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1ST INFLUENZA CASE OF SEASON CONFIRMED

State health officials are reminding Kentuckians to get their flu shots as the first laboratory confirmed case has been reported in Lexington for the 2019-20 flu season.

The Kentucky Department for Public Health says vaccine experts recommend that everyone 6 months of age and older be vaccinated against influenza. While inoculation against the flu is recommended for everyone, it is especially important for those at high risk for serious flu-related complications or those who live with or care for people at high risk.

Most flu cases are not lab-confirmed and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that up to 25 percent of Americans get the flu annually.

— Kentucky Today

COMER IN TOWN OCT. 1 TO SPEAK TO ISSUES

U.S. Rep. James Comer will host Coffee with the Congressman with community leaders



Comer

and elected officials in Marion to learn more about what he can do to help the residents of Crittenden County. The second-term congressman will be at the Marion Ed-Tech Center at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday. He will make a short presentation about the happenings on Capitol Hill that affect Crittenden Countians, opening up the floor for questions and answers afterward.

NO DRIVER TESTING ADMINISTERED FRIDAY

No written or driving tests will be administered Friday. Circuit Court Clerk Melissa Guill said the state is short an examiner, therefore no one will be available to give the tests in Marion.

RIVERVIEW PARK GETS NEW PICNIC TABLES

New fire boxes and picnic tables have been purchased by the Riverview Park Board of Directors for placement at the Dam 50 recreation area. Magistrate Dan Wood said at last Thursday's fiscal court meeting that the board purchased \$7,500 worth of items to replace deteriorating ones. The board seeks volunteers to swap out the old for the new. To volunteer, contact Judge-Executive Perry Newcom's office at (270) 965-5251.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees** will meet at 5 p.m. today (Thursday) at the library.

- **Crittenden County Extension District Board** will meet at noon on Monday, Oct. 7 at the Extension office.



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Burn ban in effect

STAFF REPORT

Monday's early-morning trace rainfall was hardly enough to reduce fire dangers in Crittenden County, prompting Judge-Executive Perry Newcom to enact a countywide outdoor burning ban that affects some summertime cooking.

The ban is effective immediately and is in response to "the continued dry and unseasonably hot weather conditions and the

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Police: Man shooting up during pursuit that exceeded 100 mph

STAFF REPORT

The man police pursued in a high-speed chase through Crittenden County last week was shooting up heroin with a hypodermic needle as officers trailed him at speeds of up to 130 mph.

Michael Fortner, 29, of Denver, Colo., remains jailed in the Crittenden County Detention Center on a \$100,000 cash bond. He was scheduled to appear for an arraignment Wednesday in Crittenden District Court.

Fortner is charged with 18 crimes, including 14 felonies plus other misdemeanors and traffic violations stemming from the chase that started on Interstate 24 in Lyon County and proceeded onto Interstate 69 and onto rural roads in Caldwell and Crittenden counties and

through downtown Marion before he crashed off Ky. 91 North between Marion and Cave In Rock Ferry.

With Fortner behind the wheel of a 2010 model Honda Accord, the chase lasted about 45 minutes, according to a narrative on the arrest report. Kentucky State Trooper T.J. Williams initiated the pursuit and filed the charges. His report says the suspect was traveling east-bound on the interstate, driving 75 mph in a 70 mph zone and improperly changed lanes without using a blinker.

When the trooper activated his blue lights, Fortner allegedly accelerated, and the chase ensued. It eventually involved multiple agen-

cies, including state troopers, Marion City Police and Crittenden County Sheriff's Department. A City of Marion police cruiser and Crittenden County deputy's cruiser were damaged during the pursuit.

According to the police report, Fortner told the arresting officers that he was actively

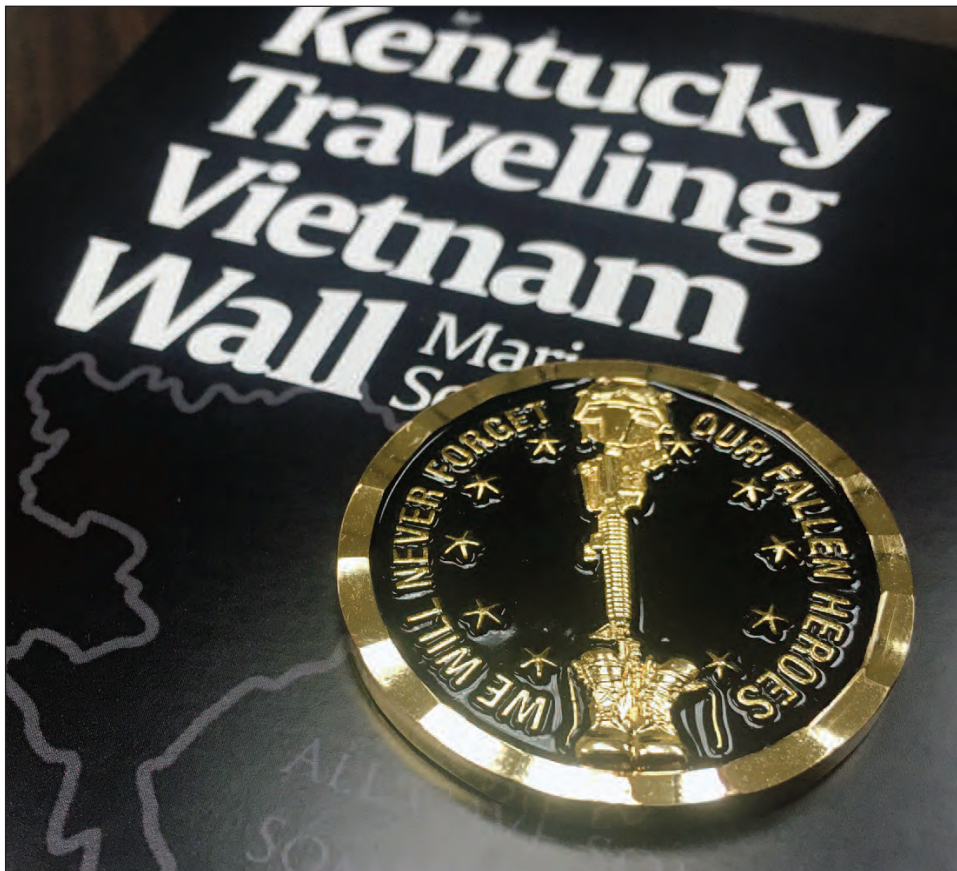
doing drugs while the high-speed chase was going on. The trooper's report says the chase reached 100 mph on the interstate but got to speeds of 120 mph in rural Caldwell County and 130 mph in Crittenden County. During the pursuit, the trooper's report said Fortner ran two different vehicles off

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Fortner

Vietnam Wall arrives today



KYVIETNAMWALL.ORG

The Traveling Kentucky Vietnam Wall (below) arrives in Marion today (Thursday) for a three-day viewing at Marion Commons. The Wall contains the names of more than 1,100 Kentuckians who died in the Vietnam War, including five from Crittenden County. The families of the five men will receive a commemorative medal (above) during an opening ceremony slated for 9 a.m. Friday.

1,100-plus Kentucky names displayed include 5 local men

STAFF REPORT

A memorial displaying the names of more than 1,100 Kentuckians who died in the Vietnam War, including five men from Crittenden County, will roll into town this afternoon (Thursday) with a lighted escort and patriotic welcome. It will sit on exhibit at Marion Commons through Sunday afternoon.

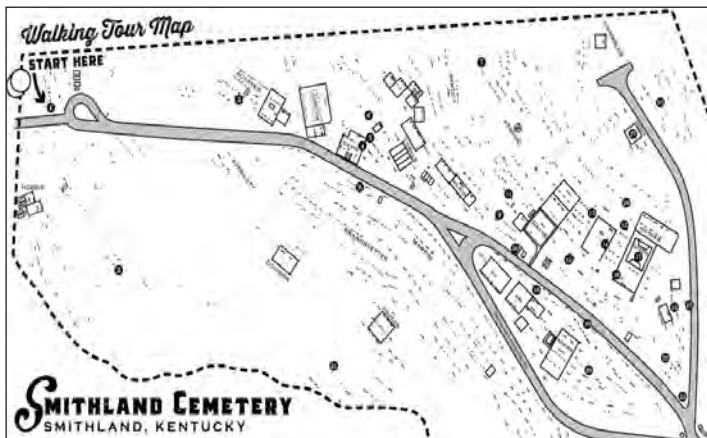
"It's unreal," Jack Mattingly said of the emotional outpouring he often sees from visitors to displays of the Traveling Kentucky Vietnam Wall.

Mattingly commissioned the building of the Wall a few years

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Historic Smithland Cemetery encouraging self-tours



Smithland Cemetery Committee has published a 12-page, self-guided tour of the 200-plus-year-old graveyard that provides a sampling of the rich history early settlers brought to Smithland.

STAFF REPORT

The Smithland Cemetery Committee has published a 12-page walking/driving tour of the historic cemetery established around 1810. This tour will provide visitors a sampling of the rich history early settlers brought to Smithland and Livingston County when the city was a bustling riverport town.

There are immigrants buried in the cemetery from all over the world, including Italy, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, England, France, Germany, Prussia and Nova Scotia, just to mention a few countries. Immigrants from practically every state in the union are

buried there, too.

The tour also explains and highlights various monument symbols, such as urns, roses and weeping willows that were commonly used in early to mid-19th century cemeteries, including in Smithland Cemetery.

The tour starts at the top of cemetery hill by the water tower. The 28 numbered paragraphs in the tour correspond with the numbers by each featured gravesite. A map prepared by Billy Downs and Michael Buckingham is included in the tour guide that

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Saturday's Schedule of Events 5K

8 a.m. / Marion Crittenden-County Park

CAR SHOW

9 a.m.-1 p.m. / Marion Baptist parking lot

PET SHOW

9:30 a.m. / Stage behind courthouse

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11 a.m. / Woman's Club of Marion

CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

11 a.m. / Court square

PEDAL TRACTOR PULL

1 p.m. / Court square

Also...

Dash for Cash

Inflatables all day

Food, service and merchant vendors

FOP fundraiser

Courtney Peveler, entertainment

Grand jury indicts on variety of charges

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Grand Jury met recently and indicted six individuals on a variety of charges.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely determines whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecuting a felony case in circuit court.

Following are those who were indicted this month:

- Thomas M. Jepsen, 54, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of tampering with physical evidence. Court records indicate that Jepsen concealed someone else's urine inside his pants for the purpose of committing fraud for a drug screen for which he was required to provide pursuant to the conditions of his bond in another case. The alleged urine switch happened on Aug. 8 during a test administered at Marion City Hall. Marion Police Department investigated the incident. The alleged bottle used to smuggle the urine into the testing room was taken as evidence.

- Betty Renee Rogers, 47, of Salem was indicted on charges of first-degree, second-offense trafficking in a controlled substance (more than 2 grams of methamphetamine) by complicity, a Class B Felony, and misdemeanor trafficking in marijuana

GRAND JURY

dence.

- Carrol Wayne Lovan, 56, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of tampering with physical evidence. Court records indicate that Lovan concealed someone else's urine inside his pants for the purpose of committing fraud for a drug screen for which he was required to provide pursuant to the conditions of his bond in another case. The alleged urine switch happened on Aug. 8 during a test administered at Marion City Hall. Marion Police Department investigated the incident. The alleged bottle used to smuggle the urine into the testing room was taken as evidence.

- David Dwain Vasseur, 46, of Marion was indicted on charges of first-degree, trafficking in a controlled substance (more than 2 grams of methamphetamine) by complicity, a Class C Felony, and misdemeanor trafficking in marijuana by complicity, second-degree hindering prosecution or apprehension and possession of drug paraphernalia by complicity. Court record indicate that on Aug. 28, Kentucky State Trooper Eric West had gone to a residence on William Cur-

nel Road looking for a female for whom there was an active arrest warrant out of Lyon County (see above indictment of Betty Rogers). The officer was given consent to enter the residence by the homeowner and once inside he allegedly found containers with alleged pot, meth and scales. Vasseur also allegedly tried to conceal the fact that Rogers was at the residence. In an unrelated case, Vasseur was indicted on felony charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. The charges stem from a May 16 investigation by Marion Police Department.

- Bobby Hunt Singleton Jr., 63, was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), first offense, and misdemeanor charges of public intoxication of a controlled sub-

stance excluding alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia. Court records indicate that at about 6 p.m., on Aug. 31 police were summoned to Hometown Foods in Marion on a complaint of a suspicious person carrying a large knife in his back pocket and talking about shootings, knives, guns and robbery among other things. When Officer Eric Gray arrived he found a used syringe in the suspect's pocket, allegedly containing traces of methamphetamine.

- Kenneth Brian Fitzgerald, 31, of Marion was indicted in two separate cases stemming from an alleged crime spree last winter that led to a manhunt throughout western Kentucky. Fitzgerald was eventually arrested in Florida and was only recently returned to face charges here. In the first case, he was indicted on a charge of receiving stolen property (over \$10,000), a Class C felony; being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun, a Class C felony; and misde-

meanor second-degree fleeing or evading police. Police records indicate that the alleged stolen property was a Polaris Razor and that when deputies arrived at a residence on Ky. 1917 on Dec. 16 looking for Fitzgerald, they saw him flee from the scene into a field behind the home. On the seat of a vehicle in which Fitzgerald was allegedly sitting when lawmen pulled up in their cruisers was a .22-caliber pistol. In the second case, Fitzgerald faces a Class C felony charge of receiving stolen property (over \$10,000) and a Class D felony for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. These charges stem from Fitzgerald allegedly having possession of a stolen Polaris 1000 Ranger on Nov. 27 when law enforcement arrived at his residence on Brown Mine Road. The police report says that Fitzgerald had in his possession an SKS 7.62 rifle when he fled into the woods behind his home to elude deputies.

Tax bills paid prior to Nov. 2 discounted

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County 2019 tax bills will be payable at the sheriff's office in the courthouse beginning Oct. 1. They may also be paid by mail or online.

The 6,976 tax bills have mailed to property owners. It includes tax levies from the state, county, school district, Extension service, public library and health board as well as fire dues. It also includes special taxing districts based on geography. The City of Marion mails its own tax bills separately.

Property owners who have not received their tax bills by the first week of October are asked to contact the sheriff's office at (270) 965-3400.

Anyone who pays their tax bill on or before Nov. 1 will receive a 2 percent discount on the total bill. Face value is due Nov. 2 through the end of the year. A 5 percent penalty is assessed for bills paid in January 2020. From Feb. 1 to April 16, the penalty jumps to 10 percent plus a 10 percent add-on. Bills are considered delinquent after April 16.

When paying in person or by mail, property owners are asked to include the tax bill number on the check to ensure the property bill will be credited. Some property owners may have multiple tax bills.

For a paid receipt, bills should be taken to the sheriff's office to be marked paid. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a receipt if paying the tax bill by mail.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fall fashions shown

Barbara Hodge (left) of Hodge's Sports & Apparel narrated the fall fashion show from her store for the Woman's Club of Marion on Sept. 12. Shown here is Mayce Simpkins modeling deep yellow leggings along with a hooded plaid vest, headband and comfortable shoes. Other fall trends included in the fashion show were animal prints, cozy sweaters, empire dresses, boots, tops with cut-out sleeves, cold shoulder tops, distressed and ripped jeans and tops. Other models for the show were Sharon Smith and Karen Stinnett. Hostesses for the event were Rebecca Johnson, Ginger Orr, Nancy Lapp, Kathy Bechler, Carolyn Belt, Roberta Shewmaker and Nancy Hunt. For information on how to join Woman's Club or to rent their building, check out their Facebook page or contact any of the club members listed above.

Lawmakers meet to craft budget Jan. 7

STAFF REPORT

The schedule for the 2020 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly was approved last week by legislative leaders.

The session is scheduled to convene on Tuesday, Jan. 7 and adjourn Wednesday, April 15. It is expected to last 60 legislative days – the maximum allowed by the state constitution in even-numbered years. The session will set the state's biennial budget

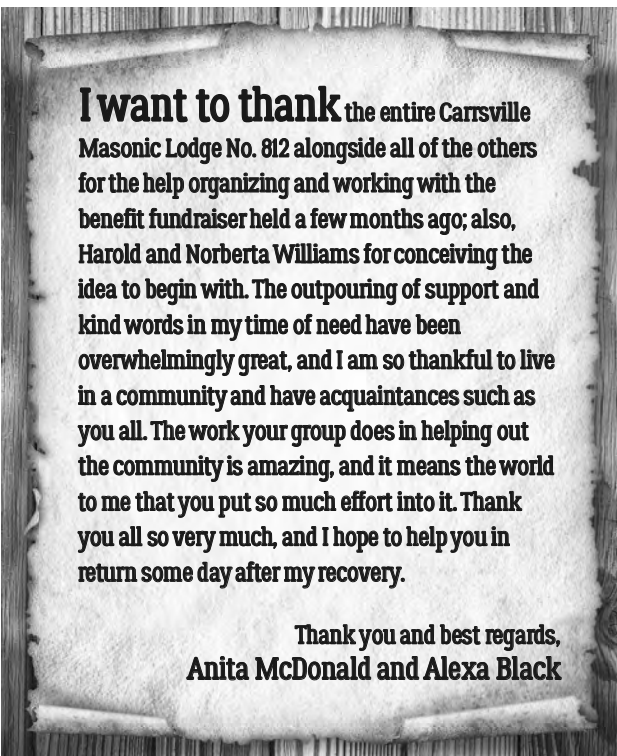
and new road plan. Local leaders are hoping to see money for a new justice center or courthouse renovation for Crittenden County.

Lawmakers will not convene on Jan. 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day or on Feb. 17 in observance of Presidents' Day.

March 2 will be the final day that House bills can be introduced and March 3 will be the final day for the introduction of Senate bills. Bills that

have been introduced by these deadlines will be able to continue moving through the legislative process until the session adjourns.

The veto recess – the period of time in which lawmakers return to their home districts to await possible gubernatorial vetoes of legislation – will run from April 2-13. Lawmakers will return to the Capitol on April 14 and 15 for the final two days of the session.



CHASE

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the road and into ditches. Investigators believe Fortner was just passing through the area and that

he does not have ties here. He faces eight counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, three counts of first-degree criminal mischief, one count of first-degree possession of a controlled substance

(heroin), one count of first-degree fleeing or evading police (in a motor vehicle) and one count of first-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot). All of those are felony charges. He also is

charged with DUI with an aggravator, speeding 26 mph or more over the speed limit, possession of drug paraphernalia, operating on a suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident.

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shows the approximate location of each featured gravesite. There are many noteworthy burials in the cemetery, but the committee has focused mainly on those early settlers who brought so much diversity to Smithland and Livingston County.

However, a few sites were chosen simply because of the whimsical inscriptions on the monuments. For example, on the stone of Boyce Moodie III, a geologist and miner of minerals, the inscription reflects his life's work and inspiration when

it says: "Rock Star: The rocks spoke to me and I listened." On the stone of his grandfather, who is buried right beside him, is this: "If every man's cares were written on his brow, how many would be sympathetic who are envious now."

For a small donation, the walking/driving tour is available at Smithland City Hall and the log cabin of the Livingston County Historical Society. It will also be available at Smithland's Octoberfest at the Smithland Cemetery booth on Oct. 5. It can also be obtained by calling Katherine Boswell at (270) 928-4495.

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Beginning November 4, 2019 through December 13, 2019, Pennyriile Allied Community Services, Inc. (PACS) will be administering the Subsidy Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). From January 6, 2020 through March 31, 2020, or until all monies have been expended, PACS will be administering the Crisis Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

If you or your company is interested in becoming an approved vendor for the LIHEAP Components, you may obtain a Vendor's Application Packet from Pennyriile Allied Community Services, Inc. P.O. Box 549, 1100 South Liberty Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240. You may call (270) 886-6341 to request a packet to be mailed to you.

The completed application and signed Vendors Agreement for both Subsidy and Crisis Programs must be returned to PACS Central Office no later than October 15, 2019.

A Vendors Meeting will be held at the following locations on specified dates and time:

October 3, 2019 10 a.m.
Pennyriile Allied
Community Services, Inc.
1100 South Liberty Street
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

October 4, 2019 10 a.m.
Kentucky Utilities Office
219 West Main Street
Eddyville, KY 42038

LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Families and Children.



City September Business of the Month

The City of Marion was named Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for September. Pictured are (front from left) Amanda Davenport, Mickey Alexander, Marion Mayor Jared Byford, Chamber President Elizabeth Floyd, Kelsey Berry, Becky McKenzie, Mary Ann Campbell, (second row) Marion City Administrator Adam Ledford, Elliot West, Heather Engler, Chamber Executive Director Amy Samuels, Dee Heimgartner, Shanna West, Natalie Parish, Madison Qualls, (back) Steve Watson, Charlie Day, Darrick Myers and Perry Newcom. The recognition is sponsored by Edward Jones.

CCEDC gets new investor, directors

STAFF REPORT

Last week was big for Crittenden County Economic Development Corp. (CCEDC). The group added a new investor and two new directors were added to the board.

According to Chris Cook, CCEDC chairman, Crittenden Community Hospital joined CCEDC as a \$5,000 investor, which entitles them to a seat on the board. Earlier this year, the board altered its bylaws to cut the \$10,000 minimum investment for a

seat on the board. Don Buchanan, the hospital's CEO, will be representing the organization on the board.

Also last week, in a back-and-forth move, Crittenden Fiscal Court re-appointed Magistrate Todd Perryman to the CCEDC board, replacing Donnetta Travis, who resigned after taking a job in Paducah. In March, Perryman was appointed by the fiscal court to fill the seat to replace Travis, who lost her reelection bid for magistrate.

But two months later, Perryman relinquished his role and Travis stepped back in to take his place.

"We will miss Donnetta but are picking up some great team members," said EDC Vice Chairman Tim Capps in an email thread making the announcement of the new investor and board members.

Travis' resignation also left a vacancy in secretary and treasurer positions on the economic development board. But Cook said Buchanan has expressed

interest in serving as secretary and Perryman has interest in serving as treasurer. The board will have to elect new officers at its Oct. 23 meeting.

At that meeting, the board will also appoint two additional at-large directors. The Peoples Bank and Par 4 Plastics are entitled seats on the board, so Capps and Peoples Bank CEO Terry Bunnell will move from at-large members to investor representatives, leaving two openings.

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ROCKET Way honors

Crittenden County Board of Education recognized three of its own as September ROCKET Way Employees of the Month at Monday night's meeting. Food service managers Caryl Robinson (right) at the middle and high school cafeteria and Stephanie Mott at the elementary school were named by Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark as the classified employees to be honored. "These ladies go above and beyond every day," Clark said, adding that nearly all 1,400 split between the two cafeterias are eating school-prepared meals since the federal Community Eligibility Provision began offering free breakfast and lunch to all students. Derrick Ford, not at the meeting, is the certified employee of the month. He is a language arts teacher at the middle school. ROCKET is an acronym for the characteristics school administrators want exhibited by employees each day – Relationship building, Optimism, Committed to excellence, Kids first, Empower and engage every student every day and Teamwork.

KDE seeks feedback from public on new graduation requirements

KENTUCKY TODAY

The Kentucky Department of Education is seeking public feedback on the state's new minimum high school graduation requirements, including reading and math competency, during a series of public forums in the coming weeks, with one taking place nearby in late October.

On April 5, 2019, Kentucky's new minimum high school graduation requirements were enacted by regulation. The changes add "graduation prerequisites" and "graduation qualifiers" to ensure students have basic math and reading skills,

as well as experiences that can help them be prepared to enter college or the workforce.

Some of the revised graduation requirements include four English credits, four math credits, three social studies credits, three science credits and others, which include health, physical education, chorus, band and other electives.

Complete details on the new requirements can be found at <https://bit.ly/2w4D6OD>.

Two forums will be held in western Kentucky, with the first scheduled for 6-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the Green River Educa-

tional Cooperative, 230 Technology Way, Bowling Green. The second will take place in Hopkinsville from 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30. It will be hosted at Hopkinsville Community College at 720 North Dr.

In addition, one online forum will be held via webinar and feedback will be taken electronically for those who cannot attend one of the four sessions in person. To receive links to the webinar and portal for submitting feedback when they become available, complete an online form at <https://forms.gle/Ze8LP6PFnE84gjEk7>.

ACHING FEET?

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Dr. Dowell's primary interest is wound surgery to include both acute surgical care of lower wounds, as well as elective procedures to prevent future wounds. He works in conjunction with wound specialists to surgically treat lower extremity wounds with a focus on maintaining mobility and preventing future wounds.

Dr. David A. Dowell studied at the University of Tennessee and Des Moines Medical University where he completed his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine in 1993.

He is certified by the American Board of Podiatric Medicine and licensed in Missouri, Kansas, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Kentucky.

Dr. Dowell is located at the Center Clinic two Wednesdays a month 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Call (270) 965-1073 to schedule an appointment

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Crittenden Community Hospital

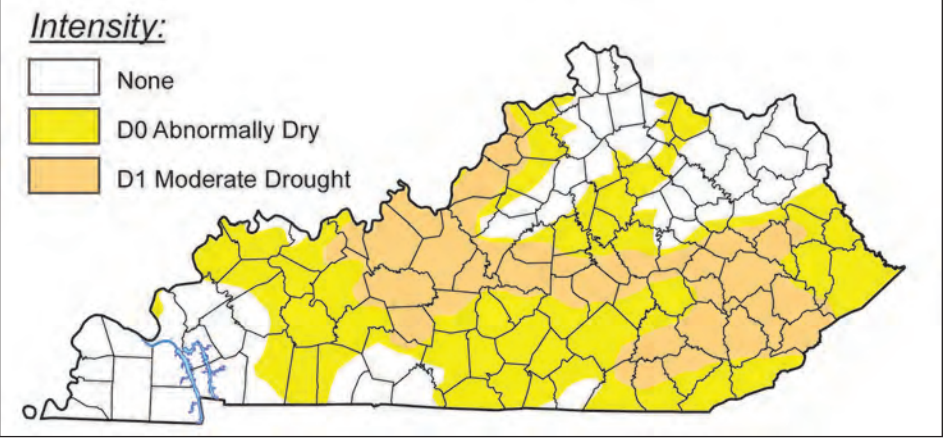
Crittenden Community Hospital

www.crittenden-health.org
520 W. Gum. St., Marion, KY
(270) 965-5281



400-plus gather for park preaching

A spirited crowd of greater than 400 gathered for worship and praise Sunday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Life in Christ Church, the community's largest congregation, closed out its monthlong Fighting for Families series with a Victory in the Park celebration. The event lasted for about three hours and included a meal following the service. Pastor Sue McDonald said the church has often gone to the park for meals following services at the church, but this time they took church to the park. The church's praise band set up a stage on a flatbed trailer and Kent Wilcox produced the entire musical show on an iPad. The Fighting for Families series began with programs on marriage, kids and freedom the first three weeks.



U.S. DROUGHT MONITOR
Last Tuesday's drought map for Kentucky, the latest available from the U.S Drought Monitor, shows moderate drought across 26 percent of the state and abnormally dry conditions in another 40 percent. Dry areas are expected to expand with this week's map.

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fact that long-term weather forecasts indicate no change in the current pattern," Newcom said in the proclamation warning of extreme danger of wildfires in the county.

All outdoor burning is prohibited under Kentucky statute and generally includes:

- Burning of forest, grass, crops, woodlands, marshes or other similar areas.
- Burning leaves or debris.
- Campfires, bonfires and warming fires.
- Open pit cooking and charcoal grilling.
- Use of fireworks and welding may also be prohibited or regulated.

Violation of a burning ban is a misdemeanor punishable by law. The fine as established by statute is anywhere from \$50 to \$500.

At press time, at least 80 Kentucky counties have outdoor burning bans in effect. Union and Webster counties also enacted bans Monday.

Until Monday's 0.04 inches of precipitation, not a trace of rain had been recorded in 27 consecutive days, according

to the Kentucky Mesonet weather monitoring station in the county. That included all of September. Only 3.02 inches of rain were recorded in August. July measured 5.02 inches.

So far in September, the average daily high has been more than 89 degrees. That is the hottest September on record since the weather station was installed in 2009 and a full 9 degrees higher than the average over the previous 10 years.

The average high was also higher than 85 degrees in both July and August.

At press time, Tuesday there was a 20-50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms Wednesday night in western Kentucky, according to the National Weather Service at Paducah. There was also a slight chance today (Thursday), with a high around 80 degrees. After that, however, highs were forecast for the mid-80s to 90-plus degrees through Monday with no rain expected.

Last Tuesday's drought map for Kentucky (shown above), the latest available from the U.S Drought Monitor, shows moderate drought (tan) across 26 percent of

the state and abnormally dry conditions (yellow) in another 40 percent. The areas are expected to expand with this week's map.

A year ago at this time, less than 6 percent of the state was considered abnormally dry.

According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, only 14 percent of the state's topsoil had adequate moisture to start the week. Seventy-eight percent of the subsoil in the state was lacking adequate moisture.

The dry conditions are starting to affect crops, more than half of the Kentucky's pasture land, 54 percent, was poor to very poor. Twenty-six percent of hay was poor to very poor.

Cunningham's Capitol portrait unveiled Friday

STAFF REPORT

Former Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham will be honored Friday with the unveiling of his portrait to hang on the second floor of the state Capitol in Frankfort.

But Cunningham insisted that before the portrait would finally hang in the Capitol, the people of western Kentucky would have a chance to view it. There will be a reception and viewing of the portrait at 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 4 in the Caldwell Circuit Courtroom in Princeton. It is open to the public

"I was so appreciative and humbled by the number of people in this area who made contributions that I wanted them to have a chance to see their finished product without having to travel that long distance to Frankfort," Cunningham said. "Plus, it was here I started my career and I owe the peo-

ple of this far west Kentucky area a great deal. This is a small way of showing my appreciation."

Tom Edgerton, a nationally known portrait painter in Greensboro, N.C., was commissioned to complete the painting. It was funded by private donations statewide.

Cunningham's legal career began in 1974 as public defender of the inmates at the Kentucky State Penitentiary. In 1976, he began 26 years of service in the 56th Judicial Circuit of Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties as both commonwealth attorney and later circuit judge. In January 2007, he was elected to the Kentucky Supreme Court representing Crittenden and other western Kentucky counties that comprise the 1st Supreme Court District. He retired in February.

Cunningham and his wife Paula live in Kuttawa.



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PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

CAR SHOW

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Salem gets almost \$75,000 for street improvements

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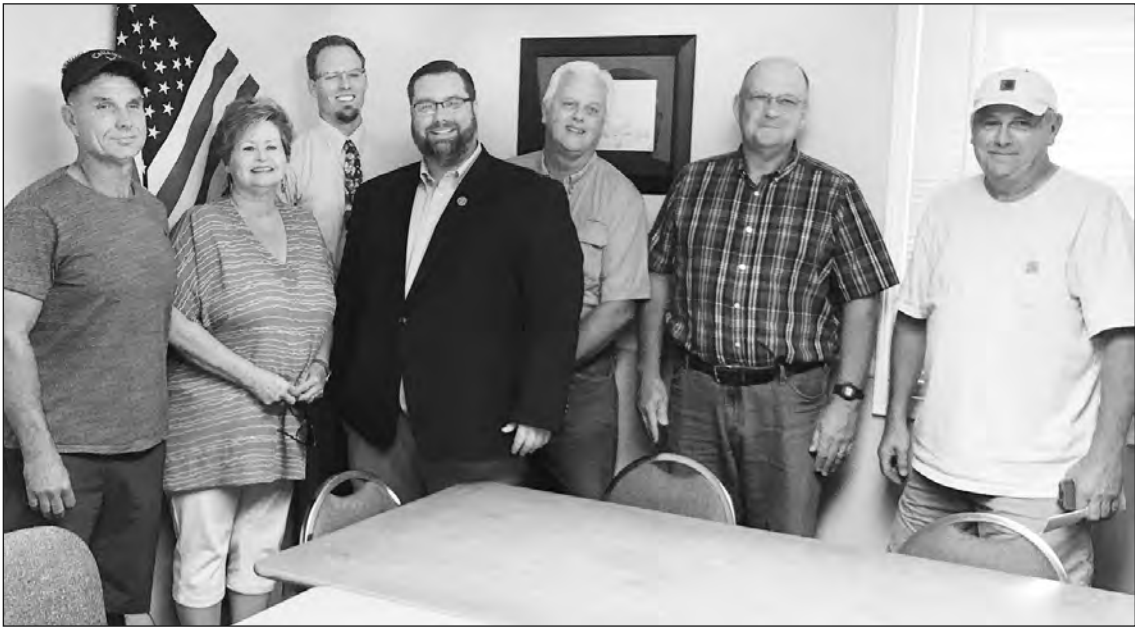
The City of Salem will be receiving almost \$75,000 from the state to put down new asphalt.

On Thursday, a representative with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KyTC) Department of Rural and Municipal Aid was in Salem to announce \$73,962 in discretionary funds for just more than 1.1 miles of resurfacing work on four streets. Resurfacing repairs address existing surface cracks, potholes, raveling and base failures.

"The Bevin Administration continues to focus on maintaining important infrastructure at both the state and local level to support job creation and retention, as well as enhancing safety," said KyTC Secretary Greg Thomas. "This discretionary award builds upon existing transportation investments and allows the Cabinet to collaborate with local government agencies to identify projects that will have a significant impact in our communities."

Salem Mayor Gary Damron identified these roads as being among the most critical in the city.

"I wish to thank the Governor's Administration for recog-



Last week, a representative with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet was in Salem to announce \$73,962 in discretionary funds for resurfacing work on four city streets. Pictured above are (from left) Salem City commissioners Craig Dossett, Janet Hughes and Brandon DeBoe, KyTC Department of Rural & Municipal Aid Commissioner Gray Tombllyn II, Mayor Gary Damron, City Commissioner Darryl Chittenden and Salem Utilities Director Doug Slayden.

nizing the impact that these funds make on small cities such as ours," said Damron. "First, it immediately brings our street infrastructure to the best level we have ever experienced and that will carry us for quite some

time. Secondly, we now have the ability to use funds previously earmarked for future street maintenance and apply those to other much needed projects. For Salem, this is a very, very good day."

Projects submitted to the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for discretionary fund consideration are evaluated by the KyTC district staff to assess the condition of roads and streets to determine the most

critical needs based on factors such as safety, economic impact and traffic volume.

"I'm happy to learn that Salem has received funding for these much-needed resurfacing projects," said Sen. Robby Mills. "I look forward to their completion knowing the community will benefit greatly from upgraded roadways."

The selected roads provide access to more than 50 homes and two businesses.

"I am thrilled to see the Governor continue working with the legislature and local officials to prioritize road funding in our part of the state," said Rep. Lynn Becher. "This investment in our infrastructure is important, as it will improve the safety and mobility of our roads in Livingston County."

The Salem City Council is responsible for administering the work, and KYTC will reimburse the city for the projects.

Resurfacing work will address:

- Hook Drive: Resurfacing 0.42 miles.
- East Lion Drive: Resurfacing 0.33 miles.
- Taylor Street: Resurfacing 0.22 miles.
- Maddux Avenue: Resurfacing 0.14 miles.

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Christmas crafters

Hooks & Needles Crafter's Corner Club meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at Crittenden County Extension Service to exchange crafting ideas, share tips and visit with friends. Formerly Crochet Club, the group of about 10 strong invites newcomers interested in needlework – embroidery, knitting, tatting, etc. At last week's meeting, (clockwise from top left) Victoria Edwards, Jo Brown, Judy Lanham and Nancy Lapp continued work on Christmas trees the group is making for the dining room at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion. The trees are made with yard, stuffed with soft material and adorned with a variety of items affixed with hot glue.

Farmers market parking expansion moving forward

STAFF REPORT

Marion Tourism Commission at a special meeting last Wednesday awarded a bid to tear down a home at 112 Poplar St. in Marion that lies behind the Imogene Stout Market on Main.

Razing the structure could begin as early as this week to make way for additional parking at the farmers market. To be graveled initially, the lot eventually be will be capped with asphalt, probably in the spring.

Plans are to preserve the gazebo that currently sits on the property.

Ethridge Excavating of Princeton was awarded the \$5,000 bid to tear down and remove the small home. The company was the only bidder.

Last month, Tourism



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This house at 112 Poplar St. in Marion will soon be torn down to make way for additional parking at the Imogene Stout Market on Main.

Director Michele Edwards said the Commission was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Crittenden County Agricultural De-

velopment Fund and \$11,350 in state funds. The total budget for development of the lot is \$33,700.

Early school attendance at 96 percent

STAFF REPORT

With what Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark calling the current fiscal year's budget the tightest in his six years as head of the local school district, administrators are cracking down on poor attendance.

Through Sept. 13, attendance across the district was more than 96 percent, a mark Clark was proud to report board of education members at the Sept. 16 meeting.

"We've knocked on a

lot of doors," the superintendent said of efforts to check on absent students.

This academic year, the school district is cracking down on poor attendance, revamping policies aimed at reducing chronic absenteeism, which is defined as missing 10 percent or more of scheduled classroom days. Last year, 177 students in the district of almost 1,400 students missed 17 days or more.

"We've bumped up and provided teeth to

that policy," Clark said. "And we'll see if we can whittle on that number."

Each percentage of point of attendance is valued at \$51,000 in state money for the school district.

Fourth grade led the first month of the 2019-20 academic year in attendance with 98.03 percent. Meantime, CCMS was the best of all three schools with 97.24 percent. The high school registered 96.94 percent and elementary school finished with 96.68 percent.

Last day for voters to register October 7

STAFF REPORT

Monday, Oct. 7 is the last day to register to vote in the November general election. Registration books will be closed from Oct. 8 to Nov. 11, the first Monday after the Nov. 5 election for statewide offices, including governor.

Last week, in a story from The Associated Press, the Kentucky Democratic Party claimed 150,000-plus registered voters in the commonwealth were improperly placed on the inactive voter list, jeopardizing their right to vote in the November general election for statewide offices. The list contains the names of both Democrats and Republicans.

Byford said the inactive list is maintained in Frankfort, not locally. The State Board of Elections is required by federal decree to notify voters who have not taken part in the two previous federal election cycles.

But the clerk said even if someone is on the inactive list, they have not been removed from the voter rolls.

"If a voter is placed on the inactive list, they are still allowed to vote if they still live in county and update their information either here in office on election day or at their correct precinct," said Byford.

Voters may also register or check their registration online at GoVoteKy.com.

On Nov. 5, Kentucky voters will elect a governor and lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, auditor of public accounts, treasurer and commissioner of agriculture.



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Readers Theater

Crittenden County Board of Education got a treat at last week’s meeting at Crittenden County Elementary School with Readers Theater, a presentation by five students under the direction of second grade teacher Daphne James who showcased their reading skills through expression and using cues to recite their part of the skit. Pictured above are (from left) Gage Adamson, Noah Holland, Jazzy Travis, Brin Tramble and Micah Arriago. In the fall of each year, the board of education takes a meeting to each school, with respective students making a presentation before the body. At the October meeting, the board will meet at the middle school.

September jail report

In August, Crittenden County Detention Center had another strong month financially, bringing revenue for the first two months of the new fiscal year to almost \$450,000. The detention center, including the 39-bed restricted custody center, has 172 regular beds. Below is Jailer Robbie Kirk’s July report to Crittenden Fiscal Court given last week.

Inmate count as of Sept. 19

State inmates	117
Federal inmates	61
Other counties.....	20
Crittenden County	20
Total inmates.....	218
Weekenders.....	2
Work release.....	0
Out to court.....	1
Actual total inmate bed count	221

August housing income

State housing	\$117,274.28
Housing days	3,742
Daily housing rate	\$31.34
Federal housing.....	\$76,440.00
Housing days.....	1920
Daily housing rate.....	\$42.00
Federal transport payments	\$3,246.40
Other county housing	\$23,776.00
Housing days.....	743
Daily housing rate.....	\$32.00
Weekend/work release.....	\$352.00
Housing days.....	11
Daily housing rate.....	\$32.00
Total housing	\$221,088.68

August Crittenden inmate expense

Cost to house local violators	\$12,288.00
Housing days.....	384
Daily housing rate.....	\$32.00
Average daily population	12.39

VIETNAM

Continued from Page 1

ago to give more Kentuckians an opportunity to heal from the divisive war that claimed the lives of more than 58,000 Americans.



Mattingly

“The main reason I built the wall is that a lot of families are getting up in age, and they can’t go to D.C. to see the wall,” Mattingly said, referring to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. “So I thought, I’ll just take it to them.”

The aluminum monument was paid for with funds from the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs and other donations. It has been traveling the state since it was unveiled in the Capitol rotunda in March 2017. The visit to Marion this week marks the first trip Mattingly and the Wall have made to this area.

The Wall will be free to view around the clock beginning after setup this evening, but a special ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday to officially open viewing. Family members of the five local men whose names appear on the wall are scheduled to attend, and each will be presented a special commemorative medal.

Viewing runs through about 4 p.m. Sunday, and like the national monument in Washington, rubbings of the engraved names on the wall can be made.

“That’s one of main things I wanted with the Wall,” Mattingly said of the design that allows for the popular tribute.

Elizabeth “Liz” Snodgrass, a six-year U.S. Air Force veteran, was selected by the primary sponsoring organization, Marion Main Street Inc., to be the keynote speaker for Friday’s ceremony.

“I think it’s pretty amazing they have this wall traveling around (the state) because a lot of people can’t go to Washington to the memorial,” she said. “It’s a huge honor to be asked to speak.”

Born in 1963, Snodgrass, is too young to have been shaped by the Vietnam War. But she has known plenty of veterans over the years who seem to still carry scars from the conflict.

“I really feel like they were done a disservice, particularly the ones who gave their lives,” Snodgrass, who serves as CEO of Livingston Hospital

LOCAL NAMES ON TRAVELING KENTUCKY VIETNAM WALL



PFC BOBBY J JENNINGS

Army: 1965-67

Born: July 24, 1943

Died: Feb. 7, 1967

from hostile ground fire in Tay Ninh, South Vietnam



SP4 CHARLES L DOOM

Army: 1966-67

Born: March 1, 1946

Died: May 3, 1967

in non-hostile vehicle crash in South Vietnam



PFC JOHNNY W LINDSEY

Army: 1967-68

Born: July 12, 1945

Died: Jan. 19, 1968

from hostile ground fire in Kontum, South Vietnam



SP4 LEON BEARD

Army: 1968-69

Born: March 27, 1947

Died: March 9, 1969

by hostile small arms in Tay Ninh, South Vietnam



MAJ BILLY JOE WILLIAMS

Army: 1962-70

Born: Nov. 23, 1929

Died: May 6, 1970

by hostile artillery in Quang Tri, South Vietnam

and Healthcare Services, said of the poor treatment Vietnam veterans generally received when they returned home. “In some of those cases, it wasn’t even their choice to go.”

For Mattingly, having the Wall built and continuing his involvement has been cathartic. As the first war televised into American living rooms, he believes the coverage left a bad taste for millions.



Snodgrass

“They only showed the bad parts,” he said, referring to footage broadcast on television. “They didn’t show a lot of the good we did.”

It took the former Marine almost 30 years to talk about the war or publicly recognize his part in it.

“When I came home, I put it behind me,” he said.

But years later when Mattingly remarried, his wife at the time convinced him to see the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, a smaller version of the national monument that makes its way around the coun-

try.

“When I walked up to it is when I broke,” he said.

His idea for the Traveling Kentucky Vietnam Wall was, in part, to help fulfill the promises to many dying soldiers whose hands he held as they were evacuated by helicopter off the battlefield.

“Some would ask me to tell their mothers, wives or kids they love them,” Mattingly recalls. “I didn’t know how to do that. Now, I can tell their loved ones they were loved.”

The idea to bring the Wall to Marion was born last year when Main Street Executive Director Susan Alexander first heard of it. Since then, she has worked to organize its appearance and meet the standards required in the contract so that the utmost reverence is shown for its display.

“I’m just overwhelmed with it,” said Alexander, who came of age during the Vietnam War and whose husband Mickey and son Max both served in the military. “I think this is a really good thing

for our community.”

Her son, in fact, got in on the act. He donated the medals to be presented the families of Pfc. Bobby J. Jennings, Spec. Charles L. Doom, Pfc. Johnny W. Lindsey, Spec. Leon Beard and Maj. Billy Joe Williams, the five men from Crittenden County killed in the Southeast Asian war between 1955 and 1975.

Another man who grew up in Crittenden County but enlisted from Illinois, Spec. James Kenneth Hughes, does not have his name on the Kentucky wall, but will also be remembered with this week’s commemoration.

In addition to Marion Main Street, Marion Tourism Commission, Crittenden County Historical Society, Henry & Henry Monuments and Crittenden County Detention Center are sponsoring organizations. In



Alexander

2019 CRITTENDEN COUNTY TAX COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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Resident upset over lack of tax on planes

STAFF REPORT

A county resident upset with members of Crittenden Fiscal Court over their decision to keep airplanes based in the county untaxed let his feelings be known at last week's meeting.

"I feel like it's a discrimination," said Bobby Travis. "If they don't pay on theirs, why does Bob-O pay on his?"

Travis is angry that magistrates voted last month to not assess a property tax on the airplanes hangared at Marion-Crittenden County Airport while he is asked to pay on the property he owns. But Judge-Executive Perry Newcom argued that the risk of losing plane owners over the tax is hardly worth the reward.

Figures from the Kentucky Department for Local Government show only \$658,850 in total value of aircraft based in the county. If taxed at 12.4 cents per \$100 of valua-

tion, that would generate only \$817 in taxes for county government.

County Extension service, library and health taxing districts in the county do levy a tax on the aircraft based locally. The school district does not, and since the airport does not lie within the incorporated limits of Marion, no city tax is levied.

Travis did not agree with the reasoning to not tax airplanes for the county's general fund. He also said he will not be paying his taxes if aircraft owners do not pay.

"I've got no problem with it, but if they're not going to pay, I'm not going to pay," he said. "Just take mine off ... and I'll feel fine. I just want to be treated fair."

Though none have an airport facility the magnitude of Crittenden County's, all surrounding counties taxed personal aircraft in 2018, according to the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

Morse

Thomas Leon Morse, 71, of Salem died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

He was a veteran and a member of Salem Baptist Church.

Morse is survived by his wife of 47 years,

Ina Frances Morse of Salem; three sisters, Bonnie Nichols, Charlotte (Bob) Stoneburner and Brenda Morse, all of Princeton; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Helen and Frankie Head of Marion; and a brother-in-law, Richard Orenduff of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Urey Lyman Morse and Dimple Crowder Morse.

Funeral services were Saturday in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Deer Creek Cemetery.



Morse

Hart

Earlene Cecelia Jones Hart, 92, of Smithland died Monday, Sept. 23, 2019, at Parkview Nursing Home in Paducah.

Born Feb. 3, 1927, she began working as nursing aide at Salem Nursing Home in 1969. She completed her LPN degree in 1971 and graduated as an RN in 1989 at 62. She continued working as an RN until 2009. She was a member of Potter's House Baptist Worship Center in Smithland.

Hart is survived by her children, Patricia Kay (Robert) Barrett of Salem, Ronald Allen (Cynthia) Hart of San Antonio, Texas, Donna Charlene Dukes of Reidland, Michele Diane "Mickey" (Terry) Teitloff of Smithland, Janet Gail (Louis) Hale of Smithland and Vicki Delane (Randy) Henson of Grand Rivers; four grandsons; seven granddaughters; 27 great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; two brothers, Archie Allen Jones of Smithland and Howard Maxwell Jones of Cocoa Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Barbara Jones Mix of Kevil and Linda Jones Ladd of Burna; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Henry "Hank" Hart; a grandson, Zachary Allen Hart; her parents, Harry O. Jones Sr. and Lena Lorene Scarbrough Jones; and a brother, Harry O. Jones Jr.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Boyd Funeral Chapel of Salem with Bro. Andrew Sexton officiating. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. Friday until funeral hour.



Hart

– Spurrier –

Rev. B. Harry Spurrier Jr., 91, of Owensboro, formerly of Crittenden County native, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019 at Wellington Parc of Owensboro.

He was born in Smithland, grew up in Marion and in 1945 graduated from Mattoon High School in Crittenden County. Following graduation, his early career included jobs with Evansville Crown Pottery, in a rock quarry and with Louisville Gas and Electric. During the Korean War, he joined the U.S. Army and served in Japan. Upon his discharge, he returned to Louisville and led singing in several churches. As a sixth-generation member of the clergy, he began preaching in 1956 while attending Kentucky Wesleyan College. Following graduation in 1960, he enrolled in the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary from which he earned his Master of Divinity degree. He was a member of the United Methodist Annual Conference for over 54 years and held pastorates at more than 10 United Methodist churches. Following his retirement, he served as interim pastor of several churches. Rev.



Spurrier

Spurrier was among the original organizers of the Emmaus Walk in Owensboro.

Spurrier is survived by his wife of 69 years, Mary Ruth Spurrier; his children, Rev. Kenneth D. (Becky) Spurrier of Beaver Dam and Shari (Randy) Blackwell of Somerville, Ga.; his grandchildren, Angela Johnson, Eric Johnson, Randy Lee Blackwell, Brandon Spurrier and DeAnna (James) Smith; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Naomi (Joe) Thurmond; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, B. Harry Spurrier Sr. and Pearl Dodds Spurrier; and his siblings, Daniel Newman Spurrier, John David Spurrier, Ruth Spurrier, Elizabeth Rhoden, Louise Phillips, Mary Frances Burger and Pauline Smith.

Funeral services were Saturday at Wesleyan Heights United Methodist Church. He was buried in Rosebud United Methodist Church Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to United Methodist Homes of Kentucky.

Ky. unemployment ticks up slightly

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary August 2019 unemployment rate was 4.4 percent, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics. The unemployment rate for August 2019 was up slightly from the 4.3 percent reported for July 2019.

"Losses in durable goods manufacturing and professional business services contributed to lower nonfarm payroll employment in August," said University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic

Research Interim Director Mike Clark, Ph.D. "The household survey indicates that workers entered the labor force at a faster rate than they were finding jobs. This pushed August's unemployment rate up, even though more people worked in August than in July."

The preliminary August 2019 jobless rate was unchanged from the 4.4 percent recorded for the state in August 2018.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate for August 2019 was 3.7 percent, unchanged from July 2019, according to

the U.S. Department of Labor.

Kentucky's manufacturing sector declined by 1,700 jobs or 0.7 percent from July to August 2019. The decrease occurred mostly in durable goods manufacturing.

"The decrease in Kentucky's durable goods manufacturing subsector is consistent with concerns that current trade policy could be dampening manufacturing growth," said Clark. "However, it is too early to know whether this will persist or just be a temporary decrease."



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Kindness has been getting a lot of attention lately. There have been several kindness challenges issued to encourage us to be kind to strangers. The world needs more of this.

There is another level of kindness that takes some risk. It risks moving into the space of another and acting in ways that will help. Not in a way that violates boundaries or makes the other feel foolish. This requires a good bit of experience, wisdom and courage. Sometimes it will fail. Sometimes it will be refused or go unappreciated.

Early in my preaching days and in a different country, I had just finished a sermon and was quite pleased at the knowledge I had just



Sean NISTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

dropped on those who heard. After most had left the man that invited me approached and told me how absolutely awful it was. He explained that what I said may have been true, but it was not what the people needed to hear. This was not an encouragement to water down the message, it was guidance to pay attention to whom I was speaking. We further discussed this when I ate lunch with his family at his home. He was a friend, he was straightforward, and he showed me great kindness.

This kindness is difficult. It is the kindness of knowing how to deliver difficult messages in ways that demonstrate love and care for all involved. This is beyond common courtesies that we can also call kindness. It is of the type that is willing to risk offence in order to help one grow.

The message was received, and he continued to be an honest and loving critic to whom I owe much. To have said nothing may have been nice or polite, but it would not have been kind.

One of the saddest things I see today is people who are unwilling to attempt new things because their failures have always been met with derision and laughter rather than courageous kindness. Being unkind hinders maturity because unkind reactions are childish. This evokes childish, fearful responses to everything from new food to new experiences.

Kindness also reaches into the area of forgiveness and how we treat our enemies. The Apostle Paul, after describing the journey that believers make from death to life in which he mentions God's kindness says, "For we

are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which he prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:10, RSV). Later in Ephesians, when describing what these good works in life might look like he says, "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Eph. 4:31-32, RSV).

Kindness naturally flows from those who have experienced it and have changed their lives and hearts. This is the reason it is important for all of us to practice kindness all the time. There are some who have never experienced it on a consistent basis and are therefore incapable of practicing it consistently. Kindness is important

in producing growth and maturity in all of us. Kindness includes discipline and correction and sometimes challenges us to change. Therese of Lisieux was a Carmelite nun who died at the young age of 24. The context of the following concerns discipline in a convent. However, I believe the principle of what she says applies to parenting and mentoring. It expands the realm of kindness.

She wrote in "The Little Flower of Jesus," "Before a reproof bear fruit, it must cost something and be free from the least trace of passion. Kindness must not degenerate into weakness. When we have had good reason for finding fault, we must leave it, and not allow ourselves to worry over having given pain. To

seek out the delinquent for the purpose of consoling her, is to do more harm than good. Left alone, she is compelled to look beyond creatures, and to turn to God; she is forced to see her faults and to humble herself. Otherwise she would become accustomed to expect consolation after a merited rebuke, and would act like a spoilt child who stamps and screams, knowing well that by this means its mother will be forced to return and dry its tears." From St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897).

Be kind in all that you do. Even the hard stuff.

Dr. Sean Nistrath is a minister in Madisonville, KY. You may contact him at sean.nistrath@outlook.com. His opinions are his own.

Avoid suicide’s hellish eternal life

"Thou shall do no murder." Matt. 19:18.

"No murderer has eternal life living in him." 1st John 3:15

It is for the Lord to take away, as He is the one that gives us life.

There are 12 suicides a day in America, which could cause all our hearts to break and cry out to God to stop all the rest.

Satan can bring us to a point where we forget what self-destruction does to those who love us, and to God who will judge us one last day.

This is all coming from one who faced these frightening times, and all praise to God, He with staid my hand.

It is so easy for one to believe that no one loves them and they lose all presence of reality.

We do not have to be perfect for God to love us, and He doesn't love us for what He can get out of us. He loves us because He made us in His image, and HE wants us to be with Him in a perfect world at the end of this



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life. God wants us in Heaven and all that word can conjure up in our minds as we read Revelation Chapter 21. All who can read it can so easily understand those words.

Regardless of what we will go through, and there can be some horrible times, there is nothing that God will not help us through if we will but come to Him in honesty, confession and faith. We must lay it all before Him and follow His instructions.

His Word will always lead us into a better life here and an eternally in Heaven as we follow it.

For those who do not know His Word, or think they cannot understand it, will find those of us who will be so willing to pray for and with you, and guide you into the portions of God's Words that He will help you to understand.

Satan is always available to tell us there is no hope. He wants us to think we are hopeless or don't deserve to live. I know it only too well. He is a liar and the father of it, Jesus told us. John 8:44.

Sin puts guilt in our minds, and Satan will de-

stroy us if we listen to him.

Sin will take us to the Devil's hell, but Jesus wants to save us.

Jesus thought everyone is worth His life, and proved it by giving His life for every human being.

Jesus reminded us that the whole world is not worth losing your soul to eternal suffering.

Satan is master of telling us to "end it all."

May God above remind all of us that taking our own life does not end anything, and certainly not our eternal lives.

Over and over we are told in God's words that we all will live somewhere after this part of living ends.

How wonderful God has given each of us the choice to decide which world we will live in beyond this one.

We choose Jesus'

words of "everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels" or "into the joys of the Lord in life eternal." Matt. 25:41, 23, 46.

Everlasting is as eternal in the fire, as life is eternal in Heaven.

"Hope makes us not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us." Romans 5:5.

Hope is a beautiful thing, God's gift to us, and the strong hope, the weak give up.

Be strong and always call on any of us who live for Jesus for prayer, encouragement and God's holy light for your life.

Sister Lucy Tedrick is a longtime local minister who has written a column for this newspaper for more than 20 years. Her opinions are her own do not necessarily reflect those of the newspaper.

Faith-Based Events & Outreach

Maranatha Baptist hosts Fall Revival services

Maranatha Baptist Church on Cedar Grove Road in Salem will host its Fall Revival on Oct. 2-4 at 6:30 p.m., each night. Bro. Steve Stone and Stone Family will be featured.

Let us know. We post church notes here at no charge
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NOTICE

CROOKED CREEK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

will meet

Sunday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m.

at Crooked Creek Church.

If you have loved ones buried in the cemetery, please attend this meeting.

For more information:

(270) 965-4741

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FALL Revival

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September 27, 28, 29

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Bro. Joey Jones

Sat., 6:30 p.m.
Bro. Ed & Deanna Nichols

Sun. 11 a.m.
Bro. Howard Jones & wife Katie

WORSHIP

with us this week

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

—Matthew 18:20

St. William Catholic Church

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Father John Okoro

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Pastor: Tim Burdon

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Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.

Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.

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Crooked Creek Baptist Church

261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., Marion, Ky.

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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Pastor: Bro. Mark Girten

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2 Peter 3:18

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SUNDAY CHURCH TIMES:

8:30 a.m. Coffee Juice Fellowship • 8:45 a.m. Sunday School • 10 a.m. Morning Worship

6 p.m. Youth Bible Study • 6 p.m. Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY CHURCH TIMES: 6 p.m. Prayer/Devotional Service • 6:45 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

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"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

-Matthew 18:20

Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.

Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

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SUN: Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.

Sun. School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:45 p.m.

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Worship service: 11 a.m.

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Marion Tannery was one of city’s earliest enterprises

This interesting and very informative article about Marion’s Tannery was written by Ed B. Haynes of Fillmore, Calif. who grew up and worked at the tannery during his very early years. It’s a story about one of Marion’s earliest enterprises.

One of Marion’s important early enterprises was the establishment of a modern system of tanning leather. Organized under the direction of Billy Duke Haynes, under the title, W. D. Haynes & Company, the participating members being Edwin, Bob Bigham and Edward Black. The company proposed to incorporate the latest improved methods of processing animal skins, from the raw to the finished product, and to manufacture all products made from leather.

W. D. Haynes was a farmer in the section now called Repton. In the year 1864 he married Mary Elizabeth Black, daughter of Nathan Rice Black, one of Marion’s first lawyers.

Sometime in the year 1868 he bought a tract, some 10 acres of land, at the southern border of town. The Marion-Princeton road then separated the property from the Old Presbyterian Church and graveyard. To the east and adjoining the property was dense forest, owned by the Robert Lycurgus Bigham estate. On the property was an ever-flowing spring of water, and a log house, two rooms, divided by open hallway and kitchen detached. (located where Hometown Foods is today)

In that day leather and leather products were not much sold in stores. Every community supported its own shoemaker, saddler and harness maker;

sometimes all three in one person, handyman.

There were a few small tanneries throughout the county, the largest was, I believe of six vat capacity, located at a spring about one mile east of the of the old Piney Fork Camp Meeting Grounds, and operated by William P. Alexander. All together, the small tanneries could nowhere near supply the demand and now

were equipped to supply but a crude finish leather.

With the bright prospects apparent, the company proceeded to acquire basic supplies - white-oak bark, to be cured without exposure to moisture, and animal skins in great quantity. For the protection of the dried bark and working space for the horse-powered barkgrinding mill an enormous size shed was erected, and curing rooms for raw hides. During the interim while the stockpile was building up, the partners followed other pursuits – part time.

When the stockpile became sufficient for a beginning, Mr. Haynes moved his family, wife and two children, to Marion. That was in October of 1869. Born in early 1866, I was then nearly four years old, and can recall quite clearly many incidents from that time forward.

Next thing, three pools, dimensions 10 x 10 ft. and 6 feet deep; one pool fresh water to soak dry hides in; another, a strong lime solution to loosen the hair, and a third emersion in fresh water to neutralize the lime. Skins were thoroughly rubbed to remove all foreign matter, graded according to thickness, the larger ones split in halves; the grades are separately processed.



Alexander Saddle – This ladies side-saddle was made from leather produced at the Alexander Tanning Yard. It is on display at the Crittenden County Historical Museum.

Tan vats, 30 in all, excavations 3 ½ x 6 feet deep, also are lined with thick tongue and grooved lumber and water tight, arranged in rows with working space between. Partly water-filled, a generous sprinkle of pulverized bark sufficient to support the first skin carefully spread, on which another sprinkle of bark – alternating the skin and bark until the vat is filled to capacity, there to remain for months in incubation, until the tanner, by test pronounces the leather matured.

During the period of leather incubation there are processing rooms to erect and equip. Leather leaving the tan must at once be thoroughly treated in oils to restore pliability; rubbed to a firmness, shaved to uniform thickness, and when desired, colored. For this precise operation an expert currier is kept on duty. Extending the buildings, there are shops for the tradesmen including harness maker, saddler and long rows of benches equipped for the many shoemakers always present. It is now past mid 1870. Finished leather in good supply is coming into stock, and the shops are all occupied by the several tradesmen.

The Marion Tannery rated of much importance

to the community. The trade in tanbark and hides brought in much needed revenue to Crittenden County and adjoining territory, and people came from all around for quality goods.

We kept abreast of the improved methods of tanning, using extracts along with the barks, which hastened maturity of leather. But in cold water tanning results could not be had in much less average time than one year.

Along in the year 1878 someone invented a system of steam tanning, using extract concentrates and steams under high pressure. They cooked it. It was all so natural and simple. Leather could be matured in a matter of weeks. That was the blueprint to the cold water tanner’s finish. He must change his system or retire.

Luckily for us there came a respite. The first steam-tanned leather offered the public proved inferior. It had been overheated and broke in places. For a long time people were prejudiced against the steam-tanned leather. By the time the error had been corrected and confidence restored, we had disposed of our stock and sold the property. On the 27th of August 1879, we vacated the place and left

Marion.

A big mill and whiskey distillery soon occupied the tan yard site and buildings for a good many years and the ever-flowing spring was their source of water supply. (This area today is where Hometown Food’s grocery store and parking lot are located.)

Alexander Tanning Yard in the Piney Fork Community

William Patton Alexander moved from Dawson Spring, Ky. About 1844 and bought farm land from Jacob Crider, located east of the Piney Fork Cemetery. William Patton married Polly Moore and they had one child. After her death he married Lucinda O’Neal, they had eight children.

William Patton operated a tan yard on his farm, located on the east side of the Alexander Creek near the spring that runs from the cave. The pits were on flat land south of the spring, probably six pits were used. They were about four to five feet deep and shaped like a grave.

In the spring of the year when the sap was up, they would strip bark off of black oaks, white oaks and red oaks and haul it to the pits. The bark could be used dried or green but had to be hacked into tiny pieces or beat with a hammer before being placed in the pits. Water from the nearby spring was added to make an ooze. The hides were then added to this ooze and allowed to soak until tanned into desired color.

The tanning yard located on the Alexander farm was used by people in a wide area around the Piney Fork community. Most people would bring their hides to the tan yard in the spring to have the hides tanned during the summer, they would then use hides for shoes and other articles. Cowhide was used for harnesses, horse gear, sack strings, lines, bridles, shoe

strings and shoes. This was the best hide to turn water. The thick part of the hide was used for soles and the thin for vamps.

A Mr. Wilson from Fredonia would come to the Piney Fork community in the fall and stay with each family and make shoes for each member of the family out of the hides. He would have different sizes lists with him to get the proper fit. Pins from the pin oak tree were used for shoe pegs before tacks were used.

Other hides such as groundhog, wildcat, squirrel, deer, raccoon and horsehide were used for various items. Sheep skin was usually tanned with hair on and used for rugs, saddle blankets and saddle cushions.

The black oak would make the leather dark and it was used on heavy hides. These were used for making saddles bags, men’s shoes, harnesses, etc. The white oak made a lighter color leather and was used for women’s shoes. When the leather was tanned it was picked up or some people would bring their hides and trade them for tanned leather, making only one trip.

An example of the quality of leather is a side saddle given to Flora Alexander by her father, James Calhoun, in 1901. It is now in the Crittenden County Historical Museum.

Information indicates the tan yard was closed at the death of William Patton Alexander in 1916. In 1930 Orlin Woodside operated a sawmill near the pits and they were filled in with sawdust for safety reasons. Information on the Alexander tan yard was shared by Sarah Alexander Ford.

(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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Fall fix-up

Sandy Gilbert and other members of the local Beta Sigma Phi sorority spruce up the courthouse gazebo to prepare it for the arrival of fall.

Calendar

- Crittenden County High School Class of 1982 will have its annual picnic and reunion Saturday, Oct. 5 at Old Kuttawa Beach. The gathering begins at noon and meat for the grill-out will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring their own drink or side dish. For additional information, contact David Godfrey at (270) 331-3553.
- Crittenden County Public Library's Writer's Group will meet at 6 p.m. Monday for a critique session at the library.

Extension

- Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at noon Oct. 7 at the Crittenden County Extension Office.
- Quilt Club will meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday at the Extension Office. Everyone is invited to attend.

4-H events

- Cloverbuds meet at 3 p.m., Thursday (today) in the CCES cafeteria.
- High School Club will meet on Friday.



Balling

Adley Sutton was one of a couple dozen students participating recently in the Lady Rocket basketball camp at Crittenden County Elementary School.



Band second at Graves County

The CCHS Marching Band placed second Saturday at the Graves County Invitational scoring a 58.95 – six points higher than last week, with positive comments from the judges, according to director Lindsay Byrd. The band will compete at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at McLean County High School against Hancock County and Lyon County high schools. The band's next competition is Oct. 12 at the Hopkinsville Stadium of Champions.



Senior superlatives

Five seniors from Crittenden County participated in the Senior Games in Hopkinsville earlier this month. Pictured from left with director Jenny Sosh (left) are Polly Schofield, Barb Steele, Roberta Shewmaker, Bernice Tolbert and Margaret Gilland. Results are as follows: Margaret Gilland, first place washer toss, croquet and ring toss and second place corn hole and disc throw; Polly Schofield, first place corn toss, third disc throw; Roberta Shewmaker, first place disc throw, second lawn bowling, shuffle board and ring toss, third corn toss, croquet and soccer kick; Barb Steele first ring toss; Bernice Tolbert, second disc throw and third ring toss.

YL in action

Young Leaders in Action who will represent Crittenden County Middle School this year are (front from left) Keira Chaney and Laycee Lynn and (back) Avery Belt and Lane West. The eighth graders chosen by the West Kentucky Educational Cooperative will attend an orientation at Murray State University Friday and will begin their year-long public policy initiative.



Senior Center

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

Menu and activities for the following seven days include:

Thursday - Menu is Mexican lasagna, buttered broccoli, garlic breadstick and Jell-O cake.

Friday - Menu is baked catfish, navy beans, cole slaw, ambrosia fruit salad and cornbread. Bingo will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Monday – Menu is Frankfurter with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, peach cobbler, cornbread with margarine. Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio is at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday – Menu is spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli salad, garlic breadstick and apple crisp.

Oct. 2 – Menu is oven fried chicken, new buttered potatoes, buttered broccoli, wheat roll and pears. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

Soil poster contest begins

A poster contest encourages Crittenden County students encourages to consider the theme, "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper." The contest is sponsored by the Crittenden County Conservation District and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) during Soil Stewardship Week.

Soil is a dirty topic but is essential for many of the items in our daily life. Without good soil, we wouldn't have food to eat, foundations for our home or helpful plants like trees, fiber plants, and grass.

Students can help spread the word about this important feature that's always underfoot by creating an attractive, colorful poster that can entertain and inform.

Monetary prizes at the local, state and national levels are up for grabs. Rules and suggestions are available at the district office at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion.

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Happy 20th Anniversary,

Love your wife, Bobbi Jo Nickless

PREP SPORTS

Upcoming games

THURSDAY
Soccer at Webster County

FRIDAY
Football at Union County

SATURDAY
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MONDAY
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TUESDAY
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Boys Golf Region at Calvert City

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the season's
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torsports in
Casey, Ill. Last weekend Gilland
raced in the 85 Senior class (12-
15 year old) against 15 other rid-
ers and he went 6 and 4 for an
overall 5th place. He is still hold-
ing the points lead in that class in
the 10-race Lincoln Trail Fly Rac-
ing Showdown Series with two
races to go. The final races will
be a doubleheader on Oct. 19-20
with racing on the Bomber track
on Saturday and the Classic
track on Sunday. He is also cur-
rently at sixth place in points in
the 125 Two Stroke class.



OUTDOORS

Banquet is Saturday

Crittenden County Chapter of
Ducks Unlimited will host its an-
nual fundraising dinner and auc-
tion on Saturday at the school
district's multi-purpose room.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner
is at 6:15 and live auction at 7
p.m. For more information, con-
tact Sandy Bell at 270-969-0041.

Free Trap Shoot

Mexico Baptist Church will host
its annual Trap Shoot at 5 p.m.,
Thursday (today) at the Calvert
City Gun Club. This is a free
event and open to the public.

Hunting Seasons

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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
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

RUNNING

5K at park Sept. 28

Crittenden County Chamber of
Commerce will host a Pumpkin
Festival 5K Run/Walk Saturday
Sept. 28 at Marion-Crittenden
County Park. Race-day registra-
tion is \$20. Fore more informa-
tion, call 270-965-2266. Race
begins at 8 a.m.

GOLF

Local couple wins

Marion golfers Jeremy and Ste-
fanie Shoulders shot 70-69-139
to win the 49th annual Prince
and Princess Golf Championship
last weekend at Princeton Golf
and Country Club. It was the
second time the couple has won
the tournament.

Local golfers tee up for state berth

STAFF REPORT

For Crittenden County golfers
Lauren Gilchrist and Sam
Greenwell, next week's First Re-
gion golf tournaments will be a
tail of two trails.

Gilchrist, a senior and three-
time state tournament qualifier,
will be looking for a chance to get
back to the KHSAA champi-
onship and increase her stock
among collegiate recruiters.

Greenwell, a junior, is vying for
his first trip to the state tourna-
ment.

Gilchrist is a seven-time All A
Classic state qualifier and
Greenwell played in the All A
State Championship this fall for
the first time.

Up next is the so-called Big
Dance that includes players from
schools of all classes. New this

year are more qualifying slots
from regional tournaments. The
KHSAA has stopped taking all
golfers from the runnerup teams
at each regional event and added
more berths for individuals with
low scores.

The move, while controversial
statewide, could prove beneficial
for Gilchrist and Greenwell. The
Rocket girls do not have enough
players to compete for a regional
championship and the boys'
team would be a decided long-
shot to be even among the top
five teams in the regional tourna-
ment.

Rocket golfers will take their
practice rounds later this week
at each regional venue. The girls
regional is Monday at Paducah's
Paxton Park and the boys' re-
gional is Tuesday at Calvert City

Country Club.

Recent results

Gilchrist shot a two-day total
of 23-over par last weekend at
the Vincent Hamilton All-State
Golf Championship at Lexington,
which featured top golfers from
across the state. She finished
35th overall. Gilchrist shot an 82
on the first round at the Big Blue
Course then 85 the final round
at the Wildcat Course.

The rest of the Rocket golf
team played at the Christian
County Invitational on Saturday
at Western Hills Golf Course.
Greenwell shot a 79 to lead the
team. Jeremiah Foster shot an
89, Evan Belt a 97 and Landen
Crider 103. Addie Hatfield shot
a 115 in the girls' division. It was
her first time to play in the invi-
tational.



FIRST REGION GOLF TEAMS

Ballard Memorial, Caldwell
County, Calloway County,
Carlisle County, Christian Fel-
lowship, Community Christian
(Paducah), Crittenden County,
Fulton County, Graves
County, Hickman County, Liv-
ingston Central, Lyon County,
Marshall County, Mayfield,
McCracken County, Murray,
Paducah Tilghman, St. Mary,
Trigg County



The next couple of games will be key contests for Crittenden to pick up RPI points, which could help it in the postseason.

Rockets 8th in AP, 9th in new RPI

RPI RATINGS

Ratings	Power Index
Class A Top 20	
Team	RPI
Pikeville	0.919
Paintsville	0.852
KY Country Day	0.797
Holy Cross	0.711
Raceland	0.710
Williamsburg	0.702
Bethlehem	0.657
Eminence	0.607
Crittenden Co.	0.604
Hazard	0.600
Bishop Brossart	0.587
Berea	0.583
Newport Catholic	0.575
Dayton	0.555
Fulton County	0.551
Campbellsville	0.540
Ludlow	0.538
Pineville	0.527
Phelps	0.495
Nicholas County	0.482

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's football team
dropped another slot this week in
the statewide football rankings de-
spite being idle last Friday.

The Rockets, who play this Friday
night at Union County (2-3), are
ranked No. 8 in the latest Associated
Press Class A Football media poll.

Ranked No. 5 after starting the
season 3-0, the Rockets dropped to
seventh following a loss to Class
2A's No. 5 team Caldwell County in
its last game on Friday the 13th.
Crittenden was No. 8 in the presea-
son poll.

Although the AP poll is perhaps
one of the most respected polls in
the state, it will not be the one that
counts if the Rockets go very far into
the playoffs. For the first time in
modern history, Kentucky will use a
Power Ratings Index (RPI) to deter-
mine seedings in the third and
fourth rounds of the playoffs. Crit-

tenden lost last season in the third
round to Campbellsville.

Matchups in the third round will
be set based on a seedings system
using the RPI (a sample of which is
shown at left based on current
records). In that third round, which
has been the regional champi-
onships, all four teams' representing
districts in western Kentucky will be
rated and seeded accordingly with
No. 1 playing No. 4 and No. 3 play-
ing No. 2. New also this year is that
the first two rounds will played in
district instead of across districts as
in the past.

In the state semifinals, the fourth
round, the four teams remaining will
be paired based on RPI.

The RPI is based on each team's
strength of schedule by using the
team's number of wins, the team's
opponents' number of wins and the
opponents' opponents' number of
wins.

FOOTBALL	
Class A Rankings	
KY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATED PRESS	
1. Pikeville	5-0
2. Paintsville	3-1
3. Ky. Country Day	5-0
4. Williamsburg	4-1
5. Campbellsville	3-2
6. Raceland	2-2
7. Newport Cent. Catholic	3-2
8. Crittenden County	3-1
9. Ludlow	3-1
10. Pineville	4-1
tie. Hazard	3-1
Others receiving votes: Louisville Holy Cross, Berea, Bethlehem, Fulton County, Emi- nence.	

Jr Pro Cheer

3RD & 4TH GRADE

Third- and fourth-grade jun-
ior pro cheerleaders are
(front from left) Jaycee
Bruce, Brenna Kemmer,
Bella Cornwell, Zara Story,
Charlie Rogers, Aliza Mara-
man, (back) Lilly Cappello,
Emory Orr, Jade Hughes,
Gracie Fowler, Ashton Penn
and Haley Moore. Not pic-
tured Ayanna Matthews.
Coaches are Belle Minton
and Cortne Curnel.

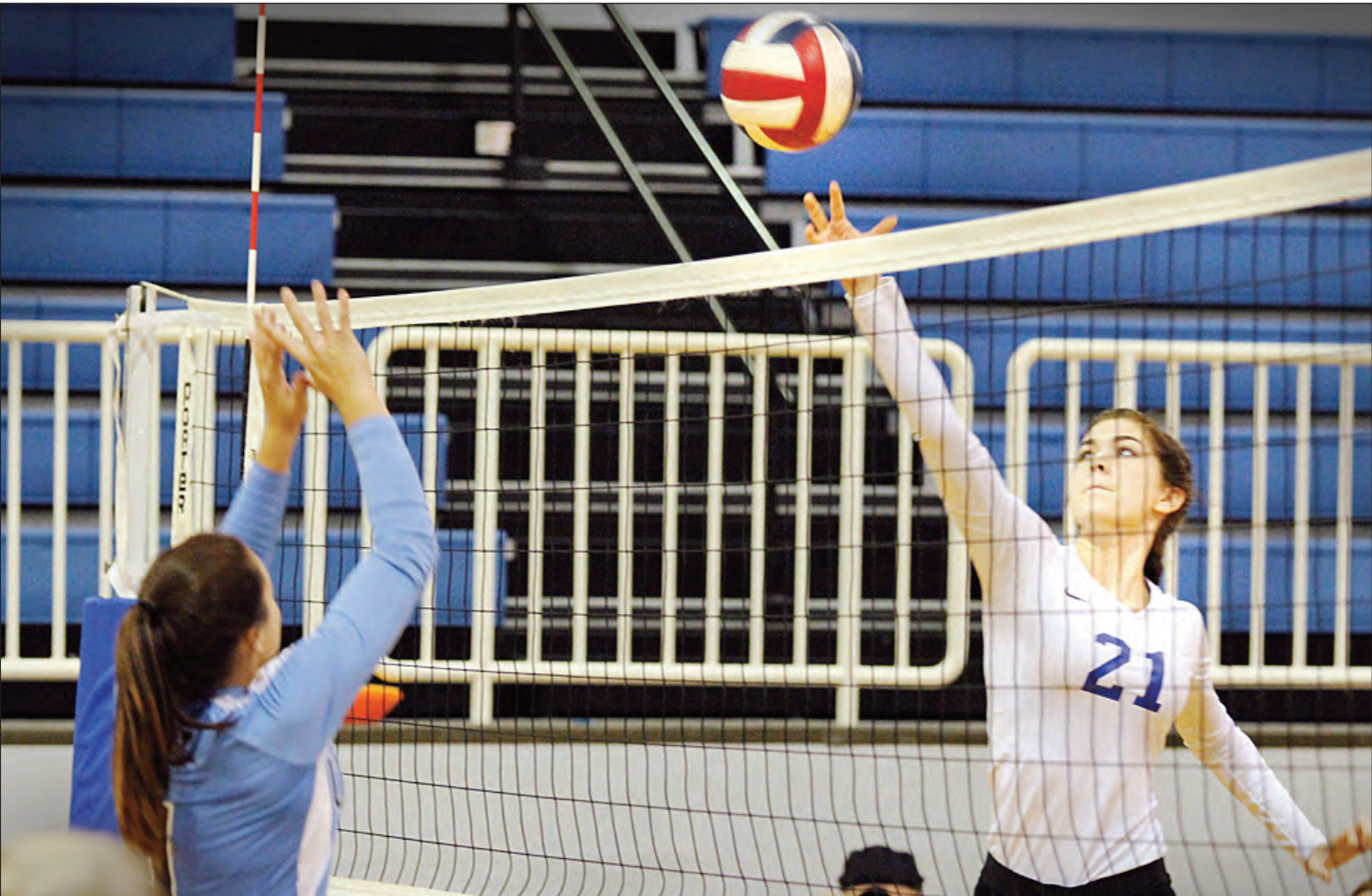


Jr Pro Cheer

5TH & 6TH GRADE

Fifth- and sixth-grade junior
cheerleaders are (front from left)
Naomi Solomon, Dixie Hunter,
Amelia Johnson, Lindsey Wyatt,
Gracie Orr and Kyndal Shouse,
(second row) Hannah Jent, Rianna
Maness, Ashlee Sosh, Emma
Grace King, Hayden Peak, Kaily
Bivins and Maddie Jones, (back)
Aalina Henry, Olivia Hinchee, Bella
Williams, Morgan Piper, Emme
Lynch, Lillian Collins, Madison
Stiles and Nai'Zayah Bell. Not pic-
tured Jordyn Potter and Kadie
Wainman. Coaches are Madison
Johnson, Emma Williams and
Karsen Shouse.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY ROCKETS FALL SPORTS WRAPUP



Lily’s Pad

Crittenden County junior Lily Gardner tips a shot over the net during the Lady Rockets’ recent victory over Union County inside the friendly confines of Rocket Arena where the girls have only lost twice all season. Crittenden is starting to warm up down the final stretch of the regular season, winning their last three matches without losing a set. Among those victories were two in the Fifth District. See more below in the fall sports roundup.

SOCCER

Season winding down; playoffs will be at Trigg

Going into Tuesday night’s Fifth District soccer matchup at Trigg County, Crittenden County had lost 13 games this season – every one the team has played this season – but it bears noting that about half of those were one-goal losses.

The Lady Rockets have struggled mightily, indeed, but they have taken six teams to the wire in the slimmest of defeats. The CCHS girls have one of those teams on their schedule for early next week. The Lady Rockets play at Union County on Tuesday, a team Crittenden lost to 4-3 on Sept. 19.

The regular season will come to a close next Thursday with a road trip to Mayfield, a team CCHS lost to by three points earlier this season.

The post-season tournament will be

SEASON TOTALS

OFFENSE			
	Goals	Assists	
Jaelyn Duncan	6	2	
Taylor Stoner	4	2	
Taylor Guess	4	3	
Lyli Wesmoland	3	0	
Allie Geary	2	1	
Raven Hayes	0	1	
Maggie Blazina	0	1	
DEFENSE (Goalkeeper)			
	Saves	Allowed	
Allie Geary	80	57	
Kalli Champion	15	8	
Taylor Guess	3	0	



Crittenden County’s Emilee Russellburg gets the ball ahead of everyone else during a recently-played match at Marion.

held at Trigg County the following week.

Hopkins Central beat Crittenden 9-2 on Monday. Allie Geary scored both goals for the Rocket girls and Jaelyn Duncan had an assist. In the goal, Geary had five saves and yielded seven of the Maroons’ points. Kalli Champion had nine saves and allowed two goals during her time at keeper.

The Lady Rockets lost 3-2 at McLean County on Saturday. Duncan had two goals and Taylor Guess got an assist on one of them.

The Lady Rockets fell 3-2 in a Fifth District soccer matchup last Tuesday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The CCHS girls got one unassisted goal from Lyli Wesmonland and another goal from Duncan on an assist by Taylor Stoner.

As previously noted, Union County beat the CCHS girls 4-3 last week. Geary had three saves at keeper. Duncan scored twice and Wesmoland scored a goal on a direct kick. Guess and Stoner each had assists.

The junior varsity girls beat Union County 5-0 last week and tied Trigg 1-1. The win over Union was the JV team’s first this season.

MS FOOTBALL

Crittenden County Middle School got four touchdowns and 203 yards rushing from Tyler Belt and 115 yards passing and a touchdown from quarterback Micah Newcom as they beat James Madison 36-22 last Tuesday at Madisonville.

Newcom was 5-for-5 passing and completed a touchdown pass to Levi Piper. The Rockets scored three conversions – two on passes to Turner Sharp and Ty Willingham – and on a run by Belt.

Here are statistics from the game:

Passing: Newcom 5-5-0, 115 yds. Rushing: Belt 14-203, Travis 5-46, Sharp 3-30, Newcom 2-1. Receiving: Piper 1-89, Belt 1-18, Sharp 2-5, Willingham 1-3. Tackles: Tramel 9 (forced fumble and fumble recovery), Sharp 7,

Belt 6, Piper 5, Travis 5, Howard 4, Miniard 3 (fumble recovery), Hatfield 3, Conyer 2, Newcom 2 (fumble recovery), McDaniel 1, Willingham 1, King 1, Brown 1.

VOLLEYBALL

Crittenden County’s volleyball girls (10-11) are starting to heat up down the final stretch of the season.

The girls have not given up a set in their last three matches, beating Fifth District foes Trigg and Livingston counties, plus Union County.

The Lady Rockets bested Trigg 25-10, 25-7, 25-18 on Monday at Cadiz. It was the second time this season CCHS has beaten Trigg, but the other match does not count in the standings because it was during a weekend tournament at Hopkinsville.

Crittenden currently leads the Fifth District standings with a 2-0 record. It will close out league play on Tuesday against Trigg and Oct. 8 against Livingston. Both matches will be at Rocket Arena. Trigg is winless in district matches this season while Livingston is 2-1 with victories over Trigg.

The Lady Rockets beat Livingston Central 25-11, 25-14, 25-21 last week at Smithland and blanked Union County 25-12, 25-8, 25-7 last Thursday at Rocket Arena.

Crittenden had won six of its last seven matches going to Tuesday’s night road game at Paducah Tilghman. Results of that match were not available at press time.

Jr Pro football Rockets continue to roll; face Union in battle of undefeateds on Saturday

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County’s fifth- and sixth-grade Junior Pro football team won again last weekend at Trigg County, improving to 4-0 on the season.

The young Rockets have a big showdown against Union County Saturday evening at Morganfield. Union, which is also undefeated, and Crittenden appear to be the top two teams in the league.

Kickoff for the third- and fourth-grade game will be at 5 p.m., with the older group playing the nightcap.

The third and fourth graders lost at Trigg last week to fall to 3-1 on the season.

Crittenden County will host the post-season jamboree on Oct. 19. The Junior Pro teams have just two regular-season games remaining.

The fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets beat Trigg 15-0 in a defensive slugfest.

Crittenden’s defense threw Trigg for losses on 16 of the Wildcats’ 31 offensive plays. The Rocket defense yielded just one first down the entire game. Davis Perryman led the Crittenden defense with six tackles, three behind the line of scrimmage for losses.

Crittenden struggled a bit, too, against Trigg’s big offensive line, but managed to score twice.

Quarterback Quinn Summers scored on a three-yard run in the first period. Later in the opening half, Avery Thompson had a long punt return to set up his own 25-yard touchdown reception from Summers. Summers kicked for one conversion and Thompson ran for the other.

Here are individual statistics from the game:

Rushing: Thompson 3-5, Summers 12-8, McLean 3-5, James 2-(-7). Passing: Summers 3-8-0, 36 yds. Receiving: Thompson 3-36. Tackles:



Junior Pro running back Azariah Rich rushed for 225 yards in last week’s game against Caldwell.

Summers 4 (2 TFLs), James 6 (2 TFLs, fumble

recovery), Pierson 4 (3 TFLs, forced fumble), Perryman 6 (3 TFLs), Clifford 1, Taylor 4 (4 TFLs), Counts 2 (TFL), Poindexter 1 (TFL), McLean 2, Tramel 1.

Two wins vs. Caldwell

The Junior Pro fifth and sixth graders beat Caldwell Gold last Tuesday at Rocket Stadium to improve to 3-0. Crittenden won the game 20-8 behind three touchdowns by Avery Thompson. He rushed for one score and caught two TD passes of 58 and 44 yards from quarterback Quinn Summers.

Here are individual statistics from the game:

Passing: Quinn Summers 6-9-0, 113 yards. Rushing: Isaac James 4-14, Avery Thomson 3-21, Quinn Summers 3-9. Receiving: Thompson 6-113. Tackles: Summers 6, Brennen Clifford 5 (fumble recovery), Isaac James 3, Brayden Poindexter 3 (TFL),

Michael Counts 3 (TFL).

Crittenden County’s third- and fourth-grade team beat Caldwell Gold 37-6.

Azariah Rich rushed for three touchdowns and Eli Lovell, Colt Bailey and Cameron Nesbitt ran for one apiece.

Here are individual statistics from the game:

Rushing: Azariah Rich 13-225, Eli Lovell 6-68,

Colt Bailey 2-25, Cameron Nesbitt 1-35, Conner Poindexter 1-2, Braxton James 5-2. Tackles: Azariah Rich 5, Eli Lovell 4, Hunter Curnel 2, Cameron Nesbitt 2, Conner Poindexter 2, Joel Bumpus 1, Mitchell Brown 1, Caden Blazina 1, Ethan Gonzales 1, Ethan Sosh 1, Roane Topp 1.

Keller wins second X-country meet of season

BY SKYLER JAMES
STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County junior Kate Keller continues to rank among the top Class A runners in the state and No. 1 overall in Class A among all juniors in Kentucky.

The Rocket cross country team competed at the Eagle Classic meet at Graves County on Saturday. Keller won her second meet of the season with a time of 21:32.

Kara Fulkerson placed 12th for the Rocket girls

with a time of 24:14, Courtney Fulkerson placed 28th with a time of 26:29, Allie Newman was 41st with a time of 30:15, and Leah Long finished 45th with a time of 32:10.

The Lady Rockets placed fifth overall as a team. There were over 60 girls competing in the varsity division.



Keller

In the varsity boys’ division, Doug Conger placed 30th with a time of 20:27, Michael Kirk was 35th with a time of 20:42, Jamie Burt finished 43rd with a time of 21:19, Rowen Perkins placed 60th with a time of 23:12, Parker Kayse was 68th with a time of 25:47 and Zack Weathers finished 76th with a time of 27:45.

The Rockets placed ninth overall. There were over 70 boys in the varsity division.

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A request for zoning for the Travis property located at U.S. 641 South ahs been filed with the Marion Planning Board. A hearing will be held Oct. 10, 2019 at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 217 S. Main Street, Marion, KY. (2t-14-c)

A hearing for the rezoning of the Newcom property located on South Main Street will be held Oct. 10, 2019 by the Marion Planning Board. This meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 217 S. Main Street, Marion, KY (2t-14-c)

1998 DODGE RAM 1500 white, 3B7HC12Y-3WM216160. Tag 769947, KY Sale location 94 Clay Street, Cadiz, KY 42211. Sale on Oct. 3 at 9 a.m. (2t-14-p)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on September 12, 2019, scheduling a hearing to be held on October 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examining witnesses in Case No. 2019-00228, which is Electronic Examination of the Application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kentucky Utilities Company from November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019.

This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held on October 15, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the offices of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, to examine the application of the Fuel Adjustment Clause of Kenergy for the period November 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019. Individuals interested in attending this hearing shall notify the Public Service Commission in writing of their intent to attend no later than October 8, 2019. If no notices of intent to attend are received by that date, this hearing will be canceled and the matter shall be considered submitted for decision based on the evidence in the record. Written notice of intent to attend this hearing should be sent to:
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Tourism OKs disc golf tournament

STAFF REPORT

Marion's disc golf course will host its first tournament in November.

Last Wednesday, Marion Tourism Commission approved the Saturday, Nov. 9 Professional Disc Golf Association-sanctioned tournament at the newly developed, 18-hole course. The course spans Marion-Crittenden County Park and adjacent City of Marion-owned property where the Victory Gardens are located.

As a courtesy to the city's restaurants that collect a 3 percent prepared food tax that funds Tourism, commissioners OK'd the contest with the stipulation that food cannot be sold on the course.

The amateur tournament will serve as a fundraiser for Crittenden County Lions Club. Lion Rodney Travis is organizing the event. Tourism is not charging for use of



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Marion Tourism Commission met in special session last Wednesday to take care of a few business matters, including approving use of the disc golf course for a Nov. 9 tournament put on by Crittenden County Lions Club. Pictured above are (clockwise from left) commissioners Tanner Tabor and Darrick Myers, Commission Chair Phillis Hardin, Tourism Director Michele Edwards and Commissioner Lori Holeman.

the course.

Marion Tourism Director Michele Edwards told commissioners that the entry fee will be \$40 and

that Travis is planning for 40-75 players.

The request to use the course, which is already being used but not fully

complete, caught commissioners somewhat by surprise with no policy in place for reservation of the course.

Jailer defends treatment of state inmates

STAFF REPORT

Jailer Robbie Kirk defended his decision to Crittenden Fiscal Court last Thursday to reward state prisoners who are part of supervised work crews with a dip in the pool at Marion Golf & Pool last month.

Magistrate Todd Perryman opened the door when he sought more details on the late August event at the country club pool. Concerns originated with social media posts soon after the outing.

Kirk said Crittenden County Detention Center gave the opportunity to swim and cook out to 38 "community level" inmates who had been working on mowing crews and other supervised job details in the late summer heat.

"I see no reason why they can't get a reward," Kirk said.

County Attorney Rebecca Johnson was concerned with the decision on the basis of liability to the county, from the aspect of harm to an inmate or the public.

"That's one of the reasons cities and counties don't have pools," John-



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Crittenden County Jailer Robbie Kirk (standing) last Thursday defended to Crittenden Fiscal Court his treatment of select state prisoners to an event at the pool at Marion Golf & Pool in August. Also picture are (clockwise from center) Magistrate Todd Perryman, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and magistraes Dan Wood and Chad Thomas.

son said of the risk for harm related to swimming.

Kirk said the country club granted use of the pool, which was closed to the public at the time. He also said adult lifeguards were on duty at the time. The outing was paid for with jail commissary funds; no taxpayer dollars were used.

"We ask those guys to

do things that are liability related. There are more liabilities with mowing than swimming," the jailer said.

Both Johnson and Perryman said they understood concerns expressed to them from the public and on social media that the inmates were allowed in a public place.

"I think the concern was not that they were being recognized for their

work, but because it was in a public place," Johnson said.

Magistrate Dan Wood, who taught school in Evansville, Ind., for many years, defended Kirk's decision based on his own experiences.

"I was a teacher," he said. "I understand the carrot and stick. You've got to win them over, basically."

City moves to wrap up FEMA '09 ice storm paperwork

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council met for fewer than 5 minutes Monday evening to wrap up business from more than 10 years ago.

The 2009 ice storm that devastated Marion and most of western Kentucky created hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage claims to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, by the city. Altogether, the city received \$350,000 in assistance for 14 different subprojects.

Two of those have not been closed out, and FEMA is looking to wrap up its books in a matter of days. However, as the agent who was authorized to sign FEMA documents is no longer employed by the City of Marion, council members had to designate a new signatory for the paperwork.

With a resolution approved Monday, City Administrator Adam Ledford was named the new designated agent to handle the FEMA documents.



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NOTICE

Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. (PACS), will hold a public meeting to discuss and determine the strengths and needs of the county. Residents with low income and community members are encouraged to attend and voice their concerns. The meeting will be held on Sept. 27 at 9:30 a.m. at Crittenden Co. Senior Citizens Center.

"This project is funded, in part, under a contract with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services with funds from the Community Service Block Grant Act of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services."

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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.

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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.

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11 a.m.	Corn Hole.....	Courthouse
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