register items for the contest is Oct. 5. For more information, email Nancy Huntnd1@gmail.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Soccer hosts Webster Co.

FRIDAY
Varsity football hosts Union

SATURDAY
Cross country at at Marshall Co.
Soccer at Mayfield
Jr Pro Football hosts Caldwell

MONDAY
Soccer hosts Lyon County
Boys Golf Regional, Paducah

TUESDAY
Girls Golf Regional, Paducah
MS football at Browning Springs

FOOTBALL

AP Top 10 Poll

Class 1A

1. Pikeville 3-1
2. Beechwood 2-2
3. Raceland 4-1
4. Hazard 2-1
5. Campbellsville 4-1
6. Paintsville 3-2
7. Crittenden County 3-1
8. Lynn Camp 4-0
9. Ludlow 3-1
10. Nicholas County 4-1

Others receiving votes in order: Fulton Co., Lou. Holy Cross, Bellevue, Pineville, Williamsburg, Bishop Brossart, Lou. Ky. Country Day, Phelps, Russellville.

FUNDRAISING

JHF Wiffle on KET

The annual Jake Hodge Federation (JHF) Wiffle Ball Tournament will be featured on KET at 7 p.m., Oct. 6. A crew from KET was in Princeton last month for the fundraising event, shot footage and interviewed the organizers. Over the last few years, the JHF has raised more than \$100,000, largely through its Wiffle Ball fundraising event.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

Bullfrog	May 18 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	Aug. 18 - Nov. 9
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer Archery	Sept. 1 - Jan. 21
Turkey Archery	Sept. 1 - Jan. 21
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7
Wood Duck / Teal	Sept. 15-19
Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Teal Only	Sept. 20-23
Raccoon Hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Deer Crossbow	Oct. 1 - 21
Youth Gun	Oct. 13-14
Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 20-21
Turkey gun	Oct. 27 - Nov. 2
Deer Crossbow	Nov. 10 - Dec. 31
Deer Rifle	Nov. 10 - 25
Squirrel	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Bobcat Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Fox Hunt/Trap	Nov. 12 - Feb. 28
Dove	Nov. 22 - Dec. 2
Duck	Nov. 22-25
Canada Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
Snow Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
White Front Goose	Nov. 22 - Feb. 15
Bobcat Hunt	Nov. 24 - Feb. 28
Duck	Dec. 3 - Jan. 27
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 8-16
Dove	Dec. 22 - Jan. 13
Deer Youth Free	Dec. 29-30
Raccoon Youth	Dec. 29 - Jan. 4
Fox Youth	Dec. 29 - Jan. 4
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Goose Conservation	Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote	Year Round
Groundhog	Year Round

Ducks Unlimited

Crittenden County Ducks Unlimited will host its annual banquet and fundraising auction starting at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Kentucky National Guard Armory. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance online from the Ducks Unlimited website.

RUNNING

5K race at Deer Lakes

Livingston Hospital Auxiliary is hosting a distance race at Deer Lakes Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 22. The We Care for Health Care race will include a 5K (3.1 miles), 2-mile and 1-mile run. The event begins at 8 a.m.

Homecoming Victory

Boone brothers connect for first sibling TD pass; Defense performs well

The 10th-ranked Rockets overcame a sluggish start to eventually cruise to a 48-13 win over Webster County on a night when the passing tandem of quarterback Hunter Boone and receiver Ethan Dossett achieved some personal milestones.

Crittenden stumbled out of the blocks Friday – particularly on special teams – with a huge homecoming crowd in attendance that gave the now 1-3 Trojans some early opportunities on which they failed to capitalize. A couple of first-quarter fumbles by the CCHS punt return team, a missed field goal attempt and a fourth down inside Webster territory kept it close for a time.

The Rockets – who had come out like a blitzkrieg in its previous wins – led by a 7-0 margin midway through the second period. Boone threw a first-period scoring strike to Dossett to put Crittenden ahead for good, but the cushion was thin for a time.

It wasn't until the Rockets' final three offensive possessions of the first half that they got on track, scoring on each of those. Sophomore running back Xander Tabor, getting his first start with senior back Devon Nesbitt sidelined after a slight concession the previous week, scored twice in the second period and Dossett caught another TD pass from Boone.

Dossett's two TD catches gives him the school's career record for scoring catches with 18, eclipsing T.K. Guess's previous mark of 17. By game's end, Boone had also surpassed the 400 passing completions mark for his career, guaranteeing him a spot in the KHSAA all-time record book somewhere among the top 50 quarterbacks in Kentucky high school history.

Boone threw four touchdown passes in the game, none sweeter than a third-quarter, 29-yard strike to his sophomore brother Tyler Boone.

"It's pretty cool to play Friday nights with my little brother and to hit him with our first touchdown pass was pretty cool," the quarterback



Rocket linebackers Gavin Dickerson and Tyler Boone (12) arrive about the same time as Webster running back Tanner Robertson is brought to the ground. Crittenden's defense was stellar in Friday's homecoming win.

said.

"Coach (Sean) Thompson drew it up and I didn't see a safety over the top so I knew it was going to be there," said the receiver.

Defensively, the Rockets were dominating for most of the game. Webster scored late after the outcome had been decided. The Rocket defense held Webster to just 23 yards rushing and if you subtract an 83-yard completion late in the game against the reserves, the secondary allowed only 63 yards through the air.

"The defense was rocking tonight," said cornerback Payton Riley, who had an interception.

Tyler Boone led the defense with a dozen solo tackles. Crittenden sacked the Trojan quarterback five times.

"Tyler was flying around back there," coach Sean Thompson said. "And our defense likes to pin its ears back and go."

Sean O'Leary, Riley Gobin, Tyler Boone, Gavin Dickerson and Ian Ellington all had sacks. Dickerson also recovered a fumble.

Crittenden County will host Union County this week. The Braves are undefeated this season. Coach Thompson spent a few years on the Union County staff before returning to his alma mater in 2014.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Webster County	0	0	7	6
Crittenden County	7	20	21	0

SCORING PLAYS

C-Ethan Dossett 27 pass from Hunter Boone (Parker Johnson kick) 3:53, 1st
C-Xander Tabor 8 run (pass failed) 6:15, 2nd
C-Tabor 4 run (pass failed) 1:40, 2nd
C-Dossett 30 pass from Boone (Gavin Dickerson pass from Boone) :09, 2nd
C-Tyler Boone 29 pass from H.Boone (Johnson kick) 10:23, 3rd
W-Daniel Yates 22 pass from Mason Wilson (Seth Ranes kick) 7:12, 3rd
C-Dickerson 1 run (Johnson kick) 4:52, 3rd
C-Branen Lamey 44 pass from Boone (Johnson kick) 2:31, 3rd
W-Shawn Guinn 2 run (kick failed) 3:50, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Crittenden 12, Webster 5
Penalties: Crittenden 6-65, Webster 5-30
Rushing: Crittenden 26-82, Webster 15-23
Passing: Crittenden 22-29-1, 325 yds., Webster 13-31-1, 146 yds.

Total Yards: Crittenden 407, Webster 169
Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 3-3, Webster 2-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing
Crittenden: Tabor 9-48, Travis Guess 5-0, Dossett 2-13, Lamey 2-5, Dickerson 4-8, Braxton Winders 3-10, H.Boone 1-(-2). Webster: Guinn 1-2, Tanner Robertson 12-(-2), Jacob Schuette 2-12, Wilson 2-11.

Passing
Crittenden: H.Boone 22-29-1, 296 yds. Webster: Wilson 13-31-1, 146 yds.

Receiving
Crittenden: Dossett 5-100, Payton Riley 5-75, Lamey 5-69, Tabor 4-14, T.Boone 1-29, Dickerson 2-38. Webster: Ayden Winn 6-107, Schuette 1-5, Tanner Robertson 1-0, Yates 3-33, Hayden Link 2-0.

Defense: H.Boone solo; Dickerson 3 solos, 3 assists, 2 sacks, fumble recovery; Johnson solo, assist; Joyce 2 solos, assist; Lamey 2 assists; Langston solo, assist; O'Leary solo, assist, sack; Riley interception; Gobin 2 solos, assist, sack; Guess 2 solos; Jones 2 solos; Phillips solo; T.Boone 12 solos, 2 assists, sack, forced fumble; Ellington solo, assist, sack; Perkins 2 solos; Stevens solo; Tabor solo, 2 assists; Winders solo, 2 assists.

Players of the Game: Offense Hunter Boone and Ethan Dossett. Defense Tyler Boone. Special Teams Parker Johnson. Lineman: Devin Porter.

Records: Crittenden 3-1, Webster 1-4

Ky. prep star getting attention

Just in case Western Hills star Wandale Robinson didn't know how big a recruiting priority he was for Kentucky, he found out Friday night.

That's when Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops came to watch him play and got to see plenty, including a 96-yard punt return for a touchdown in Western Hills' win over rival Frankfort.

The 5-9, 175-pound Robinson is ranked as one of the nation's top five all-purpose backs and ranks among the top 350 players overall. He's narrowed his college choices to Alabama, Ohio State, Michigan, Purdue, Nebraska and Kentucky.

He ran 177 times for 2,330 yards and 33 touchdowns last season and also had 25 catches for 343 yards and six scores. This year he has amassed 1,209 yards of total offense with 14 touchdowns. He's rushed 70 times for 813 yards — 11.6 yards per carry — and eight touchdowns with a long run of 87 yards. He has five catches for 217 yards — 43.4 per reception — and four touchdowns with a 75-yard score. He's returned three punts for 161 yards — 53.6 yards per touch — and two scores, including a 96-yard touchdown. On defense, he has 19 solo tackles, 14 assists, four tackles for loss and one interception.

In last week's 41-23 win over Frankfort, he ran 21 times for 242 yards and two scores, returned a punt 96 yards for a touchdown, caught a 21-yard scoring pass, made six tackles, had one tackle for loss and broke up two passes.

"His recruitment has been pretty busy," said Western Hills coach Don Miller. "Coaches have been just coming in one after another. He had about 25 (scholarship) of-



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

fers but he narrowed it down. He's been to Nebraska (for an official visit) and is going to Alabama for an official (on Sept. 22)."

Robinson, who was at Kroger Field Saturday with his father to watch UK beat Murray State, has explosive speed that allows him to make big plays. But Miller said it is more than just straight-ahead speed that makes him special.

"The biggest thing is his lateral speed and the way he can just cut on a dime," Miller said. "He has great vision. He is very versatile running laterally and his straight ahead speed is amazing. He has such a great football IQ that we can move him around. He's even played some fullback. We can put him in different positions and that makes it harder for the defense to focus all the attention on him."

Robinson has not let the recruiting attention overwhelm him. During the summer he went to Ohio State to meet with the coaches, drove to Florida State and came back through Alabama where Miller said he "held his own" with others also on the Alabama campus.

"Recruiting has not changed him. The best thing about him is when a coach comes in Wandale always has a smile on his face," Miller said. "It doesn't matter who the coach is, he has that same smile and personality. He has listened to every coach the same way and shown every coach the same respect."

Kentucky started selling Robinson on what playing for Kentucky could mean to him for years. At first it was offensive line coach John Schlarman selling the message. Then Stoops and recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow became UK's lead recruiters with him.

"They are telling him not to look at just four years at Kentucky but to look at the oppor-

tunities he would have after playing at Kentucky," Miller said.

Several top-in state players have gone to out of state schools in recent years. Several of the state's top-ranked high school football players have already verbally committed to out of state schools this year.

"I don't think it is because Kentucky is doing anything wrong," Miller said. "I think as a whole, the Kentucky football program has really stepped up."

He noted that in Western Hills' district that UK has offered Lexington Catholic junior quarterback Beau Allen and Boyle County junior cornerback/running back Landen Bartleson along with Robinson.

Robinson could make his college choice in October but he's already working to make sure he can graduate in December so he can enroll in college in January.

"I love the kid and wish him the best. There's not going to be a wrong choice for him and somebody is going to get a great player and great kid," Miller said.

Kentucky fans might not remember how Benny Snell did against Mississippi State last year but I am betting the UK junior running back does.

He managed just 18 yards on seven carries in the 45-7 loss to the Bulldogs. Backup A.J. Rose ran for 26 yards and Sihiem King even ran for 24 yards. Quarterback Stephon Johnson led Kentucky with 54 yards as the State defense took Snell out of the game plan.

In three games this season, Snell has rushed for 375 yards and three touchdowns. His 125 yards per game rank second in the SEC.

"I am looking forward to it now," Snell said last week after UK beat Murray State. "I know



Western Hills standout Wandale Robinson will make an official visit to Alabama. He was there during the summer when he met with coach Nick Saban. (Twitter Photo)

Mississippi State is good. They have a good defensive line. Their linebackers swarm to the ball. As an offense we are going to make sure we are prepared. We are going to be ready for them.

"They were swarming to the ball (last year). We were getting a lot of turnovers. Throwing interceptions, fumbling, just beating ourselves. This team this year we don't beat ourselves. Or if we know by a quarter or halftime we make adjustments and we will keep moving forward. We'll be ready."

SEC Network analyst Cole Cubelic says the Mississippi State defensive front which limited UK to 115 yards rushing last year is as good, or maybe better, this year.

"The group is as deep and problematic from every direction," Cubelic said. "They have a lot of good players inside and one the edge."

Mississippi State's Montez Sweat and Jeffery Simmons lead the league in tackles for loss with 5.5 apiece. State has not given up a rushing touchdown this season and is allowing just 2.5 yards per rushing attempt.



CCMS football coach Jacob Courtney (at top) congratulates Preston Morgeson as he trots off the field last week after one of his touchdowns. Above, Morgeson (3) rushes for a big gain against South Hopkins.

CCMS Football

Morgeson involved in 7 TDs

If it wasn't a local middle school record, eighth-grader Preston Morgeson's performance must have been mighty close. Of course, historical records are tough to find for junior high football, but one thing's for certain, Morgeson's game last Tuesday was one for the ages.

The running back was part of scoring seven touchdowns. He rushed for 367 yards, returned a kickoff 89 yards for a touchdown and threw the game's only completed pass which went for a touchdown to receiver Rowen Perkins as Crittenden County Middle School outslugged previously unbeaten South Hopkins 52-34 at Rocket Stadium.

Defensively, Morgeson had 13 tackles. Seth Guess and Kaleb Nesbitt had eight apiece.

The Rockets lost the B-Game 14-6. Crittenden's only score came on a 47-yard interception return by Levi Piper.

Crittenden fell to 3-3 on the season with a 28-14 setback Tuesday at home against James Madison. Statistics from that game will be available in next week's newspaper. The Rockets won Tuesday's B-game over James Madison in overtime.

CCMS will be at Browning Springs this coming Tuesday.

CRITTENDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL STATISTICS	
A GAME:	Rushing: Morgeson 23-367, Belt 3-24, Nesbitt 2-17. Passing: Guess 0-1-0. Morgeson 1-1-0, 27 yds. Receiving: Perkins 1-27. Tackles: Morgeson 13, Guess 8, Nesbitt 8, caused fumble; Sables 5, Holliman 4, Gobin 3, Blackburn 3, Piper 2, Fritts 1, Sisco 1, Hatfield 1, Trey Swaggirt 1.
CRITTENDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL STATISTICS	
B GAME:	Rushing: Belt 7-(-14), Piper 1-0, McDaniel 1-(-1). Passing: Piper 0-4-0. Tackles: Berry 11, fumble recovery; Tramel 8, Miniard 4, Sisco 4, Tyler Swaggirt 3, Sharp 2, Piper 2, interception; Millikan 1, Hatfield 1.

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Junior Pros split

Crittenden County beat Trigg County Saturday in the third- and fourth-grade game on some late-fourth-quarter heroics and remains unbeaten after two games this season. Trailing by three with less than three minutes to go, Crittenden turned the tables and won going away on a second touchdown run by Avery Thompson and a second TD in the final minute on a passing play from Thompson to Jaxton Duncan. Isaac James also scored a touchdown in the game as Crittenden prevailed 26-19.

The Rockets were shutout 19-0 in the fifth- and sixth-grade game, falling to 1-1 on the season.

Third - Fourth Statistics	
Rushing: James 8-101, Thompson 8-153, Brennen Clifford 1-13, Davis Perryman 1-(-4). Passing: Thompson 4-8-0, 60 yds. Receiving: Duncan 3-42, James 1-18. Top Defenders: Tackles: James 14, 7 TFLs, forced fumble; Thompson 9, 3 TFLs; Brennen Clifford 7, 3 TFLs; Gunner Topp 5, TFL, fumble recovery; Garner Stallins 5, TFL.	

Catch the Rocket Football PreGame and Coach's Show on You Tube Thursdays



Paige Gilbert hits a set shot during the Lady Rockets' win at home last week against Livingston Central. Gilbert and a number of other CCHS players are among regional leaders in several statistical categories. See Volleyball report below.

PHOTO BY GREG PERRYMAN

Cross Country

Keller leads runners at St. Mary

Crittenden County sophomore distance runner Kate Keller finished second in the fourth straight cross country meet this fall season, just missing the championship by 20 seconds. Keller remains the top ranked Class A runner in western Kentucky. Owensboro Apollo senior Sammi Roberts won the St. Mary Invitational Saturday with a time of 21:02.65. Keller finished in 21:22.84. Following are other results of local athletes at the St. Mary meet. Here are some the of local athletes:

GIRLS 5K CROSS COUNTRY MEET AT ST. MARY				
Place	Runner	Class	School	Time
2	Kate Keller	10	Crittenden	21:22.84
43	Taylor Guess	8	Crittenden	26:54.65
55	Danielle Starczewski	7	Livingston	28:46.92
58	Kaydence McCormick	10	Livingston	29:08.03
62	Olivia Swann	8	Livingston	29:42.75
67	Sheyenna Stytz	11	Livingston	30:28.24
78	Kaylynn Jackson	8	Livingston	31:52.60
88	Ashley Wheeler	12	Crittenden	33:30.08
96	Cassandra Newcom	12	Crittenden	35:44.68

BOYS 5K CROSS COUNTRY MEET AT ST. MARY				
7	Carson Kitchens	10	Livingston	18:29.57
43	Doug Conger	11	Crittenden	20:44.23
49	Hunter Holeman	12	Crittenden	20:54.13
72	Logan Davidson	12	Livingston	21:49.02
89	Johnathon Goodaker	11	Livingston	22:55.78
94	Jarrett Harris	11	Livingston	23:11.86
99	Michael Kirk	10	Crittenden	24:10.65
120	Gabe Keller	7	Crittenden	26:58.56
122	Alex Parks	8	Livingston	27:09.44
123	Rowen Perkins	8	Crittenden	27:09.97
129	Tyler Belt	7	Crittenden	28:11.25

Golf

Gilchrist 3rd in invitational

Crittenden County's Lauren Gilchrist shot an 80 to capture third place in last weekend's Marshall County Invitational Golf Tournament. Her 7-over-par finish was among the best in the 50-girl field. The CCHS golf teams will play in their respective regional tournaments next weekend. The boys' regional tournament is at Paxton Park in Paducah on Monday and the girls' regional will be Tuesday at the Country Club of Paducah.

Soccer

Girls fall by 1 to Union Co.

Crittenden County lost 4-3 at home to Union County Tuesday night. Both teams entered the match with a apiece. Leah Fritts scored 2 goals for CCHS and Kacie Easley had 1. Ashley Wheeler assisted on 2 goals and Shelby Summers on the other. Allie Geary had a dozen saves.

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