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NEWS

VICTORY GARDENS DONE FOR GIVEAWAY SEASON

Distribution has ceased at the community Victory Gardens planted by Crittenden County Detention Center. Jailer Robbie Kirk said the plots, now at the end of the

growing season, could not produce enough to sustain daily giveaways. The jail maintains a

lease on the property from the City of Marion through at least the close of 2019, meaning the gardens should be back in production next spring.

PUBLIC FORUM ON CHS SALE NEXT THURSDAY

There will be a public meeting on the proposed sale of Crittenden Health Systems to a private company at 6 p.m. next Thursday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. The community is encourages to attend.

CHANGES COMING TO KY HANDICAP PLACARDS

Significant alterations are coming in just more than a weeks to Kentucky's familiar blue and red disabled park-



ing placards. The changes, which take effect Sept. 17, are aimed at improving for disabled populations and curbing

potential fraudulent use. Some of the significant changes include:

- Replacement or duplicate placards will cost \$10.

- Permanent handicap placards will be valid for six

- The parent or guardian of a disabled person may apply for a placard on his or her behalf.

- Permanent placards will expire on the holder's birth month and the expiration cannot be altered.

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

Organizations will be allowed to obtain a placard. Placards are issued in county clerk offices.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Local **Emergency Planning Com**mittee (LEPC) will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the emergency management building on Industrial Drive.





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City-jail pact resurrects leaf program

Crittenden County Detention Center has come to the rescue to save a popular but costly city service for the fall.

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For at least this year, a partnership between the City of Marion, the jail and county government will resurrect autumn leaf collection offered for many years to city property owners.

In the city's current budget, council members had cut out funding for the popular

program as a cost-saving measure in a spending plan stretched

"The citizens have expressed how important it is to them. We knew we had to get something done, and thanks to Robbie and the jail, it's going to get done,' said Mayor Jared Byford, referring to Jailer Robbie Kirk.

Likely beginning sometime after mid-October, Kirk will assign one of his supervised mowing crews to the task. They will use the city's leaf vacuum hauled by one of the lock-up's own 3/4-ton

trucks. Kirk said Judge-Executive Newcom Perry OK'd the move since it will require the supervision of a deputy jailer on

county's payroll. "This is a big deal for people," Kirk said of the service.

last Thursday, three days after a city hearing on a property tax increase during which time Marion's former mayor, Mickey Alexander, brought up elimination of services like the leaf collection as one reason he could not support an additional burden on property owners. Leaf collection began many years ago under Alexander's leadership as

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4 die in fire



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Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Chuck Hoover (left) speaks with a Kentucky State Police investigator Sunday morning at the scene of a four-fatality house fire on Watson Cemetery Road. Inset, killed in the blaze were Lindsay Dickerson, 26; Waylon Hillard, 32; and their infant son Nathan Hillard. Dickerson's daughter, Jessica Claire Hillard, 6, was rescued unharmed by her mom before the woman succumbed to smoke inhalation. Also killed was Kenneth Belt, 75, the grandfather of Dickerson.

Young couple, infant, elderly man perish; 6-year-old saved

The mother who perished in a fire along with three others early Sunday morning is being remembered for her heroism in the last seconds of her life.

Investigators say that 26year-old Lindsay Dickerson broke out a window as flames overtook her mobile home, handing her 6-yearold daughter out to her boyfriend's brother. The man had been staying in a nearby camper and apparently saw the flames or heard Dickerson's screams for help. The fire was reported to authorities at about 4 a.m.

"Had it not been for what she did, there would have been five deaths instead of four.' said Crittenden County Sheriff's Deputy Chuck Hoover, who was the first law enforcement officer on the scene. "That's the ultimate act of a mother, sacrificing herself to save her child, and trying to save the others, too.

Four people died in the fire, which may have started in the kitchen area of the

single-wide Champion Atlantic mobile home built in 1994. The trailer was completely engulfed in flames when the first firemen

arrived about 4:20 According to the Kentucky Medical Examiner's report, all of the four victims died of smoke inhalation. Dead were the

mother and her 18-month-

old son, Nathan Hillard; the



father, Waylon Hillard, 32; and Dickerson's grandfather, Kenneth Belt,

It was Waylon Hillard's brother, Robert Hillard, who helped rescue the little girl, Jessie Claire Hillard, from

the burning home. He, too, is being hailed for his efforts to save the others. Investigators say that Robert Hillard and Christie Dickerson Lindsay Dickerson's mother – were in the

camper behind the home when they were awakened by the fire. The two tried to get inside the front door of the mobile home, but the flames and

heat were too

That's when the little girl was pushed through the window to safety.

Investigators speculate Lindsay Dickerson stayed in the home trying to rescue others after getting her daughter out.

The mother never left the home," said Rob Austin, public information officer for Kentucky State Police Post 2 in Madisonville. The state police investigation of the incident is continuing. They do not suspect foul play, and the cause of the fire has not been determined.

The 6-year-old was taken to the home of other relatives shortly after being rescued.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Darrick Myers of Marion has entered Saturday's Boot Scootin' BBQ Competition and Festival, the first time he has entered his cooking style and recipes in a contest.

battle

Myers making competitive cooking debut

By DARYL K. TABOR STAFF REPORT

A friendly battle between barbecue buddies will be a subplot to this weekend's Boot Scootin' BBQ Competition and

Festival. Darrick Myers and Todd Riley enter the cooking ring Saturday along with four other competitors in the third year of the Community Arts Foundation (CAF) event.

Riley took

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Court square home the grand Marion prize in the inaugural

celebration and last year's prize for best barbecue sauce.

Riley has served as a sort of barbecue mentor for Myers, and was finally able to talk his pal into entering his first contest.

"He's asked a bunch of ques-

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PSC nixes **KU** smart meter plan

Kentucky Utilities Co. (KU)

customers have dodged a possible rate increase tied to the installation of smart meters.

Last Thursday, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) rejected a proposal by KU to deploy an advanced metering system (AMS) and associated technology throughout its sys-

The PSC stated that, although it "sees benefits in ad-

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Letters to the Editor

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Public forum

Thursday, Sept. 13

6 p.m. at Marion

Ed-Tech Center

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



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FREQUENTLY

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

Hospital in need of help through sale

By CHARLIE HUNT

CHS BOARD CHAIRMAN In 1972, the voters of Crittenden County gave their approval to build a new hospital and provide much needed health care for our families and loved ones. That decision by those forwardthinking citizens has saved the lives of many of our parents, siblings, spouses and children and allowed us hometown access to the services such as lab tests, Xrays, surgery, and physical therapy. Crittenden Health Systems (CHS) has been where we have welcomed new babies to our families, taken our children for treatment when they got hurt and said our farewells to our parents and grandparents who have passed away.

And it has also provided much needed economic benefits by providing good paying jobs and careers for us resulting in our hospital becoming one of the largest

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employers of our community. Recent data from Kentucky Hospital Association revealed that CHS accounts for 12 percent of the total wages in Crittenden County, allowing so many of us to take care of the financial needs of raising our families in our hometown.

These emotional and financial connections are the reasons discussions about a change in hospital ownership can touch off sharp debates. But these connections are also the reasons so many Crittenden Countians are in favor of doing everything possible to keep our hospital open and operational.

Now, the hospital that has provided so many good and happy outcomes for our families is experiencing the same struggles and financial woes as so many other rural hospitals across our great

country. According to a study by Morgan Stanley, there are currently 450 – or about 10 percent of U.S. hospitals - that are currently at risk of potential closure, and the United States is losing hospitals at an alarming rate of about 30 per year. Through Aug. 10, there have been 11 hospitals close this year in Alabama, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Missouri and Ohio. In the past few years, we have seen our neighbors in Kentucky lose health care as their community hospitals closed, and one county recently increased taxes to help their hospital's financial situation.

For several years, the CHS Board of Directors has tried to enhance financial stability of our hospital by adding services, analyzing payer contracts, adding specialists and, unfortunately in

some instances, having to reduce the wages and benefits of our employees. During that same period, discussions have been held with other hospitals around our

area as well as numerous national entities in an effort to align with a stronger organization that might offer more stability and help sus-

tain our ability to provide health care for many years to come. But none of these contacts and discussions led to interest from the other parties.

In October 2017, Rural Hospital Group (RHG) from Kansas City, Mo., was contracted to provide management for CHS. At that time, our monthly cash situation was in dire straits, and there was talk that our hospital was closing. Since then,

RHG has stabilized the financial situation, helped us to recruit and hire a full-time CEO, reopened the swing bed program and brought in additional services such as

infusions, wound care and rheuma-

tology. Now, after several months of working with us, evaluating the operations and

assessing the future needs of our facility, RHG has tendered a viable offer to purchase CHS. They want to purchase the building, land and equipment and assume responsibility for the operation and all liabilities. In becoming part of their growing organization of rural hospi tals in the Midwest, CHS would have access to programs and services of the group that would help stabi-

lize the finances and help

sustain viability in the fu-It has not been an easy

decision, and much thought and consideration of how this will affect both the hospital and our community has gone into this. Our hospital is vital to Crittenden County for our health physically and financially. We have struggled to keep it going these past years, and we want to do whatever necessary to have it here in the years to come.

Working with the fiscal court to pursue this offer and successfully come to an agreement to keep CHS viable for future generations is a priority for all of us. There will be a public meeting at 6 p.m. next Thursday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center discuss this, and we encourage all of you to attend.

Thank you for your support of Crittenden Health Systems in the past and in

LETTERS

Brake needs to be put on sale of CHS

To the editor:

Whhhoooaaa, Nellie! Let's put the brake on the sale of the Crittenden County Hospital - at least until there is opportunity for robust and transparent public discussion to determine whether the sale of the community's health care facility is in its best interest.

This community is blessed to have the hospital, a cadre of supporting physicians and ancillary facilities. They are vital to the community - in maintaining the health of residents here, in attracting people and industry to the area and in providing employment to those who work in and support Crittenden Health Systems.

That importance was recognized in the 1940s when community residents raised money to develop the "old" hospital and again in the 1970s when the taxpayers of Crittenden County voted a tax upon themselves to build the "new" facility and subsequently

Election letters policy

The Crittenden Press welcomes our readers to share their opinion on the upcoming general election through political/campaign letters of support for individual candidates. However, there are some guidelines.

No letters will be published after Thursday, Oct. 25, so all submissions must be received in our office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19. There will be no exceptions to this policy except for candidates who may have been criticized by writers in the Oct. 25 edition.

A strict limit of 300 words for political letters will be enforced. Letters will not be accepted from a writer within 30 days of a previously published letter. Form letters will not be accepted.

Submissions should be written in good taste and based upon fact. Letters attacking the character of individual candidates will not published.

Letters to the Editor should be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday for publication in the following week's issue. Letters should include only the author's name, either individually on behalf of a group. For verification purposes, they must also include the writer's home and email addresses (if applicable), telephone number and signature. Phone numbers and addresses are required, but will not be published.

Submit a letter by:

- Bringing it into our office at 125 E. Bellville St.

- Mailing to: Letters, P.O. Box 191, Marion, KY 42064.

- Emailing to: ThePress@the-press.com. The Crittenden Press reserves the right to reject or

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as they have supported bonding to achieve what

exists today. Its sale outside the public arena to a private company is not to be taken lightly and certainly nothing to be discussed behind closed doors in a questionable

tucky's open meetings law or in settings with only limited community groups. The board of directors

interpretation of Ken-

of Crittenden Health Systems and members of Crittenden Fiscal Court owe the owners of the hospital – the residents of this county - a clear explanation of why a sale is being considered and why it would or, possibly, would not be good for them.

They should answer questions such as:

Is the hospital profitable? Is it losing money? What is its income? What are its expenses? What exactly do the people of Crittenden County own? What is its value? How was that assessment determined? If assets are greater than liabilities, who gets the money? How would it be used? Who would be responsible for debt? If any taxpayer-backed bonds have not been retired, will the new entity assume those? Will the county have responsibility going forward for maintaining an ambulance service?

If a not-for-profit operator can't operate profitably, how can a private

company? Will it achieve profitability by cutting staff and/or services? Will the proposed buyer continue to accept Medicare and Medicaid patients? And what about charity?

Does the proposed buyer have the financial wherewithal to maintain the hospital long term? If the buyer finds Crittenden Health Systems does not meet its financial expectations, will it close the facilities? Or market them to yet another distant company?

Have fiscal court members done due diligence by visiting locales where this company operates health care facilities and assessing its record in those?

Why, apparently, is only one potential buyer being considered? Does not public property have to be advertised for sale and made available to the highest and best bidder?

County residents deserve to have these and similar questions answered in informational meetings scheduled at times and places that allow as many people as want to attend them. A sale may prove to be in the best interest of the

community, but what's the rush? We need to be wary we do not sell our birthright for a bowl of porridge.

John Lucas Sturgis, Ky.

(Editor's note: John Lucas is a Crittenden County resident and former editor of The Crittenden Press.)

Dam 50 kept clean thanks to inmates

To the editor:

I am a campground host at old Dam 50 campground (Riverview Park). I just want to say thanks to the inmates who keep the park mowed so nice. They have gone beyond the call of duty to keep it mowed and clean to the water's edge. Once again, my hat is off to you all.

Roy Volkert

Harrisburg, Ill.

(Editor's note: Riverview Park on the Ohio River is owned by Crittenden Fiscal Court. Its upkeep is the responsibility of inmates in the work release program at Crittenden County Detention Center.)

Reality of fantasy found in football

Finally! After 215 days, foot-

ball is back. I am keenly aware we are already into Week 4 of high school football and the second week of college pigskin action, but those are just primers for real football that starts tonight (Thursday). "Real football," meaning fantasy football.

That may seem the epitome of an oxymoron, but the statement is very real.

Daryl K.

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Worth

An estimated 21 percent of Americans play fantasy sports, with NFL football outdistancing all others in popularity. That is more people than vote in some election years, so it is serious business ... a \$7.22 billion business. That would run the entire state of North Dakota for an entire year.

If you are still not convinced of the reality of fantasy, 60 million people in North America are practicing armchair quarterbacks. There are only 1,696 men on NFL rosters. That seems pretty real to

Just what is this fantasy reality? Here's the

game summary: - You create a team, one with a name like Gurley Fries, Butt Fumblers, Luckness Monster or Forgive and Fournette.

- You enter your team into a free or moneyleague, typically online. League names get creative, too.

There's Touchdownalotamus and Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner League or even Show Me the Money for, well, money leagues.

- There is a draft. All team owners log in to take predetermined turns at filling roster spots designated by position (quarterback, running back, kicker, etc.) from a list of players in the NFL.

Your points are based on the performance of players on your roster for the week.

The best action is joining a season-long league that pits you against three, 11 or even 15 friends, family and/or

strangers from across the country brought together by the internet. Each week offers a different opponent, with the highest cumulative score taking home a W. At the end of typically - 16 weeks, a winner is crowned.

It's a four-month journey with the goal to rub your pigskin prowess in the faces of friends and random league members for another 12 months.

When you get cocky enough after a few seasons of success, you may be ready to join a money league. You can invest \$10, \$50, \$1,000 or more hoping for a big payout in January. The amount may depend on the strength of your marriage or number of creditors.

Study hard, analyze player strengths and spend Sunday mornings watching hours of pregame, and you'll pick a winning roster for the week. Do that effectively for 16 weeks, and you may just get \$180 richer, like me. In fact, you are looking at the back-to-back champion of the league known simply as \$.

Is that considered betting? OK, technically, it may be; it is not even legal in all states – at least not vet. But I'm not taking food from my dog's mouth, and I could be doing worse things morally with that annual \$25 investment.

If you fail to grasp the draw, look at it this way. Because you have bragging rights, pride or money on the line each week, that 11-hour marathon of games on Sunday and those Thursday and Monday evenings of neglecting work around the house just got more exciting.

You are, essentially, invested in the performance of the Tom Bradys, Todd Gurleys and Antonio Browns of the NFL. You'll curse them on a bad week. and chew your nails on Monday nights when you are just a field goal away from beating your fantasy nemesis for the week.

And in late December, when the regular season ends, you'll toss your fantasy cheat sheets. Your Sunday afternoon will seem void. The only reward after another Monday at work is laundry. And there will be no updated standings in your email on Tuesday morning, only an email from another Nigerian prince looking for help.

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Getting fired up

Richard Grainger shows youngsters Seth Lewis (left) and Luke Young how to start a fire the old fashioned way, with a piece of flint and a striker as period re-enactor Dan Rubino looks on. The boys were among a half-dozen or so on hand as 4-H club members for an overnight muster at the Crittenden County Cooperative Extension Service Gun Range just north of town as part of preparation for American heritage re-enactments. It was a sort of pre-dress rehearsal for later re-enactments centered around the French and Indian War (1756-63) and American Revolution (1775-83) era, as the boys have not been issued period uniforms. However, they were able to fire muskets, eat food prepared as it would have been in a 1700s camp and sleep in period tents.

Higgins Road closed Tuesday for repairs

Higgins Road in southern Crittenden County will be closed most of the day Tuesday for mainte-

According to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, the county road will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting.

"We are very sorry for the inconvenience that this will create," he said, "however, we must replace the cross-drain tile Road in preparation for further maintenance work that is scheduled for later this fall.

Newcom adds that should everything go as planned, the six-hour period should be enough to complete the work. But if

problems

arise, it could take longer. "We ask your patience as we make this necessary repair to your road,"

unexpected

Axel Creek Road to be closed for maintenance

Axel Creek Road in southern Crittenden County will be closed to through traffic for two weeks beginning Sept. 17. The planned opening is Oct. 1, but Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said it could be earlier than that.

"We hope to get the work completed sooner than that if weather allows," he told The Crittenden Press, utilities and emergency response officials in a group email.

"Either way, we will notify you all once the road has re-opened to through traffic.'

This is a heavily traveled road for many people outside Crittenden County, and for that reason the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has agreed to place a message board on site that will inform those who travel this road of the impending closure plans. The closure will be about 1 mile east of the Livingston County line.

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She was not injured, according to investigators.

The mobile home is located in rural Crittenden County yet very near Lola, a tiny town in the northeast edge of Livingston New Union County. Church is less than a halfmile away.

The original phone call for help went to Livingston County's central dispatching center in Smithland. Salem's fire department was summoned and then Crittenden County's units were sent, too. Eventually firemen from Burna and Tolu were also on the scene, as were ambulance crews from Crittenden and Livingston counties. The Red Cross and Crittenden County Road Department were also there to help.

Crittenden County Coroner Brad Gilbert says it was the worst investigation in which he had ever been involved.

'It's just a terrible tragedy," he said. "It is difficult to believe something like this can happen."

Thousands of prayers and comments have been left on social media. Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbert Funeral Home, but were incomplete at press time.

The surviving daughter is a first-grader at Crittenden County Elementary School. Counselors were at the school Tuesday, the first day for classes after the Labor Day holiday weekend. CCES Principal Jenni Gilkey said counselors met with students in Jessie Claire Hillard's classroom and also with others, including some students who ride the bus that goes by the home. She said the bus driver noticed some student-riders were visibly shaken by the charred ruins of the mobile home.

Wesmoland, Crystal the school district's Family

Resource and Youth Services Center coordinator, said an effort to collect contributions for the family will be organized this week. She didn't have those details at press time. Once available, that information will be posted on The Press Online at The-Press.com.

Neighbors, friends and family say that in the face of such tragedy and grief, what must not be lost is how this mother saved her daughter's life and that her final act on earth was no doubt trying to save her other child and loved ones inside the burning

The elderly man who died in the fire was a fixture in the area.

"Kenneth has lived around here his whole life and was raised right down the road. His wife passed away not too long along," said a neighbor, Wayne

Harris often saw the family in the yard where the children had a large wooden swing set and other toys. It was a very large front yard and the trailer sat on an 11-acre parcel owned by Belt.

"Waylon and the little girl were just in the store yesterday," said Alesha Chapman, who works as a cashier at Pit Stop in Salem. "They were in here all of time. The little girl was always with him. This

makes me so sad." Salem Fire Department Battalion Chief Daniel Newcomb told **WPSD** Local 6 television in Paducah that as far as any firemen could tell, there were no working smoke detectors in the home.



BBQ

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tions," said Riley, who added that he is not a diehard competitor at cooking. "I don't care at all to tell him how I've done things."

Just don't ask him how he makes his sauce. That is a barbecue no-no.

Though it may be Myers' first foray into competitive cooking, he is no slouch over the grill.

"I've been all-in probably 15 years," Myers said on the eve of a long holiday weekend over which he planned to spend a chunk of time on a final test run for his competitive debut.

Myers is nouveau when it comes to cooking meats. He gives a nod to technology, embracing modern methods that may cause grizzled barbecue veterans to raise an eyebrow.

He uses what is called a pellet smoker, which is thermostatically controlled. You simply set your cooking temperature, and the machine automatpellets to the fire pot as necessary in order to maintain the desired temperature. Set it and forget

To take things even further into the 21st century, Myers can set his temperature, turn on the cooker and monitor progress all from an app on his smart phone. He can fire up the grill from the office to have it ready to go when he gets home.

Myers said he has about \$2,700 invested in his cooking set-up, which is far less than some of the die-hard barbecuers who may have a variety of grills or smokers they affix to trailers to haul from town to town.

"I researched and researched before I pulled the trigger," Myers said of selecting his smoker, which is now his favorite over charcoal, gas and all other types of grills.

But the same goes for the rookie competitor's approach to cooking the meats. He spends hours watching video on cooking methods and tips. He logs loads of time preparing his ically feeds seasoned wood meats, cutting away fat, reshaping and seasoning.

And his sauce is still evolv-

This is something I've always enjoyed," he said. "I like to experiment a lot."

But it was Riley's coaxing that pushed him to enter his first contest. This is all the doing of

Todd Riley. I wouldn't have done this without him encouraging me to, and it's a good way to support CAF," Myers said. "Todd and I are always talking ribs and chicken." While ribs are his fa-

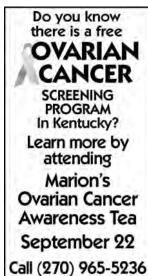
vorite to cook, Myers will be entering all four categories Saturday - ribs, chicken, pork and sauce. A winner will be crowned in each category, and at the end of the day when the out-of-town judges have finished their scoring, a \$500 grand prize will be awarded.

"It's gonna be a battle," Riley said of the lightheartedly rivalry between him and his friend and new challenger. "Darrick does a good job cooking."

Myers and the other cookers will set up and begin cooking Friday night, as it can take 12 hours or more to properly cook a lot

of the meats. For Riley and Myers, though, first thing is first. They won't be setting up their grills until after they get back from the Rockets' high school football skirmish at rival Caldwell County.

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the court square, and many of the competitors will be selling what they cook. There will be other vendors also on the court square.



for ticket information.







Hodge honored

Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark presented the August Rocket Way Employee of the Month honor to Denis Hodge at the Aug. 21 board of education meeting. He describes Hodge as a leader in the school district and community. He has been head coach of boys and girls basketball and baseball as well as an assistant football coach. Clark also gave Hodge, a physical education and military history teacher at the high school, recognition for his service as a U.S. Army Ranger. "He hits every base, all year round," Clark said. "The kids need mentors, and he has made such an impact on our students to make them want to come back, emulate him and be leaders in the community."

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vanced metering," KU had "failed to provide sufficient evidence to persuade us that the ... benefits of the AMS proposal outweigh the costs here."

The KU/LG&E application was denied without prejudice, meaning that the utilities may submit a similar plan in the future.

KU, which serves Marion and portions of rural Crittenden County, proposed to replace about 531,000 electric meters in its service area. The utility estimated that the capital cost of the new meter systems would be \$146.7 million for KU. The cost to deploy the new meters would have been an additional \$15.2 million.

Advanced meters have a radio transmitter that connects to a central communication network. The meters can transmit usage data in real time and also can transmit information about power outages and other unusual events, such as tampering.

Because the meters are read remotely, the utilities contended that the meters would produce net savings by reducing the cost of meter reading. The utilities also stated that the meters would improve system reliability and reduce losses from system malfunctions and theft of service.

Advanced meters have the ability to record usage in small time increments. KU and its sister utility also asking for smart meter approval. Louisville Gas & Electric, stated that customers would be able to use the more detailed information to better manage energy costs. Kenergy

Corp., which serves the rest the electrical needs of the county, universally deploys smart meters.

In rejecting the application, the PSC cited conflicting calculations of net savings and differing projections of the expected service life of the advanced meters. The utilities ultimately contended that the meters would last 20 years, but produced minimal evidence in support of that claim, the PSC said. Meantime, the two utilities claimed the average remaining service life of existing meters was 15 years or more

The PSC also rejected the argument made by the utilities that their reasons for moving to smart meters were substantially the same as those of other electric utilities that have had their applications for smart meter systems approved recently.



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LEAVES

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mayor as a way to eliminate problems like bothersome smoke and melted asphalt from burning leaves and clogged storm drainS across the city.

Byford said publicly at last week's forum that he and Kirk were discussing a partnership to save the program.

Newcom said the agreement gives inmates in the work release program another project to help the community once mowing

season con-

cludes. The

leaf program typically

runs about weeks,

finishing up in early De-

"This was

cember.

an opportunity for us all to

work together for the best outcome for everyone," Newcom said. "We tend to

try and find work for the mowing crews and garden

crews during the offseason months, and this works

Byford

perfectly."

ees to tend to other needs in the city. The truck requires a driver, the collection vacuum takes a man to operate and as many as three other people are used to rake leaves toward the device's intake. "When we're operating

Thomas said it frees as

many as five city employ-

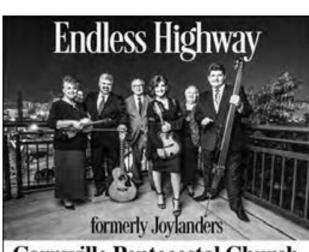
it, that's all we do," he said. "No maintenance gets done.'

Byford offers a caveat to residents during this year's collection. He said inmates, who will be clad in orange jumpsuits, are not allowed on private property only public lands – so leaves will need to placed in the ditch or right-of-

'We're going to give it a test run this year to see how it works," the mayor said of the arrangement.

Kirk is making no promises beyond 2018, but is eager to help out the city since it was in a bind.

(The agreement) is just for this year, and we will look at the future later," the jailer said. "Maybe the city will be in a better posi-



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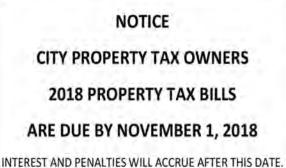
The city will set the

June opted to end the program due to expenses associated with equipment, collection and burgeoning mandates on environmental monitoring of the compost pile of mulched leaves. Marion Utilities Director Brian Thomas said the collected leaves this year will be taken to the city-county brush dump on Bridwell Loop and burned along with other foliage.

The only expense to the city will be maintaining the vacuum machinery and publishing the collection schedule.

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Area Deaths

Hodge

Rev. A.C. Hodge, 92, of Marion died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018 at his

Surviving are sons Tommy (Karla) Hodge of Marion and Bob (Betty) Hodge of Crete, Ill.; a brother, Edward Oliver Hodge of Evansville; nine grandchildren, 17 greatgrandchildren; and four great-great-grand- chil-

He was preceded in death by his wife, Loma Hodge; two daughters, Jeanette LaBuda and Brenda Kay Simmons; parents, Aura Cook Hodge Sr., and Amy Pearl Hodge; one brother; and four sisters.

Rev. Hodge served as pastor of Frances Community Church.

Services were Sunday, Sept. 2 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was at Frances Cemetery.

Kirk

Johnny Dean Kirk, 44, of Franklin, Ky., formerly of Marion died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018 at The Medical Center in Bowling Green, Ky.

He worked at New Mather Metal in Franklin for the last four years. Previously he worked 10 years at Dana Corporation in Glasgow, Ky. He loved riding his Honda NTX 1800. He was also a member of Marion Bap-

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Survivors include his daughters, Cristin I. Kirk and Kassidy D. Kirk, both of Franklin; a brother, Jody (Sheila) Kirk of Marion; parents, Elbert and Pat Kirk of Marion; a nephew, J. Tyler Kirk of Marion; and fiancé, Michelle Nesbitt of Franklin.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 6 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will be at Love Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Howard

Elouise Howard, 88, of Burna died Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She was retired from Siemens as an assembly line operator. She attended Central Baptist Church in Burna.

Surviving are daughters, Brenda Darlene Crawford of Burna and Charlotte Kaye (Russell) Hosick of Smithland; a son, Robert Calvin

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Howard of Melber; stepson, Roger Dale Howard of Calvert City; a sister, Asbridge of Lucille Winder, Ga.; brothers, Harrell Curnel and Willard Curnel, both of Paducah; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilmer Calvin Howard; sisters, Louise Birch, Gaydean Custer and Earlene Watson; brothers, Edward Curnel, Wilbur Curnel and Charles Curnel; and her parents, Audie and Fleeta Hardesty Curnel.

Services were at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating. Burial was at Carrsville Cemetery.



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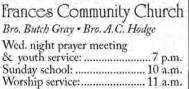
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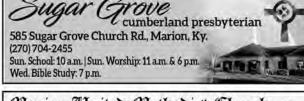


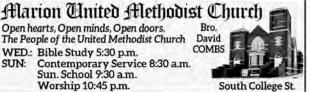






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Calendar

Crittenden County High School homecoming parade is at 5 p.m., Sept. 13. The theme is "Crittenden Turns UP the Spirit!" To register an entry, contact Glenna Rich at glenna.hoeszle@crittenden.kyschools.us or leave a message with the high school office at (270) 965-

- An outdoor movie night will be held in Salem at 6 p.m., Sept. 8 on the Salem Baptist Church parking lot. The movie will begin at dusk. There will be free BBQ, Hawaiian ice, popcorn and drinks, please bring chairs or blankets for seating.

- Livingston County Hospital Auxiliary will be celebrating mobility, fitness and good health by walking, jogging or running a 5K, 2M, 1M starting at 8 a.m., Sept. 22 at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. The 5K will be divided into men's and women's age groups with individual awards. Local walking groups can preregister at Livingston Hospital Gift Shop for a discount. Pre-register at ultrasignup.com.

Crittenden County Farm Bureau will have its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Crittenden County Ed-Tech Center

– The National Guard **Armory** of Marion will host a reunion starting at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Fredonia. For information, contact Rick Nelson (270) 704-5140 or Roger Lubben (270) 625-

 Crittenden County Band Alumni is planning a reunion from 4-8 p.m., Sept. 15 at Fohs Hall from 4 to 8 pm. The cost is \$20 for one person or \$30 a couple. Contact Carol Hodge at (270) 704-9052.

Extension

Challengers Homemakers will meet on at noon, Sept. 12 at the Extension Office.

 There will be a Extension Homemakers Advisory Council Meeting at the Extension Annex at 1 p.m., Sept. 13.

- Sue Parrent will give a "Food Budgeting and Couponing" class at 2 p.m., Sept. 13 at the Extension Office. Call the office at (270) 965-5236 to register.

 Dee Heimgartner will "Trees present Shrubs for Home Landscape" at the Extension Annex on Sept. 18. Call the Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.

Senior Menu

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

- Thursday (today): Menu is meat balls with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole grain biscuits and pears.

- Friday: Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli slad, mandarin oranges and garlic breadstick. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Monday: Menu is breaded pollock, pinto beans, cole slaw, cornbread and vanilla pudding. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday: Menu is chicken parmesan, baked potato with margarine, sour cream, broccoli casserole and pineapple delight.

 Sept. 12: Menu is BBQ pork on bun, au gratin potatoes, cucumber salad and oatmeal raisin cookie. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by Bible study.

All menu items are subject to change based on availability. PACS provides milk, coffee, tea or water each day. Aging Coordinator Jenny Sosh is director of the center.

The center is a service of Pennyrile Allied Community Services. Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call (270) 965-5229 for more information.



Poppy display encourages awareness

Nancy Lanham and member of the VFW Post 12022 auxiliary created this traveling display made of poppies to bring awareness to suicide prevention. Throughout September, the display board will be located at the Crittenden County Courthouse, Marion Welcome Center, Crittenden Hospital and Crittenden County Public Library to bring awareness to the Veterans Crisis Line. Lanham said suicide prevention is part of the Family Support Program through the FVW. Veterans or families of veterans who wish to seek assistance from the crisis line may call 1-800-273-8255.



CCMS leaders selected

The 2018-2019 Young Leaders In Action at Crittenden County Middle School are (from left) Macie Hunt, Carly Towery, Brylee Conyer and McKenna Myers. These students were selected by the West Kentucky Educational Cooperative to join other selected teams of eighth graders across the region to participate and compete in a prestigious, year-long project that focuses on government and public policy.



Press at Continental Divide

Tony Stalion, Buddy Stalion and Dave Stalion took The Press on a recent trip, traveling over Independence Pass at an elevation of 12,095 feet, to the Continental Divide in Colorado.

Fredonia Heritage Society meets Thursday for fish fry

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday (today) at Fredonia American Legion Post 103 at the Buddy Rogers Park on Dorroh Street in Fredonia for its annual fish fry.

and brief business meeting, Maggie Gammon and Cecilia Hutchinson will talk about their trips this Scottish summer to Highland Games in Glasgow and Grandfather Mountain, including information on Scottish

Following the meal

clan societies and a little bit of Scots-Irish history.

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is for anyone interested in learning more about the heritage and history of the Fredonia Valley and for those who want to see the history of our community preserved for future generations.

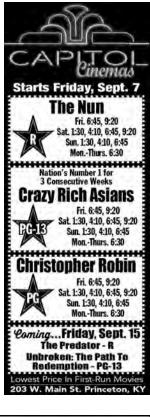
The group is in the process of compiling their third publication. This book will feature veterans from the Fredonia Valley. should be available for purchase within a few weeks. This book will be

one you will definitely want for your library.

Anyone interested in purchasing a copy of eitherof the society's books of Fredonia history can contact Pam Faughn at pamfaughn@att.net.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every odd numbered month.









Helping Hands hosts fundraiser

Helping Hands' Food Pantry is conducting its annual fall yard sale to raise money Christmas baskets.

The benefit yard sale will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct 4-5 and from 8 a.m.-noon Oct. 6. The fundraiser will be located at 509 Mill Street in Smithland near Dollar General.

Any questions may be directed to (270) 928-3383. Helping Hands is a.m.-noon

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.



Crittenden County Conservation District and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) encourage awareness of a conservation issue during Soil Stewardship Week. This year's theme, "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home," is the topic of the 2018 Poster Contest now open to the county's school-aged children.

'Clean water is important to everyone," says NACD Past President Earl Garber. "Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes. They cross county, state and national boundaries. Every inch of the land on planet Earth is part of a watershed. ... No matter where you are right now, you

are in a watershed.' The Conservation District has resource links and materials that can be used to develop a poster that informs and is visually appealing. This contest features monetary prizes at the local, state, and up to national levels. Additional rules and suggestions are available at the district office.

The deadline to receive posters is Oct. 14. Contact the district office at (270) 965-3921 for more information, or stop by by on Tuesdays or Fridays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., East Bellville St. across from The Crittenden Press.



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UPCOMING EVENTS Fall Sports Schedule

THURSDAY

MS football at Webster Co. Soccer at Lyon County Volleyball hosts Trigg County **FRIDAY** Varsity football at Caldwell Co.

SATURDAY

Cross country at Calloway Co. **SUNDAY**

Jr Pro Football hosts Webster **TUESDAY** Volleyball hosts Livingston

Soccer at Trigg County

FOOTBALL Homecoming deadline

Deadline to participate in the annual Crittenden County football homecoming parade is Thursday. The parade will be held on Main Street in Marion starting at 5 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 13. The theme is "Crittenden Turns Up the Spirit!" Golf carts and ATVs are prohibited and all drivers of motorized vehicles must be at least 18 years old. Lineup will begin at 4 p.m. To register or for information, email glenna.hoeszle@crittenden.kyschools.us or leave a message with the high school office at (270) 965-

AP High School Football Poll Class 1A

- 1. Beechwood 2-0
- 2. Pikeville 2-0
- 3. Hazard 2-0
- 4. Raceland 2-1
- 5. Paintsville 2-1 6. Ludlow 2-0
- 7. Campbellsville 2-1
- 8. Nicholas Co. 3-0
- 9. Crittenden Co. 2-0
- 10. Lynn Camp 2-0
- 10. Bishop Brossart 2-1 Others receiving votes: Phelps 17. Russellville 15. Williamsburg 15. Fulton Co. (1) 12. Bellevue 7. Lou. Holy Cross 4. Paris 3. Eminence 3. Pineville 2.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

Bullfrog May 18 - Oct. 31 Squirrel Aug. 18 - Nov. 9 Dove Sept. 1 - Oct. 26 Deer Archery Sept. 1 - Jan. 21 Turkey Archery Sept. 1 - Jan. 21 Deer Crossbow Oct. 1 - 21 Oct. 13-14 Youth Gun Deer Muzzleloader Oct. 20-21 Oct. 27 - Nov. 2 Turkey gun Deer Crossbow Nov. 10 - Dec. 31 Deer Rifle Nov. 10 - 25 Nov. 12 - Feb. 28 Squirrel Nov. 22 - Dec. 2 Dove Deer Muzzleloader Dec. 8-16 Dove Dec. 22 - Jan. 13 Deer Youth Free Dec. 29-30 Coyote Year Round Year Round Groundhog

Deer season changes

Deer hunters should note the following changes for the upcoming season:

•The modern gun deer sea-

son has been lengthened in Zones 3 and 4 and will now be 16 days across all zones, opening Nov. 10 and continuing through Nov. 25, 2018. •The statewide and youth deer permits now allow for the harvest of up to four deer. While the harvest allotment for statewide and youth deer permits has increased, the

one-buck rule remains in place statewide.

 The following counties have changed from Zone 2 to Zone 1: Union, Henderson, McLean, Muhlenberg, Todd, Mercer, Mason and Hart.

RUNNING 5K race at Deer Lakes

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

Rockets blitz Trigg

Crittenden ranked No. 9; going to No. 10 Caldwell

What the Rocket football team did last Friday was quite remarkable. Indeed, the boys rewrote some history at Trigg County. Yet, what happened at Cadiz, will stay in Cadiz. Crittenden County, the No. 9 ranked team in the Associated Press Class A poll this week, will go to Caldwell County this Friday where they face the No. 10 team in Class 3A.

The Tigers are 1-2 on the season, but still garner enough respect to be among the top teams in their division, as voted on by statewide media representatives. Crittenden is 2-0 and jumped from No. 13 last week. The Rockets were ranked No. 5 in the AP poll after Week 4 in 2010. They could creep higher with a win this week.

Caldwell County could be without the services of Trel Riley, arguably its most dynamic player, after he was ejected from last week's 35-20 loss against Hopkinsville. According to KHSAA rules, a player ejected from a game must sit out the following scheduled game, too. At this time it is unclear whether the suspension will be appealed or upheld.

The Rockets did not take any time off for the holiday with Caldwell looming on the schedule. The team practiced Monday morning on Labor Day, but many were still gushing with pride over the results at Trigg County.

At Trigg, the offense piled up 539 total yards. Senior running back Devon Nesbitt had 200 yards rushing and 84 receiving. Quarterback Hunter Boone worked a hat trick on touchdown passes and even caught one himself. Senior Ethan Dossett had almost 150 yards receiving. It was quite an offensive show, however, most agree that the defense was better!

Crittenden County beat Trigg County (1-2) for the first time in 20 years at Perdue Field and it was the largest margin of victory ever for CCHS over Trigg.

The Rocket defense was stifling in a 46win that stopped the Wildcat running game in its tracks. Trigg managed just seven net yards rushing and its generally explosive QB Cameron Jordan finished with minus-25 on the ground. Jordon did mange to throw for 132 yards, but the Rockets never let his offense into the end zone. Trigg's only touchdown came on a



As good as the Rocket offense was Friday at Trigg, the defense was arguably better. Pictured above is quarterback Hunter Boone behind the offensive line, including Devin Porter (54) who was selected as the team's Lineman of the Week. Sean O'Leary and Lathan Easley were co-Defensive Players of the Week, Devon Nesbitt was Offensive Player of the Week and Noah Perkins was Special Teams Player of the Week.

Pick 6 from an ill-advised screen pass with Crittenden's back to its own goal line early in the contest. Otherwise, the Wildcats were lifeless against the Rockets' hammering attack.

"The defense carried us. Even though we scored a lot of points, it was the defense that set the tone," said first-year Rocket skipper Sean Thompson.

The Rockets forced five turnovers and capitalized on them all. Linebackers Gavin Dickerson and Tyler Boone, nose guard Lathen Easley and defensive end Sean O'Leary spent an unreasonable amount of time in the Trigg backfield. Just seven of Trigg's 28 rushing plays went for five or more yards and 15 times the Rocket defense stopped runs right at the line of scrimmage or behind it.

"We knew they have a couple of a good receivers and a great quarterback so we just based everything around them," Dickerson said about the defensive plan coming into the contest. "(Jordan) averages about 125 yards a game so holding him to negative yards makes me happy and I know it makes (defensive coordinator Gaige Courtney) happy, too."

Crittenden zipped out to a 32-7 halftime lead, but the pace slowed dramatically in the second half. There were a half dozen or more injury timeouts (mostly Trigg players cramping) and lots of penalties, drawing the game out more than three hours.

The Rocket offense stumbled twice in the red zone in the last half, before finally getting back on track in the final period when Boone threw the last of his three touchdown passes. This one went to senior Branen Lamey. Sophomore running back Xander Tabor carried the ball four times on Crittenden's final drive, punching in the last TD with just over two minutes to play.

SCORE BY QUARTERS Crittenden 19 13 0 14 Trigg Co. **SCORING PLAYS**

C-Devon Nesbitt 22 run (Noah Perkins kick) 9:04, 1st T-Jakobe Bridges 18 interception return (Daniel Martin kick)

C-Ethan Dossett 8 pass from Hunter Boone (run failed) 4:18, 1st

C-Hunter Boone 10 pass from Dossett (pass failed) 2:30, 1st C-Nesbitt 17 run (pass failed) 11:12, 2nd

C-Payton Riley 13 pass from Boone (Perkins kick) 8:05, 2nd C-Branen Lamey 11 pass from Boone (Perkins kick) 11:08,

C-Xander Tabor 3 run (Perkins kick) 2:20, 4th **TEAM TOTALS**

First Downs: Crittenden 22, Trigg 10

Penalties: Crittenden 9-85, Trigg 11-101 Rushing: Crittenden 30-230, Trigg 28-7 Passing: Crittenden 25-40-3, 309 yds. Trigg 15-27-1, 132 yds. Total Yards: Crittenden 539, Trigg 139

Fumbles/Lost: Crittenden 4-1, Trigg 7-4 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing Crittenden: Nesbitt 21-200, Tabor 4-45, Gavin Dickerson 2-(-2), Boone 3-(-13). Trigg: Cameron Jordon 17-(-25), Ryan Graff 1-11, Jude Hunter 3-5, Enron Carlson 3-6, Kyron Grubbs 1-1, Bridges 2-8, Beau Hendricks 1-1. Passing Crittenden: Boone 24-38-3, 299 yds., Dossett 1-1-0, 10 yds., Nesbitt 0-1-0. Trigg: Jordon 15-27-1, 132 yds. Receiving Crittenden: Dossett 9-136, Nesbitt 7-84, Riley 3-27, Dickerson 1-5, Lamey 4-47, H.Boone 1-10. Trigg: Bridges 4-34, Kyron Grubbs 4-41, Josh Visingardi 1-4,

Jude Hunter 2-21, CJ Ahart 1-19. Defense Dickerson 4 solos, assist, TFL, sack, 2 caused fumbles; Joyce solo, 3 assists; Lamey 4 solos, assist, fumble recovery; Nesbitt assist; O'Leary 6 solos, 2 assists, TFL, sack, fumble recovery; Riley 3 solos, assist; Gobin solo, sack; Guess solo; Jones 5 solos, 3 assists, interception; Phillips solo, assist; Tyler Boone 6 solos, 4 assists, TFL, caused fumble; Easley 5 solos, 5 assists, 3 TFLs, caused fumble; McCalister 2 solos, 6 assists, fumble recovery; Perkins solo; Tabor assist; Turley 2 solos, assist, fumble recovery; Winders 3 solos, 6 assists; Bailey assist; Carlson assist; Cooksey assist; Mundy solo.

Players of the Game: Offense Devon Nesbitt, Defense Lathan Easley and Sean O'Leary, Lineman Devin Porter, Special Teams Noah Perkins.



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SHAWN HOLEMAN

Keeping his faith on target

Local minister Shawn Holeman might have been a professional archer, but God was tugging him in another direction.

Although he's answered the Lord's calling, Holeman hasn't stopped enjoying the daily refinement of an art and sport that

dates back to before Christ. The 38-year-old minister of children and youth at Marion Baptist Church still finds plenty of time to hone his bow shooting skills outside the church. An indoor range in his basement is set up for cold weather, and there's an outdoor gallery where he can sling arrows 90 yards or farther. And, what's most amazing, is that he piles them into a target in groups smaller than a hymnal.

Holeman is also the Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center director, which along with his archery talents has opened a great number of opportunities for further ministry. He might not be shooting on a pro circuit, but Holeman is doing work for which he's certain God intended. He's a community advisor for the Sportsman's Club at Crittenden County High School and a certified instructor for National Archery in the Schools Program. At the church, he oversees the Centershot Ministries Program.

In the early 2000s, he was shooting in national archery competitions and stacking up trophies. Now, he keeps score by the number of lives he touches, and also the number of deer he harvests. His basement is full of wall-hangers - including a Boone-and-Crockett-worthy buck he took last year with a bow. His tongue is complete with story after story of how his passion for archery and Jesus has allowed him to reach into the souls of others.

Holeman builds his own targets wooden frames covered with canvas and



stuffed with old tattered clothing.

"I have less than \$15 or \$20 in a target," he said. Perhaps those savings were part of the

reason he decided to get a new bow re-"I was impressed with the new technol-

ogy that Hoyt is putting into their bows so I bought a new one this year." Pulling 80 pounds on a 29-inch draw, Holeman fires with a preacher's precision, all based on years of shooting. He hardly misses a day with his bow in the back-

yard. It is therapy and more. "I do it for conditioning. Archery, you're doing nothing but training for muscle memory," he explains. "When you have a big buck out there in front of you, you want to be on auto pilot.'

His arrows seem to have some type of mystical GPS targeting system on board because despite being far enough away to make the bull's eye look like a peanut, he's pinging the centers.

"Most people don't start off shooting 70 yards like this," he says, pulling back the string and gazing down the arrow shaft toward an adjustable sight.

"I like to practice at 90 yards. When you shoot 60, 70, 80 and 90 yards then move up to 20 or 30, it's like shooting basketballs into a 50-gallon drum, if you know what I mean," he says with a chuckle and starts down range to pull the arrows he's just fired.

When it comes to deer hunting, he never shoots that far, though. He waits for



Local minister Shawn Holeman takes aim at his long, outdoor range (above) and pulls arrows from his indoor shooting facility.

close shots with a high probability of successfulness. Archery deer season opened last weekend in Kentucky, but few take advantage of the late-summer opportunities. Holeman says he likes the early open-

"In 2012, I killed a deer on opening day. It was Sept. 2 and it was the best meat I've ever had.'

Holeman reasons that bucks are not full of rutting testosterone in September.

"They have just been sitting around getting fat and sassy. They don't move around much at that time of the year, just going from food to bed to water. Now, you have to deal with them fairly quickly if you shoot one when it's hot. You certainly don't let it hang, and you might have to shoo the green flies off of it," he finished with a smile.

Gilchrist chasing Classic greatness Saturday

Crittenden County junior golfer Lauren Gilchrist will be chasing a dream and history Saturday at the All A Classic Girls' State Golf Tournament at Richmond's Arlington Golf

Gilchrist would like a championship. She's a five-time qualifier for the small-school state tournament and has finished in the top 20 the past two years. Two weeks ago, she won the Second Region All A Classic at Deer

"If I play like I know I can, then I should be able to make it in the top 10," Gilchrist

The tournament is at a new course and Gilchrist said she will play it for the first time in Friday's practice round.

"I plan on figuring out my club selections off the tee, check yardages and go out next (Saturday) and try my best on a course I've never played before," she said.

Meanwhile, Livingston Central's golf team will be headed to Richmond, too, playing at the Gibson Bay Golf Course. LCHS junior Darit Barnes was the First Region champion and the entire Cardinals team qualified by winning the regional event at Deer Lakes a couple of weeks ago. Livingston's other players are Cameron Head, TRoy Ringstaff and Zach Fleet. This will be Livingston's boys' team's third straight trip to the All A Classic championship.



Lauren Gilchrist



Volleyball

Lady Rockets ranked 33rd among all classes in state

The Lady Rockets volleyball team continues to draw attention with its near perfect start to the season. The girls at the start of this week's play were ranked 33rd in Kentucky, according to MaxPreps. There were only three other teams from far western Kentucky ranked among the top 40 teams in the state. Graves County was 11th, Caldwell County 20th and University Heights – a team that narrowly beat CCHS in the All A Classic regional championship - was ranked 35th behind the Lady Rockets.

The girls were at Webster County Tuesday night, coming off a much-needed week-long break for a team that had played 12 matches in 15 days in August.

Crittenden won in three tight sets against the Lady Trojans 25-21, 25-22, 25-23 to improve to 13-1 on the season. The girls have the region's best record and will host its first Fifth District match against Trigg on Thursday at Rocket Arena.

CCMS Football

Early Rocket lead disappears

Crittenden County jumped ahead by two touchdowns early, but fell to undefeated Union County 28-14 last Thursday at Rocket Stadium. QB Seth Guess rushed for a touchdown and Tyler Belt intercepted a Union pass and returned it 40 yards for Crittenden's only other score. Union also won the B game 8-0.

The Rockets play at Webster County Thursday.

CRITTENDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL STATISTICS

A GAME: Rushing: Morgeson 18-124, Nesbitt 3-9, Belt 1-0, Guess 3-(-19). Passing: Guess 2-11-1, 16 yds. Receiving: Belt 1-11, Perkins 1-5. Tackles: Holliman 8, Nesbitt 7, Morgeson 6, Guess 4, Trey Swaggirt 4, Counts 4, Gobin 3, Sarles 2, Perkins 1. Belt 1.

B GAME: Rushing: Piper 10-3, Belt 6-(-21), McDaniel 3-(-5), Sharp 1-2. Passing: Belt 1-7-1, 3 yds. Receiving: McDaniel 1-3. Tackles: Piper 4, Tramel 4 (caused fumble), Sisco 4, Millikan 3, McDaniel 3, Hatfield 2, Blazina 2, Belt 1, Sharp 1, Burns 1.

Golf

Greenwell leads CCHS at Marshall Invitational

Sophomore Sam Greenwell shot a 79 to pace Rocket golfers at Saturday's Marshall County Invitational at Calvert City Country Club. Crittenden got an 85 from Tate Roberts, a 102 from Landon Crider and 109s from Jeremiah Foster and Evan Belt to finish 18th out of 22 teams with a score of 375. Marshall County won the team competition with a 306. Lauren Gilchrist fired an

Livingston Central's boys competed in the event and shot a team score of 328 with individual cards as follows Darit Barnes 76, Cameron Head 79, Zach Fleet 85, TRoy Ringstaff 89.

Greenwell and Gilchrist were medalists last Tuesday in a match at Deer Lakes. Greenwell shot 37 and Gilchrist 38 for the match. Other CCHS scores were: Tate Roberts 41, Landon Crider 51, Jeremiah Foster 52 and Evan Belt 54. Addie Hatfield fired a 65 in the girls' competition.

Soccer

Girls settle for tie at Union

Crittenden County's soccer girls were hoping to get on track at Union County Tuesday evening. The two squads went into the contest, each with just one victory on the season. Coincidentally, both their wins had come over McLean County, a team with a better record this year than either Crittenden or Union.

The Lady Rockets jumped ahead 3-0 in the first half, but settled for a somewhat disappointing 4-4 tie when the dust had settled. Ashley Wheeler scored three times for Crittenden, now 1-5-1 on the season. Jessie Potter scored the other goal.



are just a tad late to knock down this pass by Union County QB Cannon Sheffer.

Cross Country

Keller turns in another stunning finish

Crittenden County sophomore distance runner Kate Keller continues to turn in stunning performances right out of the chute this cross country season. Keller, ranked among the best 5K runners in the state and No. 1 in Class A in western Kentucky, finished second at the Christian County Invitational meet on Saturday in Hopkinsville. She finished the 3.1-mile race with a personal best time of 21:14.64 just off the winning pace set by South Warren's Lucy Knutson at 20:41.69. Lady Rocket Taylor Guess, an eighth-grader just now taking up cross country, finished 38th at 26:55.52. Another newcomer, senior Ashley Wheeler, was 49th out of nearly 100 runners, at 28:00.87. Junior Anzie Gobin finished 82nd at 32:41.40.

On the boys' side, junior Doug Conger, running in his first meet of the season, led the Rocket harriers with a time of 21:35.20 in the 5K race. He finished 67th out of 150 runners. Following close behind for the Rockets was senior Hunter Holeman at 21:45.07. He finished 71st and was the only other CCHS runner to crack the top 100. Seventh-grader Jaxon Hatfield finished in 24:00.40, eighth-grader Rowan Perkins at 25:36.87, seventh-grader Gabe Keller at 26:50.05; sophomore Michael Kirk at 26:57.98, seventh-grader Tyler Belt at 27:05.55, junior Zack Weathers at 29:24.03, eighth-grader Parker Kayse at 33:21.07 and seventh-grader Mason Crider at 33:55.25. The Rockets finished 15th out of 16 teams in overall points.

UK's line coach battling cancer; 'Cats looking for Gator bait

Media Day that coach Mark Stoops was visibly upset when he announced that offensive line coach John Schlarman was dealing with a "serious" medical issue. Stoops didn't

disclose with the problem was, but an educated guess was cancer based on the coach's reaction and that Schlarman at that Schlaimen.
the time was still lary Vaught working.

Finally last week Stoops revealed that Views Schlarman was now

undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Remarkably, he's still coached every day and was on the sideline coaching Saturday when UK opened with a 35-20 win

over Ĉentral Michigan. For anyone who has even been through chemotherapy or had a loved one undergo chemotherapy, that's almost impossible to fathom that

Schlarman can keep maintaining that workload. The thing that is even more amazing to me is his attitude. He has unbelievable positivity," Troy coach Neal Brown, who has known Schlarman for 20 years and worked with him at Troy and UK, said. "I am not surprised at all that he's continuing to coach. It's impressive he's doing that, but not surprising he's coaching or working at a high level. That's just John.

"He's one of the best people I have ever been around. He's one of my best friends. I'm not surprised by the toughness he's shown. He's just been that way his whole life. But his attitude ... even now he's staying so positive. He's just an inspiration."

Stoops admitted he's keeping a close eye on Schlarman because "his family and his health" matter more than anything else.

"And he knows that. We've had conversations along the way, every step of the way. I'm probably more cautious than he wants to be because I think he wants to live a normal life and fortunately for him, he's been responding very well to the medicine and you don't know how that's going to go," said Stoops. "That's what I do talk to him about because our

season, it beats you down.

We're in here seven days a week all day and night and I don't want that to affect his health. You do have to manage that. He knows that.'

Stoops said he has "forced" Schlarman to go home to get a "little bit of rest, sleep" but that he basically "hasn't missed a

Those who know Schlarman best are not surprised he's continuing to work the way he has. Chances are working and maintaining a normal schedule if he can do that physicallyis the best thing for Schlarman, who played at UK and was always known as a fierce, intense competitor.

"I've been able to maybe not sit around and worry about things all daggone day. I can just go to work and do what I would do on a normal, regular basis. I think that's refreshing, mentally," the UK offensive line coach said.

Schlarman praised Stoops for allowing him to continue to

work and be part of the team while he's undergoing treat-"Coach Stoops, I couldn't work for a better head coach in

America because he's put fam-

ily first all the time," Schlarman said. "That's easy to say in the recruiting process and side talk, but he's done that. He's been an unbelievable boss and allowed our family to deal with this in the way that we need to but also allowed me to continue to work, which is important to me.

"It's really important to me to do the job that I'm here to do. So that's something that really motivates me every day. and I want to keep doing that for as long as I can do that, and hopefully that's a long, long time."

Could this be the year that Kentucky finally ends that losing streak against Florida? Kentucky has not beaten

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School district working to fight chronic absenteeism

In the classroom, 90 percent is equivalent to an "A," indicating a successful grasp of concepts and demonstration of mastery. Attendance-wise, however, 90 percent isn't such a great number.

It's troubling, in fact. Missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason excused or unexcused - is classified as "chronic absenteeism. "It's a strong indication that a student is academically at risk.

Considering that last year, 14 percent of Crittenden County students were counted as chronically absent, the topic is at the forefront of discussion in the school district. Nearly 10 percent more were close to that classification, reof the student population struggling with attendance.

"That's a big chunk, and this is concerning at a lot of levels," Superintendent of Schools Vince Clark said. "We have done a lot at the school level with rewarding attendance,

and recognizing students who show up. While 75 percent of our students are making it, this is still a problem."

absenteeism Chronic results in lost learning for students and per pupil revenue for the school system, and it is also linked to behavioral problems with

"It's concerning," said Diana Lusby, director of den County Schools, "because the implications are far-reaching. Obvi-

ously, a student who is chronically absent may have trouble academically, but also it may lead to behavior issues and struggles with work performance and dependability as an

adult. Lusby said the district is

focusing on chronic absenteeism and how to get and keep students in school.

"The premise is simple really," she said Lusby. "When students aren't here, they're not learning. We want them here."

Crittenden County, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky for that matter,

combat attendance issues. Nationwide, as many as 10-15 percent of students (7.5 million) miss nearly a month of school every year. That's 135 million days of lost time in the classroom.

And while Kentucky, like other states, suffers funding allocation losses with increased absenteeism, Lusby said the bigger deficit is on student growth and performance.

"Research shows that, starting in preschool, chronic absence affects learning and school readiness," she said.

She added that attendance matters most for the children who enter the farthest behind. Those chronically absent in kindergarten and first much less likely to read proficiently in third grade.

As the attendance gap continues to widen, so too do the negative performance statistics. By the time a student reaches high school, continued absenteeism increases the likelihood he or she will drop out, entering the workforce under-educated and at an economic disadvantage.

"On the other hand," said Lusby, "students with good attendance reap benefits with far-reaching effects. They're more likely to show growth and proficiency at each grade level, and be successful post high school, both personally and professionally."

Lusby said the district is launching a "Miss A Day,

school year to create awareness of the problem and gain support from students and families to in-

crease attendance. She explained many lessons that take place daily in the three schools involve technology and collaboration with peers and don't lend themselves well to replication when a student misses.

"These are authentic, dynamic lessons that cannot yield the same results as sending home a worksheet when a student misses," she added. "Crittenden County schools are great places to learn, and we need our students here to make sure everyone is receiving the best education we can offer.'



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Masonic lodge repairs continue

Eddie Rudolph (left) of Lola and Rodney Collins of Salem of P&T Contracting work to move roof insulation for repairs to the Masonic lodge in Marion that was gutted by fire May 16, 2017. Bigham Lodge No. 256 Secretary Joey Farmer said Masons hope to be back in the lodge by the end of the year. They had been meeting at the Carrsville lodge, but this week moved meetings to the Salem lodge. "We can't say enough about them," Farmer said of the Carrsville Masons and others Masonic lodges and even the VFW in Marion who have offered a place for meetings. Farmer said the fire was devastating, claiming furniture, fixtures and some historic documents. But many of the documents were saved by Marion firefighters who recognized the significance of the papers and books, and kept away the fire or removed them from the building. "Firefighters started packing things out," said Farmer. "I thought that was pretty amazing." Initially, the lodge was targeted to re-open in January of this years but architectural delays have pushed completion back almost a year. The lodge, formed in 1853, has about 75 active members.

MPD activity report Marion Police Department wrote 96 tickets, warn-

ings and citations in August, according to an activity report from Chief Ray O'Neal. It reflects information from August 2018 compared with figures from August 2017 as well as year-to-date totals for 2018.

CATEGORY	AUG. 2017		YTD 2018
Miles driven/patrolled	2,883	2,235	20,063
Criminal investigations	25	25	148
Domestics	6	11	58
Felony Arrests	6	7	20
Misdemeanor arrests	29	12	76
Non-criminal arrests	5	7	74
DUI arrests			
Criminal summons served.	9	9	23
Traffic citations	54	11	209
Traffic warnings	18	9	88
Other citations			
Parking tickets	0	1	1
Traffic accidents			
Security checks/alarms	62	59	390
Calls for service			

No fall dump days in 2018

STAFF REPORT

There will be no fall dump days in Crittenden County this year.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said excessive use and abuse of the opportunity to dump for free at the convenience center on U.S. 60 East just outside of Marion led

to scheduling just one dump day in the spring. In recent years, the

county has offered both a

spring and fall dump day

at the center. It was usually in October in the fall. However, there will be free waste tire collection this autumn, though no

date has been set.

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