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## **COOL IDEA**

# AC on school buses

Crittenden County School District has begun a process to put air conditioning on

all of its school buses. Superintendent Tonya Driver said money from the Elementary and Secondary

School Emergency Relief Fund will be used to pay for the retrofitting of its route buses and two special trip buses with AC. Two new school buses that should be delivered soon will already have air conditioning. Transportation Director Wayne Winters said buses on the longer routes will be among the first to get a cooling system. Cost will be \$12,000 to \$14,000 for each of about a dozen buses that will be retrofitted with AC. The bill will be paid with grant money. "It will be a slow process to get them all retrofitted," the superintendent said. "But we will get there."

## County starting to move

Crittenden County's government offices have begun the transition process from the existing courthouse to the new county office complex (the former Marion-Ed Tech Center) in Industrial Park South. The county last week received a temporary certificate of occupancy, which means furniture and fixtures can be moved into the building. County officials hope to soon get a permanent certificate of occupancy from state building inspections. At that point, personnel and all regular business will be moved to the new office complex.

## KY 91 closed on Friday

Motorists who travel on KY 91 between Fredonia and Princeton in Caldwell County will need to seek an alternate route beginning Friday. State highway crews will be replacing a cross-drain on Friday. The closure will be near Caldwell County High School between Interstate 69 and KY 139. Northbound traffic will be detoured to Fredonia via I-69 south toward Eddyville. Southbound traffic from Fredonia will be detoured via KY 139 to KY 70. Warning signs were installed in advance in order to alert drivers of the upcoming work. Further closure will be necessary to complete the work.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- •Marion-Crittenden County 911 Board will meet in special session at 9 a.m, Friday at city hall. •Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Monday,
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will meet Tues-
- day, Aug. 22 at 8:30 a.m., at the Marion Welcome Center. •Salem City Council will meet at
- 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 15 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- •Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at Rocket Arena.
- •Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 21 at city
- •Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 21
- •Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 24 at the courthouse.





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Schools are prepping for the return of students for the fall term on Aug. 21. Among other preparations on campus, Cindy Keister was putting a new coat of paint on rails at Rocket Arena last week. See our special five-page back to school section in this issue.

## HEADY CHOSEN LION OF THE YEAR

# Mother Nature wallops 50th county fair

STAFF REPORT

Lightning literally struck down the feature event of the 50th-anniversary county fair on Saturday and Lions Club members are struggling to put something back together to make up the demolition derby and truck and tractor

Rain washed out the truck and tractor pull on Friday, July 28 to start the fair and last weekend's demo derby was hit hard by rain then lightning zapped a nearby transformer, knocking out power to the fairgrounds.

"We're going to try to make it up to the community," said Lions Club member Rodney Travis, who was the club's event chairman for the derby.

While plans are unconfirmed at this time, Travis said the derby could be made up as early as sometime in September or as late as early November. Either way, he said the event's admission will be heavily discounted to help temper disheartened fans who paid to see a full derby on Saturday.



Ronnie Heady was chosen Lion of the Year. The award was presented by Lions Club member Natalie Parish.

More than 850 people were in attendance for the derby, but just three of 10 events were held before lightning struck shortly after 8 p.m. Costs associated with put-

ting on the event prohibit the club from providing a refund.

Finding a makeup date for the truck and tractor pull will be more difficult because sleds are not readily avail-

able and finding one that's not already booked will be a challenge. Still, the Lions Club is hoping to make up the pull, too.

Otherwise, the golden anniversary of the county fair was a success, according to

Longtime Lions Club member and leader Ronnie Heady was chosen Lion of the Year and his award was presented during the annual 4-H Breakfast at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds on Fri-

The fourth-annual 4-H Breakfast was highlighted by awards presentations that included \$800 in prize money to exhibitors, induction of the late Larry Parish into the Crittenden County Agriculture Hall of Fame and speeches by Kentucky Sen. Jason Howell, Kentucky Rep. Jim Gooch and Kentucky State 4-H Reporter Kailyn

Stokes. Almost 100 attended the breakfast which has quickly become a staple of the an-

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## COMMENTARY

# Community growth hinges on water

For over a year now, the City of Marion has faced a severe water crisis caused by the failure of Lake George. As city leaders work towards finding a long-term solution for our

city's water needs, they are faced with the decision to the raise water rates. It is essential to recognize that this rate increase is not just about finances; it is



crucial for the well-being and growth of our community.

I serve as the regional economic developer for Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon and Livingston counties. I understand the significance of water for our community's prosperity. Every day, I work with local governments to ensure that our communities can meet the needs of businesses and industries. I collaborate with existing industries to help them expand. I work with companies from outside Kentucky to help them locate in our region. I work with our school systems to show our kids the career opportunities available in our community.

The water crisis affects us daily, and we must ensure that our city has the resources to grow and remain an attractive place for businesses.

Recently, The Press covered local efforts for retail recruitment, including the possibility of another grocery store coming to Marion. Community support for another grocery store is very strong, but without resolving the water crisis, it will be very challenging to attract a grocery store. Grocery stores and any other food service business requires certainty that there is ample and consistent water supply to ensure their operations run smoothly and safely.

Water rates in Marion have remained unchanged since 2015, while inflation has increased by 30 percent during those years. The lack of rate adjustment has put a strain on the city's water department resulting in a dire financial situation. The financial strain has also affected other city departments since the general fund has to compensate for the water department's lost revenue. The proposed 40 percent rate increase is needed for the water department's

budget to break even. Past city administrations postponed maintenance and upgrades to the system to avoid rate increases. Now, we find ourselves at a crossroads where the neglect of the past has culminated in a water system on the brink of collapse.

The current city council is faced with making

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# Sturgis facing finacial straits

The City of Sturgis has found itself in financial straits and the mayor is negotiating with county officials about the future of its water system.

According to recent reports in the Sturgis News, the city has mounting debt on multiple fronts and is behind in monthly utility bills. As of last week, the city owed Union County Water District about \$30,000 for wholesale

Sturgis has been warned that it will be locked out of the county water system on Thursday due to the delinquency. On Monday, Sturgis City Council voted to give Mayor Kent Sayle authority to negotiate with the county water district for a solution.

Sturgis has about 1,000 water system customers. The county water district has about 2,300.

According to recent reports in the Sturgis newspaper, the city owes the IRS more than \$16,000 in taxes and penalties from 2020. City Hall is closed to foot traffic because almost all city employees have either been laid off, taken other jobs or quit.

Sturgis is an incorporated town on the south side of Union County with a population of 1,597.



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# Believe is the focus of new school year

Children BELIEVE. believe in the magic of their youth. Parents and loved ones believe in their children. Musicians like Journey and the Beatles

have made word "believe" a centerpiece of their lyrics. It's a simword, whose meaning is anything



but. When we truly believe in something, though, it profoundly influences actions and can lead to a shared vision, a shared mission, and ultimately, shared success.

County Crittenden Schools has created #BelieveInBlue as our theme this year, and we feel that it perfectly captures our dedication, our trust, and our commitment to the students, staff, parents, and community that we collectively call our Rocket Nation.

We believe in relationships. To further those relationships with students, we are excited to bring Capturing Kids' Hearts, a character-based curriculum that focuses on so-

cial-emotional wellbeing, student connectedness, and relationship-driven culture. We continue to expand our relationships with the many businesses and organizations in our community who invest in our students, whether that's monetarily or by giving of their time and support. From our Rocket Business Partner of the Month program to school supply drive, guest speaking in our classrooms, and bringing job fairs and events to our schools, we realize the impact our community partners, and we look forward to grow-

We believe in individualized growth and success. This summer, we were happy to complete our Strategic Plan, which outlines our vision for launching our students, our staff, our community, and our organization. Work continues on our Profile of a Graduate, as we outline and execute the 21st century skills that all of our students need to be successful. We believe that each of our students is capable of success, and our staff is committed to helping them achieve that. Likewise, we believe that success looks different for each student, and

discover their strengths, talents, and interests. Two of our community partners, Riley Tool & Machine of Marion, and Saturn Machine & Welding of Sturgis, have partnered with us to bring an onsite welding course to our high school students that, upon successful completion, can lead to workbased experiences for our students.

We believe in the safety of our students. At the end of last school year, we were proud to introduce Open Gate, portable weapons detectors, at each school. Our friends at Crittenden County Tomorrow graciously assisted with the purchase of the six devices to further enhance safety for students and staff, along with the continued presence of our district school resource officer (SRO).

We believe in Crittenden County Schools. Every member of our Rocket family is dedicated to helping our students learn, grow, and become contributing members of the community. We ask each of you - students, parents, staff, and community members — to join us as, together, we #BelieveInBlue.





Aug. 21 for Crittenden the final plan.

uder Some important dates for students this year include: Fall break Oct. 3-8: Christmas break Dec. 18-Jan. 2, 2024; and spring

break April 1-5, 2024. Preschool classes will begin at CCES Sept. 5 and end May 16.

Sometime during the school year, the district is expected to break ground on a long-awaited addition to Crittenden County Middle School.

The two-story addition will be positioned directly in front of the middle school gym and connect to the back of the current middle school.

For several years, Crittenden County Board of Education has been analyzing funding sources and construction loca-

School begins Monday, tions before settling on

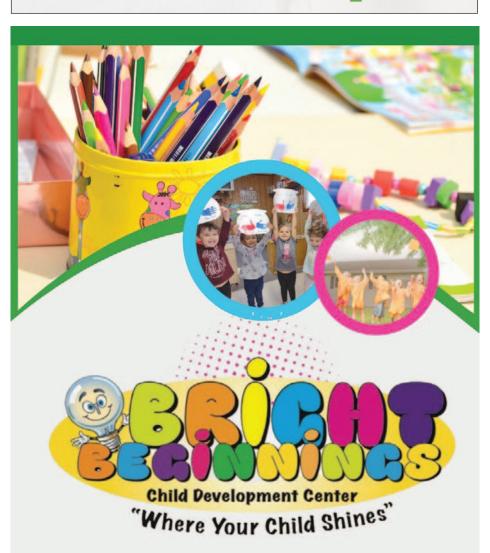
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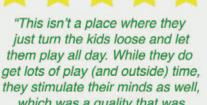
wing of the middle school, which was constructed in 1949 and has long beer outmoded for modern educational space and technology standards.







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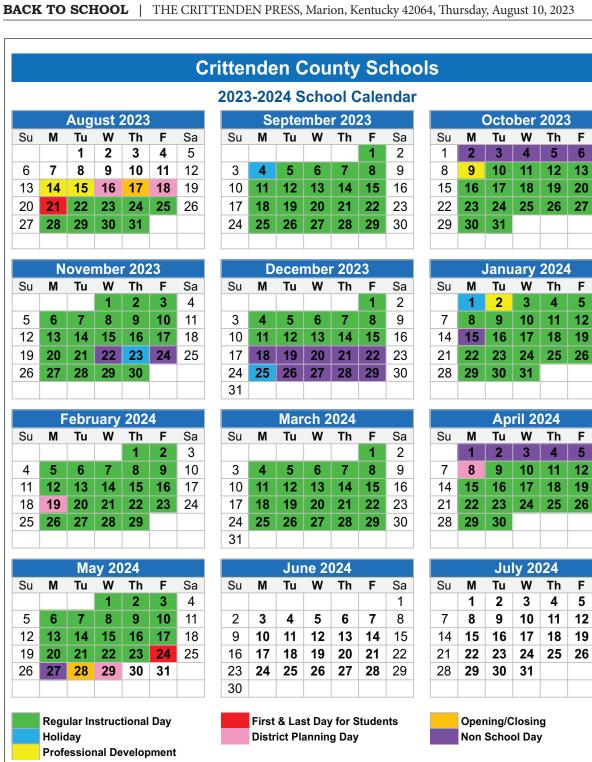
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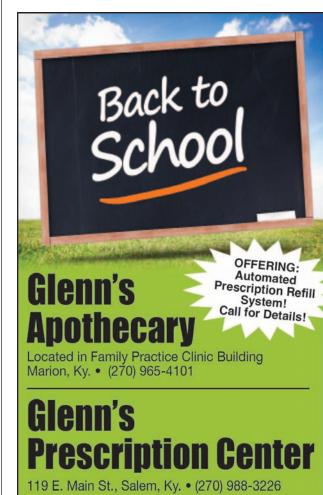
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# **New teacher introductions**

Bree Brown's passion for serving her community will remain constant

as she begins a new role as the Crittenden Coun-High School bookkeep-After spend-



ing seven years as a teller at Planters Bank in Princeton, she is most excited about this new opportunity to grow and to positively impact the students and staff of CCHS.

Brown's love for mathematics originally led her down the nursing path; however, midway through her studies she realized accounting was her calling. She studied business administration at West Kentucky Community & Technical College and from there chose the University of Louisville to earn her bachelor's in accounting.

Brown will be taking the place of longtime CCHS bookkeeper Carol Perry who retired at the end of the 22-23 school year, after spending 20 years in that role. As the school year is just over the horizon, she is looking forward to providing the financial aspect and seeing the smiling faces of the students and staff at CCHS.

#### **BLOODWORTH**

Bloodworth Heather will soon be returning to where it all began for

her as an educator, as the new Crittenden Coun-High School spanish instructor. What



Bloodworth

started out as needing to speak the language to complete a job at the Mexican restaurant when she was 15 years old, developed into a love of the Spanish culture.

She studied the Spanish language throughout high school, and from there took it to the collegiate level where she minored in Spanish. She spent time in Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Costa Rica, studying abroad during her years at Western Kentucky University. She then took on an important role of bridging a language barrier by working in migrant education, teaching English to Hispanic farm workers in Caldwell, Christian, and Trigg counties. While pursuing her degree in elementary education at Murray State University, Bloodworth worked at Hopkinsville High School before making the jump to Critten-

den County Schools. With a master's degree in teacher leadership from Murray State University and over 13 years of teaching experience in Crittenden County, she is excited about her new role in the district. She is looking forward to seeing familiar faces of her previous students from her days at the elementary school and broadening students' horizons with the Spanish language. She knows the value of being culturally well versed and is excited to give that opportunity to students in her community. Along with teaching, she will also be fulfilling the role as the assistant girls soccer coach. Bloodworth and her three daughters Kylie, Korie, and Kacie reside in Marion.

## **JONES**

Riley Jones' path to Crittenden County Elementary School marked by several male educators he had as a child who inspired him to want to pursue a ca-

reer in education. Jones graduated from County Union High School, and from there earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Murray

State University's Henderson campus. Though 2023-24 will be his first year as a teacher, he is no stranger to the classroom. He completed his student teaching expe-

rience at Crittenden County Elementary and worked one year as a substitute teacher at Sturgis El-



ementary School before officially joining Rocket Nation this fall.

"Seeing the kids grow throughout the year and have lightbulb moments in their learning," will be the best part of his new role, he said. He is most excited about the opportunity to connect with his students and relate to them on different levels. In the past, he has coached middle school baseball and enjoys all things hunting and the outdoors. He will be one of two male classroom teachers at the elementary school this fall and is excited to teach fifth graders while being a positive role model for his students.

#### **GRAY**

Gabrielle Gray's love for reading and writing was sparked after a tutoring ses-

sion with kindergarten student while attending Murray State University. She explained



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that the student had been having difficulty reading, but proceeded to read an entire book by himself and could not have been prouder.

She said it was in that moment that she realized how magical it was to influence a child and watch him succeed. Gray is a 2017 Lyon County High School graduate who went on to earn her bachelors in elementary education in May of 2022. Currently, she is earning her masters degree in reading and writing to become a literary specialist. This fall she will be exercising all that she has learned and newly discovered within the Kentucky Reading Project as the Crittenden County Middle School reading interventionist. She has acquired an immense understanding of the importance of reading and how foundational it is; therefore, she is looking forward to identifying student struggles and helping them build productive futures.

Gray previously taught first grade in Christian County Schools and recently was a substitute teacher at Crittenden County High School. She is excited to build relationships with her students and foster an environment for them to grow and to thrive. She believes in the power of influence and is eager to provide that for the students at CCMS. She and her Corgi puppy Dolly, whom her students are also quite fond of, reside in Eddyville.

#### DANCE

Preston, Idaho native Kandice Dance has traveled the world as a military spouse and now she and her family have put down roots

in Marion. "At one point, was living Gerin many, my husband dewas ployed, and I had



no idea what to do. So, I decided to go back to school, and I found exactly what I wanted to do," said Dance, a new Crittenden County High School English teacher. While earning her bachelor's degree in English from the University of Phoenix overseas, she fell in love with working with students and their "wonder and curiosity." Upon returning to the States, and landing in Kansas, she earned her master's in education from Fort Hayes University. She spent six years teaching English in Kansas before making the move here two years ago.

Last year, Dance taught at Lyon County High, but is excited to be joining not only a new school, but the community she has always wanted. Like many, she believes that "education is about relationships," and she is looking forward to developing those with her students and the staff at CCHS.

For Dance, it's about catering to each individual child's need and working with their learning style. She says "every student can learn, as long as you don't place them within a box." Along with teaching English, she will also be the middle and high school speech coach.

## **POLK**

For Cassie Polk, it was her mom who taught at Livingston Middle and her fourth-grade teacher Dee Wright who inspired her to want to make a difference in the lives of children.

"As a little girl, I had always wanted to become a teacher and Mrs. Wright always believed in me and had the biggest

influence upon my decision to choose this profession," Polk said. The 2005 graduate of Livingston Cen-

tral High School went on earn an associate's degree from West Kentucky Commu-



nity and Technical College in 2007 and from there earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Murray State University. She has a master's degree in teacher leadership from Murray State University as well.

To begin her 15th year teaching, she is coming home after spending 13 years at Sturgis Elementary School. She is an active member in her community and church, and she is excited to give back to the countless children she sees playing at the park and sitting in the pews of Mexico Baptist Church.

Polk is not only eager to teach her first graders the fundamentals of their early education, but also how be kind and successful individuals as she wholeheartedly believes in "teaching the whole child."

"Every child can learn, and every child can succeed," she said, and she is ready to provide the influence and the environment they will need to do so. She values the importance of teacher-to-student relationships since one of hers was her greatest inspiration; therefore, building the relationships and giving back to her community is at the forefront of her mind.

#### **BENOIT**

The word passion is what comes to mind when speaking with Alex

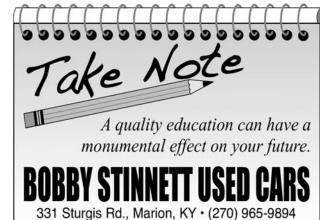
Benoit about music. Growing up as child listening to his father and grandfather play the drums

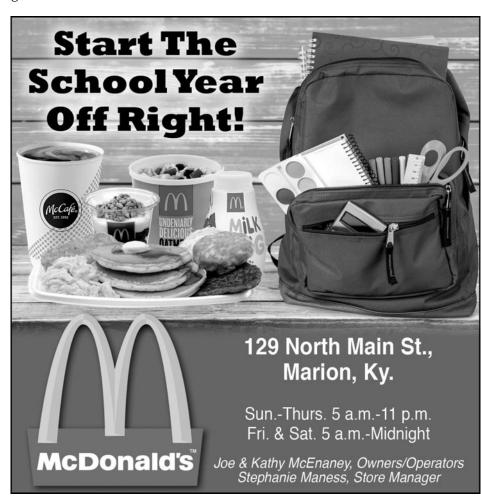


**Benoit** 

sparked an interest in wanting to play them himself. What started out as a mere interest, quickly developed into a passion, which led to a career choice.

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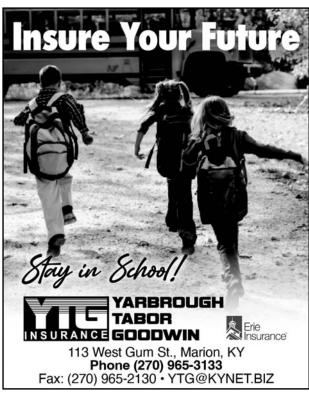


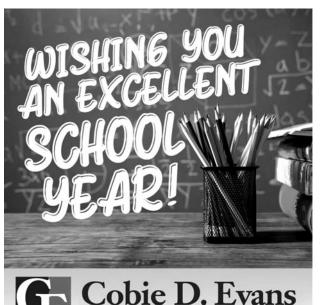




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#### **NEW TEACHERS** continued from page 4

This fall Benoit will be beginning his teaching career as the Crittenden County High School band director and music instructor. The Bowling Green native earned his bachelor's degree in music education from Western Kentucky University and taught percussions for marching bands at multiple schools while furthering his education.

He is excited about growing the program to its fullest potential and ensuring that students the opportunity to explore what music means to them. Benoit is a firm believer in expressing individuality amongst his students and is excited to begin discovering what makes his Rockets unique. He is looking forward to emphasizing the "why" so that his students will have a greater appreciation of the music around them and maybe find a passion they didn't know they had, because sometimes all it takes is an influence, he said. He is hopeful that the passion he has will reflect onto his students just as his father's and grandfather's influenced his life.

#### WORSHAM

The perfect combina Superintendent letter tion of fate and what is meant to be will be, is

what led Lynn Worsham to Crittenden Counwhere ty, will she be teaching third grade



math this year. After visiting Marion and seeing the smalltown charm for herself, she couldn't turn down an opportunity to share her heart with the stu-

dents and staff at CCES. Originally from Louisville, Worsham attended the Dupont Manual Performing Art Schools, with a desire to become a teacher since the second grade; however, she was headed on her way to becoming a banker. Fulfilling numerous roles in insurance, banking, and retail, she ultimately came back to where her heart lies in helping young people succeed and build their own futures.

Worsham earned her degrees from Hopkinsville Community College and Murray State University with a background in math and science. She explains that a lot of students have misconceptions about mathematics and convince themselves at a young age that they are not very good at it or do not like it. However, she plans to turn those frowns upside down and open their minds to the possibilities that come with numbers and their functions. Her favorite thing to hear is when students come into her classroom after spending a year with her and express new outlook on the subject.

As much as she loves math and teaching it, she won't just be teaching the subject, she will be teaching the student. Utilizing strategies to best suit there learning styles and catering to their individual needs will be her matter of greatest importance.

Worsham cannot wait to meet her students and their families and begin forming connections with them and the community that captured her heart from the moment she first visited.

#### PARKER

Upon college graduation in 2006, Vicky Parker said to herself, "I want to always do a job that will serve others," and that is exactly what she has done for the last 16 years.

From elementary to middle, and from math to science, she has worked

way around the classroom. She is a graduate Mur-State University with a bachelor's



Parker

degree in elementary education. After substitute teaching at the middle school level, she decided to add a middle school science extension to her degree that allowed her to spend seven years teaching science. She recently moved back home from Clinton, Tenn.. and will begin her 17th year teaching at Crittenden County Elementary School.

She believes in making every moment count, and is ecstatic to create lasting memories with her stu dents as she embraces all the differences that make them so others, she is eager to meet her students and their families and exert an influence upon them, so that they too may have the skills and the courage to chase their dreams. Outside of the classroom, she is an avid gardener and loves being outdoors. Parker is ready for what is to come and will passionately "do the job that serves others."

HENRY Contemporary Christian artist Matthew West's hit song "My Story Your Glory" is the theme for Brandy Henry's journey to the classroom. She said the Lord gave her the gift of working with children at a very young age and led her to begin her career as a fifth-grade teacher at Crittenden County Elementary School this fall. She had dreamed of the moment she would have her own classroom and

students since she was a litgirl. tle She fondly reflects upon afternoons performing classr o o m



duties with her her fifthgrade teacher.

"Wow, what a full circle moment that I finally get to work for my teacher Sarah Riley after all of these years," said Henry, a Crittenden County High School alumna and a spring graduate of Murray State University. Henry completed student teaching at CCES under her fifth-grade teacher Riley, who is now her principal.

Henry is eager to build meaningful connections and lasting relationships with her students and to ease what can be somewhat of a difficult year for many students. She knows that she has the ability to relate to her students on a deeper level and believes greatly that God hand-placed students in her classroom, with a reason. Henry's the most excited to see how God will use her to change the lives of countless children while fulfilling her purpose within the walls of CCES.

## COOK

After spending years in management within several businesses, Mackchose to apply for the Crittenden County High School's job coach.

The eastern Kentucky native and Trigg County High School graduate earned associates degrees in arts and science from Western Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC).

She is pursuing a degree in special education from Murray State University.

Last year she taught at Christian County High School and now is planting roots in Marion.

She is excited about instilling career readiness to her students and eager to provide



them with the skills they need to be successful in the real world.

"Knowing how to do basic life things like balance a checkbook, pay bills and the basics of running a business are just a few of the things we will be covering," says Cook.

Her main priority will be getting to know her students and growing relationships with them as well as the staff at CCHS. She plans to give her whole heart to this role and is eager to help set students up for success after high school.

#### **DISTRICT TRANSFERS**

#### **DAVIS**

2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Mandy Perez's long-term substitute Alicia Davis is exchanging that title for Crittenden County Middle School special education instructor.

"Since I was a little girl, I have always wanted to become a teacher, I just had to experience life first," she said. For the past few years, she has been busy raising her own children and now that they are in school, she is ready to return to school herself.

The Princeton resident graduated from Owensboro Community College with an associate's degree and is a recent fall graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education (K-5) and Special Education (K-12).

students is a passion she eagerly awaits the chance to exercise. She has a heart and passion for children and is looking forward to all that will become of the school year.

Rekindling relationships she built last year and beginning new ones is the aspect of her new job she is most excited about. Special education is something near and dear to her, and making a difference in the lives of her students is at the core of her priorities.

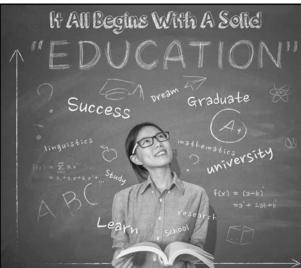
#### **QUALLS**

Bryan Qualls is embarking on a new journey as a Crittenden County High School math instructor; however, he is no stranger to the classroom nor this community. The Crittenden County High School graduate has spent the last eight years teaching both math and science and is excited to build professional relationships with the staff at CCHS, as well as establish the importance of the fundamentals of mathematics to his students.

Along with teaching, he has coached football for eight years and will be entering his third year as the Crittenden County Athletic Director. Qualls, his wife Madison, and their two daughters reside in Marion.

#### Other transfers within the district include the following:

- Jayme Young-CCMS interventionist teacher
- · Mandy Perez-CCES as a 4th grade teacher
- Teresa Foster-CCMS language arts





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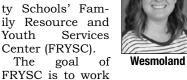
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County's FRYSC coordinates the Happy Feet program which dis-

or to the start of each school year

It facilitates the Backpack Program that sends extra food home to families on weekends, offers in-school dental care, hygiene assistance, referrals for mental health and haircuts.

It coordinates an annual school supply drive

to all students. Students who need backpacks should contact FRY-SC Coordinator Crystal Wesmoland at (270) 965-

Additionally, FRYSC is a major player in Community Christmas and Thanksgiving food assistance programs.



Preschool Aug. 14 5-6:30 p.m.

**CCES** Aug. 17 A-L 5-6 p.m. M-Z, 6-7 p.m.

Kindergarten Carnival Aug. 15 5-6:30 p.m.

Save the Dates for these Back-To-**School Events!** 

**CCMS** 

Aug. 17 M-Z, 4:30-5:45 p.m. A-L, 5:45-7 pm.

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# CCES staff prepared to embrace amazing school year

CCES Principal

Hello Rocket Families, We hope vou have great, restful sumand ready are to embrace the new school We year.



can't wait to welcome you back next week. Our team at CCES has been working hard to prepare to school. This year our district motto is #BelieveinBlue. At CCES, we believe in our students, staff, and you! "We are the BLUE!"

At CCES, we are here for the common purpose of educating ALL students. We know our students will achieve high levels of learning this year! We are eager to work together to ensure all students succeed. When we work together, CCES can have a top-

**CCES SBDM** Council meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the CCES Conference Room.

notch learning climate where students thrive.

It is said that the parent is a child's first teacher. Therefore, with your help, learning gains can be made every day. Believing in success comes from having a plan and executing it.

The plan could include making adjustments along the way to meet the needs of every child. Here at CCES, we offer you: (1) open communication, (2) progress reports and report cards

with parent-teacher conferences, (3) parent reports from benchmark assessments, and (4) opportunities to engage in the school community through volunteering, serving on committees, and attending family nights.

We have set #BelieveinBlue in motion. Join us at our upcoming back-to-school nights to learn more about the plans and ways to enhance your child's learning experience. Contact

entSquare anytime with questions or ideas to share. Be watching for your child's classroom newsletter, homework assignments, assessment dates, and special events.

Remember we will send information via the student's take-home folder, email, ParentSquare, or posted on social media. The 23-24 school year will be our best one yet! #BelieveinBlue

# CCMS revises dress code, and looks foward to awesome year

By KARA TURLEY

CCMS Principal

Welcome back, Rockets! We hope you have had an

awesome summer full of fun, relaxation, and maybe a bit of reading! Teachers staff and



looking forward to joining together again to welcome back our students and learn and grow together.

Our SBDM council has taken time to revise our

CCMS dress code. It is important to the council to set expectations that are fair and balanced for students of both genders and of all sizes. Some changes have been made in an effort to achieve these goals, and to accommodate modern styles. We want our students to feel comfortable and be able to express themselves. There is now no set length of acceptable shorts or skirts. We do ask that students dress in a way that is modest and appropriate, and not a distraction

to learning. 'Volleyball'

**CCMS SBDM** will meet the last Wednesday of each month at 3:45 p.m. in Mrs. Turley's office.

length shorts are not acceptable, and undergarments must not be visible. The entire dress code is posted on the district website and can be found at https://www. crittenden.kyschools. us/CCMSStudentHandbook.aspx.

We will continue to require that students not bring hats into the building. This is a safe-

ty measure, as it is difficult to identify people who should not be in the building if part of their face is obstructed with a hat. We ask that students leave hats at home. Any hats brought to school will stay in the office until the end of the

Middle school means lockers! Students will be assigned lockers that

they may visit at certain times of the day. Times to visit lockers are upon arriving at school, before and after lunch, and before leaving at the end of the day. CCMS students are required to have a transparent backpack. A small pouch may be kept inside the backpack to conceal private or personal items. Textbooks won't be transported from room to room, as most of them are digital. Books that aren't digital remain in teachers' classes for students to

Parents and families

are the most important partners we have as educators, and we want to work together with you to help all of our students grow and achieve. All staff members can be reached by email using the following format: firstname.lastname@ crittenden.kyschools. us. You can reach us by phone at (270) 965-5221, and keep up with our school initiatives by following us on our Facebook page. Let's work together to make sure that this is another awesome year at Crittenden County Middle School!

# High school staff working to create meaningful learning experiences

DR. QUERTERMOUS

CCHS Principal Dear CCHS Students and Families,

As your principal, I am so excited to have each of you as part of our CCHS family, whether you are returning

or just be-



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ginning your journey as a CCHS Rocket. Students, without you, the building has been just too quiet this summer, and I cannot wait to see our halls filled with your energy

CCHS SBDM will meet the second Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the library. SBDM leaders are Glenna Rich, Deonna McCord, Derrick Ford, Patti Merrill and Jessie Watson.

and smiling faces again! I know many of you have been busy competing in sports and clubs, attending camps, working at various jobs, and hopefully re-energizing and re-charging. I look forward to hearing about your summer when we return on Aug. 21.

Our staff have worked

hard this summer attending various professional developments and working collaboratively with others to create meaningful learning experiences for students. The mission of CCHS is to prepare our students for their futures after they graduate CCHS. Whether you are a mem-

ber of the Class of 2024, 2025, 2026, or 2027, preparation for graduation begins on day one, and our staff are ready to provide you with the learning you will need to achieve this goal and prepare for your future goals once you leave

While summer is my favorite time of year, the time has come to re-focus and re-engage in learning. Seniors, this will be the fastest year yet in your education journey. I promise. Enjoy the ride and make the most of this last year with your classmates teachers. These memories will last a life-

time. Juniors, this is the year that you will likely notice the most personal growth as you mature and start to think about vour futures. Seniors and juniors, take advantage of all the opportunities you can for college visits and ACT waivers and career expos. Sophomores, I promise you will get through 10th grade. It is a big difference going from new freshmen to sophomores, but you have the tools and supports to be successful. Take advantage of them. Freshmen, welcome to high school. You might feel a bit nervous, but don't worry. We have you

covered. You won't find

a more supportive and caring staff to help you navigate this new stage in your educational journey.

Principal Assistant Mr. Cook, counselors Mrs. Shoulders and Mrs. Poindexter, and I have an open-door policy for students. Students, you are the best part of our day, and we encourage you to let us know if you need help. Families, please call or email if you have questions or need to arrange a meeting. We are here to help make sure students are successful and safe.

Welcome back Rockets! Let's make this the most amazing year ever!

# 2023-2024 Bus Numbers & Routes

CCES 1st Round BUS 041 Mandy Hunt

Cherry St., Rochester Ave., Luck St., 2nd St., N. College, Whipporwill Dr. to Hillcrest Dr. to Summit to Harmon Dr. back to U.S. 60. **BUS 2216 Sara Omer** 

CCHS to CCES a.m., CCES to CCHS p.m., U.S. 60 West from Hwy. 1668 to Crittenden Livingston county line (White church 7971 to Ú.S. 60 West), Zion Cemetery, Lewis, Love Cemetery, Irma White Youth Camp, Dry Branch

**BUS 0739 Courtney Pate** Central Office, Mattoon Loop, Nunn Switch Rd., Caney Fork, Blackford (to turnaround) back Blackford to Nunn Switch to Fishtrap back to U.S. 60, J.P. Howerton and West Bellville from stop light to North Yandall

BUS 29 Libbi Robinson 297 from Glendale Church to Ky. 723 S., Ky. 723 to Cecil Croft Rd., Ky. 838 W., Claude Belt, New Union Church, Lewis Croft, Deer

Creek **BUS 2318 Gary Damron** 

Ky. 297, Tolu end of Ky. 723, Tolu end of Ky. 135, Tolu, Irma White Rd., Tom Hill Rd., Dick Jones Rd., Barnett Chapel

**BUS 1514 Stephen Smith** East Bellville (from 5-Star to Marion Feed Mill), Old Shady Grove, Club Dr., Guess Dr., North Clay, Tribune Tower Rd., Wilson Farm Rd., Ky. 132 (Enon Church) Ky. 120.

**BUS 1528 Keith Wilcox** Air Evac (Hospital Annex),

KB Pharmacy, Main Street in town (pick up and drop in front of Frazer Law Office), Terrace Dr., Tower Rd., Sugar Grove Church Rd., Ky. 120-Ky. 139 Shady Grove, Providence Rd.

**BUS 1508 Ricky Winders** South Weldon (including joining streets) Ky. 1668, Ky. 135, OB McDaniel Rd., Donald Winders Rd., Aunt Jane Tabernacle, Willard Easley Rd., Hebron Church Rd., Hwy. 91 (cannot cross bridge or go Freedom Church due to weight re-

Some bus numbers have changed, so make sure to visit the transportation booth at Back to School events.



strictions), AT Crider. CCHS/CCMS 1st Round (Starting at Road) **BUS 1604 Ed LeNeave** 

U.S. 60 city limits to Ky. 1668 (Bright Beginnings, Airport Rd., Gregory Lane), Claylick Rd., Ky. 2132, View Road (Ky. 2132 to U.S. 60) Kirk Bluff, Damron Rd., Eagle Mine, Ky. 855, Frances Rd., Amos Rd.

**BUS 2215 Pam Collins** 

Sulphur Springs Rd., Mexico Rd. (from Marion Rd. to Mexico Baptist Church) Marion Rd., Axel Creek, Caldwell Springs to turnaround, Guess Rd., Paddy's Bluff to turnaround (Gorman Pond Rd.) Brown Mines Rd., Emmaus Rd. BUS 2317 Lisa William-

Chapel Hill (from Par 4 to Crayne) Lloyd Rd., Lilly Dale Rd., Hwy. 641 from Calvary Baptist Church to Caldwell Co. Line, Nipper Rd., Harris Rd. **BUS 1513 Ken Geary** 

365 to Long Branch, Ky. 654 N. to Cotton Patch, Roe Wafford, Mt. Zion Church, Yoder Rd., Valley View, Fords Ferry to Pickering Hill back to Browns School (turnaround at Howerton Rd.) Fords Ferry to Sturgis Rd., Main Street Market Stop (Includes McDonald's, Johnson's Furniture and Subway)

**BUS 33 Emily Guess** Ky. 70 (Mott City to Dycusburg) Ky. 855 (from Ky. 70

to Ky. 902) Ky. 902 from Crittenden Caldwell Line to Dycusburg, Jackson School Rd. to March Oliver Rd., Dycus Rd., Main Lake Rd., Joyce Rd. at Ky. 70 Lafay-

ette Heights at Ky. 70.

**BUS 212 Bryan Qualls** CCES to CCHS a.m., CCHS to CCES p.m., Old Salem Rd., West Bellville to North Weldon (streets along North Weldon including Creek St.) turnaround at Starling (Pick up for Williams Park as Pigeon Dr.)

**BUS 21 Bryce Winders** Ky. 641 from Industrial Dr. to Mott City Rd. to Railroad Ave., AH Clements to Dove Ln., Campbell Ln., Weldon from Ky. 641 to Belt Ln., Coleman Rd., Chapel Hill (Brookcliff, Arlene and Hickory Hills) to Moore Ave.(Leland Ave.) Watson to Blackburn to U.S. 60 West.

BUS 1520 Amber LeNe-

West Mound Park, Sturgis Rd., U.S. 60 East to Railey Rd., Long Branch, Old Morganfield Rd. (at U.S. 60 East and Old Morganfield

BUS 24 Keely Hall

Blackburn Church (Just A Mere at intersection) Copperas Springs, Ky. 506, Pleasant Hill (from Ky. 506 to Floyd Turley Rd.) Lone Star Rd. to Baker Lane, Piney Fork, Ky. 1077 to Harvest House Church, East Depot (from Kevil to Ky. 506) East Depot, S. Walker, Main Street from Napa to Industrial Dr.











Pictured with Mark Williams (center) are members of his land sales team.

## Williams' Whitetail group No. 3 in nation, No. 1 in KY

Mark Williams of Marion and the Whitetail Properties team have been recognized by Whitetail Properties, LLC as the top agency in Kentucky and the No. 3 agency in the United

There are 365 Whitetail agencies across the country.

Williams and co-owner Justin Mason operate in western Kentucky and southern Illinois where the team sold \$111 million in real estate during 2022 and collected more than \$1.4 million in gross commissions.

Williams has been the top agent in Kentucky for Whitetail Properties for the past seven years. He joined the company in 2008.

Headquartered in Pittsfield, Ill, Whitetail Properties has land experts in 26 states and touts itself as being a real estate company created for the sole purpose of bringing together buyers and sellers of hunting, ranch and farmland.

Also included on the local Whitetail Properties team are Brittany Guess Thompson, Leiza Williams, Matt Young, Dusty Clark, Tyler Hafford, Chad Wilkinson, Austin Lamb, Hunter Boone, Michael Ogletree and Elizabeth Mason.

## **Livingston road closure**

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has begun an extended closure of KY 866 (Paradise Road) in Livingston County. Work began on Monday and will last about three weeks.

The road will be closed at mile point 4.8 to allow crews to rehabilitate a bridge over a tributary to Hazel Creek. This closure is between Sugar Creek Road and Tucker Temple Road. The target completion date is Aug. 28.

# **Boyd Bates grand marshal** of Fredonia's parade

Longtime Fredonian and Crittenden County **Deputy Boyd Bates** has been chosen to serve as grand marshal of the Fredonia Valley Parade. Educated at



**Boyd Bates** 

ated from Caldwell County High School before enlisting in the Army National Guard, where he served four years active duty and had a 23-year career. He served deployments for Operation

Enduring Freedom in 2003 and Iragi Freedom in 2005, where he earned at Purple Heart.

Bates was also an ironworker before becoming a law enforcement officer. He joined the sheriff's department in Crittenden County earlier this year and has served as a Cadiz and Providence patrolman, deputy in Caldwell County and for a time served as sheriff in Caldwell County. He has also provided countless volunteer hours to the Fredonia community.

The parade will be held along Cassidy Avenue in Fredonia starting at 6 p.m., on Friday. Lineup begins at 5:15.

Fredonia Festival will be held Saturday at Buddy Rogers ballpark complete with family fun, food and vendors.

## Library hosting healthy living event, Trivia Night

Crittenden County Public Library will host a Health and Wellness Fair on Saturady, Aug. 26. The event will be from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m.

Friends of the Library is helping organize the event. Volunteers are needed to help promote healthy living and to discuss ways to stay well during 2023-2024. For more information, stop by or call the library at 270-965-3354. Groups may reserve

Also, the library is planning to host its annual Trivia Night with a Back-to-School theme. It will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 18. RSVP by stopping by or calling the library.

## Hit-and-run suspect has loose Marion ties

Details have emerged about a fatal hit-and-run case in Calvert City, and there appears to be at least some loose Marion ties to a suspect.

Calvert City Police arrested Raymond Jarvis, 45, on Thursday, Aug. 3 after he was questioned at the police department. Investigators believe Jarvis had recently moved to Calvert City, having been residing in Marshall County for only a few weeks prior to when the incident occurred at about dawn on the morning of

Jarvis was jailed in Marshall County on a \$25,000 bond, facing a Class D felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident and failure to render aid with death or serious injury possible. He is scheduled to appear for arraignment in Marshall County District Court on Wednesday, Aug. 16.

Eighteen-year-old Mercedeys Culligan of Calvert City, who was walking to work for her job at Dairy Queen, was allegedly struck by a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer driven by larvis. The teen died at the scene. according to the police report.

Calvert City Police Chief Mike Can-



non said the investigation is ongoing and authorities are still wanting to speak to a presently unidentified driver of a gray or silver late model four-door pickup truck that was also operating in the area about the time of the crash. As an identifying feature, the truck has lights on its door mirrors. Anyone with information should call 270-395-4545.

According to police reports, surveillance video from the area and a witness driving near the scene provided information that assisted authorities in identifying Jarvis as a suspect. His vehicle was located two days following the crash at a manufacturing facility in Princeton where the suspect was working. The police report said trace evidence was found on the undercarriage of the vehicle consistent with evidence at the scene, including hair.

Police documents indicate that a witness reported seeing a vehicle strike something on Oak Park Boulevard about the time Culligan is believed to have been hit. The witness, it appears, didn't report anything to authorities at the time because the witness believed that the vehicle had hit a bag of garbage in the roadway.

Jarvis told investigators that he remembered running over a "figure that he claimed to be an animal," the citation says.

A records search indicates that Jarvis has had multiple traffic citations over the past 25 years, mostly minor infractions for speeding and seat belt violations. He was in 2001 cited for reckless driving in Hopkins

Law enforcement in Marion and Crittenden County say they are unfamiliar with Jarvis. His only run-in with the law in Marion was in 2016 when he was cited after a traffic stop for failure to wear a seat belt. On the traffic citation from that incident, Jarvis listed South Carrollton, Ky., as his address. He is a native of Dawson Springs and is believed to have been living with a girlfriend in Marion up until a few weeks ago.

Jarvis's Marion address listed on the pending felony citation points to a Marion rental home currently without city utilities and likely unoccu-

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# THROW THURSDAY

**OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879** 

# **50 YEARS AGO**

## **August 4, 1973**

- The first ever Crittenden County Fair was a huge success. So much that the fair board voted that planning for the following year would begin promptly. The county fair consisted of beauty pageants with 25 competitors. Marilyn Penn was crowned Miss Crittenden County Fair. Tractor pulls were also a crowd favorite. Nearly every seat at the Riding Club stands were filled Bruce Guess won the 12,000 pound and up class. Margaret June Johnson won a chainsaw awarded by Randell's Marathon of Marion. Also offered at the fair were carnival rides for kids, as well as a gospel concert featuring the Christian Cousins. Members of Breckinridge Job Corps assisted each evening parking cars.
- Three Crittenden County natives returned home after spending the week at Camp Currie on Kentucky Lake. Campers spent the week swimming, boating, fishing and also received instruction in boating safety, conservation and gun safety. Participants included Lu Ann May, Becky Johnson, and Karen Morrill. Becky Wheeler and Clark Wheeler of Marion served as counselors.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court discussed an ordinance that would regulate mass meetings of more than 2,000 persons who gathered for a period of time greater than six hours in the county. Those planning to conduct a mass meeting on private property without permanent seats would have to apply to the fiscal court 15 days in advance of the event to obtain a license. The court would then grant or withhold the license on the basis of whether those planning the event met requirements set forth in the ordinance.

## 25 YEARS AGO6

## **August 6, 1998**

- Three Crittenden County youths competed in the National High School Rodeo Finals in Gillette, Wyo. Michele Stone, David Maddux and Libby Maddux competed in various events in the national finals which included about 1,500 competitors from across the United States. Stone was a four-time state champion, and tied for sixth place in the rookie of the year race, third in the girls all around and 11th in pole bending. David Maddux competed in steer wrestling and was the Kentucky High School Rodeo Association's Rookie of the Year. Libby Maddux competed for the second straight year in breakaway roping, barrel racing and pole bending. She placed 45th out of 160 in cowgirl breakaway.
- Joe Bennett of Marion tried to wrestle a lamb into submission before the 4-H/FFA Sheep Show at the Crittenden County

Lions Club Fair. However, the lamb appeared to have won the battle.

- Crittenden County interim sheriff Darron Holliman took the official oath of office when sworn in to replace Floyd Andrews. Administrating the oath was Crittenden County Clerk Danny Byford.
- The Emmanuel Baptist Church youth group entered a car in the annual demolition derby at the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair. The car was donated by Shawn Stinnett and about 10 members of the Challengers youth group spent three weeks working on their car. Stinnett and Tony Tabor assisted them with the work. They enjoyed having the chance to break the glass out of the windows and take the car apart to prepare it for the derby. Greg Belt and Jon McMackin were drivers for the competition. Belt drove in the first round wearing a rocket football uniform and helmet. McMackin took control of the wheel later in the derby. The youth wanted to show how their faith played a role in their non-traditional church project.

## **10 YEARS AGO**

## **August 8, 2013**

- More than 120 exhibits for 4-H were displayed at the county fair, 58 of them were sent to the state fair. There were also 44 entries for the youth poultry and rabbit show and the youth pet show had 42 entries and 15 participants. County Fair Sweepstakes award winners were Maggie Collins, Mauri Collins, Abbigayle Haire, Maegan Potter, Matt Papinaueu and Jessi Brewer.
- Davana Head was crowned Miss Crittenden County as part of the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair. The fair also included two new events: four-wheeler dirt drags and dirt drags. Organizers said both events were popular and that they would like to see the events return next year.
- The Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center hosted a Princess Tea organized by the church's Relay For Life Team. Forty princesses attended the event, along with their mothers and grandmothers. Participants wore their best princess attire and learned how to act like a princess. Several Disney princesses were at the event for the girls to meet. In addition, to having their hair and nails done, they took pictures with the princesses, made a craft and were served tea and snacks.
- Shelby and Pate Robinson, Hunter Duncan and Matt Papineau all showed their animals at the Crittenden County Fair, and learned the necessary skills they needed to be successful in the future.

Read Brenda Underdown's Forgotten Passages column at The Press Online between newspaper issues.

# School board will weigh tax options at Tuesday meeting

STAFF REPORT

An unsual amount of new homestead exemp-Crittenden tions on County property tax rolls will affect revenue of local taxing districts, including Crittenden County School District.

The board of education met in a working session Tuesday and discussed how the smaller tax base could cut its local revenue.

An awareness project by the Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator led to an anomalous spike in homestead exemption for senior citizens. The review and this year's state increase in the homestead exemption led to about \$8.8 million coming off of the local tax base.

At the school district's current tax rate, Crittenden County's school tax revenue would be reduced by \$4,000 comparied to last year, according to calculation discussed by the board of education this week.

The school board plans to further discuss its tax rate options at next week's regular school meeting. meeting will held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 15.

For the past four years the school district has

kept the tax rate the

same or taken the compensating rate. school tax rate per \$100 assessed value for 2022 was 49.0 cents. Over the past 18 years, the school rate has ranged between 40.2 and 49 cents per \$100 assessed value.

The largest increase in tax rates was made in 2018, when the district increased taxes 4 percent. That is the largest rate allowable without possibility of a voter re-

Exonerations, counts and a non-typical spike in homestead exemptions are wiping out about \$15 million in real estate growth over the past year, according to calculations provided by the state's local government finance officer.

Last month, county government proposed its 2023 rate slightly higher than last year by taking the compensating rate. The compsenating rate means the taxing district will collect about the same revenue as it did the previous year. The county rate is proposed to go up to 11.8 from 11.6.

Real estate in the county subject to taxation in 2023 is \$395.5 million, up slightly from \$389.2 million last year.

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# Old time fishermen compete for the largest catch

ry shares with us some old fashion fun that took place about 1865 in Crittenden County. The story was written in 1905, by Rev. J. W. Bigham, one of the fishermen. He must have been remembering the good old days, as it so often happens as we get older. His story also gives us a glimpse into the past on how Crooked Creek looked in the early days of our county. Rev. Bigham certainly had a way with words.

From the files of The Crittenden Press, July 27,

#### An Old Time Fisherman

In the good old days when Marion was an unpretentious village with

her thrifty and contented people happily oblivious of many modern ideas and later appliances that now seem indispensable, the troupe of itinerant minstrels and the festive one house afforded shows the only diversion beyond the amateur attempt of home talent, while the rod and gun engaged the leisure time occasionally of those who were sports inclined, and

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County Historian

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while no organized club existed to provide the elaborate and expensive equipment deemed necessary these later years by our gentlemen of means and leisure.

Yet whenever a man felt the notions of desire wakened by the balmy breath of spring and that strange yet irresistible longing for the solitude of the quiet woods and hunger for the sight and sound of murmuring waters, he usually found among the village gentry a number of congenial and responsive souls.

Sink Hodge, the lawyer and long time master commissioner, a born sportsman, could always be relied on to go whenever the exacting demands of official duties did not interfere.

Tom Nunn, then a youthful student of the law, with dreams perhaps of future laurels and services provided, but whose youthful tastes bent to fellowships and the witchery of innocent vacations.

Dudley Wallingford, whose diligent hand fashioned upon the musical anvil of the village smithy the implement of husbandry destined to build a better civilization, was

#### Community **Events & News**

■ The VFW in Marion will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 10 at 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.

■ The annual meeting of the Hurricane Camp Board will be held at 6 p.m., Aug. 10 in the dining hall on the Hurricane Camp grounds.

■ Piney Creek Cemetery will

have a special called meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 19 at the cemetery.

sometimes induced to seek the restful shade of Crooked Creek where with rod and line the finny beauties vielded to the seductive cast of his tempting bait.

The writer, too, with mind and heart set on the mastery of Blackstone, and Chitty and Greenleaf and other masters of the law, amid the monotony of rusty books was ever ready for something new, some opportunity amid the free and genial fellowships of friends and the inspiring environments of nature, would forget the burdens of dull care in the delightful atmosphere of genial companionship.

The leaves in springtime had clothed the woods in the gauzy drapery of green, while the

snowy blossoms on the dogwoods gave assurance to the angler that fish are biting.

The quartet named above arranged for a day's fishing down Crooked on Creek. We were to begin down by Miss Caroline Hughes' and thence up the creek to Billy Crows. In those days, before the farm-

ing lands were denuded of their timber, and the wooded hills had not known the ravages since wrought by the relentless railroad greed for crossties, the streams had not filled up from the fields and lands washed by floods, long pools of deep blue water gave the speckled beauties an ideal home, with shoals of rocks for spawning ground, and to cast a hook in these deep and quiet waters was sure to bring the hungry game to whiz the time among the mossy rocks; no modern reel or lifeless fly was known or used, but good old angle worms and lively roaches, caught with fly hook for bait, the rod and line were of rustic and simple structure, and to fill your string with goggle eyes, black perch and trout was

glory enough for one day's

sport. (The bridge on Turkey Knob Road was once known as the Carolyn Hughes bridge)

The successful fishermen were entitled to the successful catch and the unsuccessful competitors were dependent upon the generosity of the victors for a fry at the end of the day.

It was so arranged among us on the day referred to, Sink Hodge and the writer were to compete with Tom Nunn and Dudley Wallingford. We did not fear the skill of Tom Nunn, for he had not achieved distinction as an angler, but Dudley was known to be lucky, but the well-established reputation of Sink Hodge for skill and success as a fisherman promised to compensate for any knowledge or skill on the part of the writer.

The day was an ideal one and once we arrived upon the stream, our horses tethered where safety and shade would relieve us of all anxiety for them, we adjusted our tackle, bait and everything for the work and our party was soon lost in the solitude of the woods, the song of birds and squirrels alone broke the stillness.

The fish were awake and at the cast made the widening waves spread brightly away, the dainty cork soon disappeared, and the heartbeat was quickened as the shining beauty came to the sunlight, soon to be added to the increas-

ing number on our string. How swift was the passing of those sunny hours, what joy in brightening prospect of certain victory, we worked each tempting pool, the foamy drift piles along the street yielded many a trophy to our cruel hooks, the shadow at length grew long, and weary with sport and buoyant with hope and expectancy, we heard with joy the signal, "whoopee" to meet.

Soon our strings, side by side on the green, fresh grass, disclosed the startling truth that Tom and Dudley had beaten us, although it was not absolutely certain, for lack of means to weigh the fish.

Sink and I had a good catch of sun perch and many 'cat,' but they were

small; while Tom and Dudley had not the number that adorned our string, yet they had a number larger than ours, and one trout whose proportion eclipsed any thing we had. We did not yield our claim, however, agreeing that the contest should be finally determined by weighing the fish upon arriving at

In pleasantry and reminiscences of the day and former achievements the distance home was soon covered; the moon full and fair flooded the world with light as we rode homeward, soon the village nestling among the trees under the shadow of the hill appeared, naturally my partner and I were filled with forebodings of disaster to our records for skill and the loss of our catch.

"On that I had a few buckshot," said I, how easy it would be to avoid all possibility of disaster for us in the final determination of this contest. Reigning his horse up, Sink said, "All right, I have part of a sack of buckshot here in my saddlebags, I had last winter, when deer hunting down on Hurricane." We immediately dismounted and in the moonlight one by one we filled those little catfish with shot, while Dudley and Tom rode on in front, oblivious of the trick we were playing on

Having completed our "job" we were soon in our saddles, and in company with our competitors, insisting that our victory would be manifest upon weighing the fish. We were soon at the hotel, where

Bill Fowler, the dispenser of liquid refreshments usually awaited the thirsty and belated. The fish were soon on the scales, when to our entire satisfaction and the surprise and dismay of Tom and Dudley, our string weight heaviest by two ounces. Oh, the joy we felt! Heightened by the knowledge of our trick, which we intended, of course, to disclose at some favorable time in the future.

defeated Our friends generously surrendered their fish, and as an additional penalty for their want of skill they provided for us the solace the Kentuckian in the "mint and things" usual on such occasions.

While reflecting upon the uncertainty of earthly prospects and with that inquisitiveness characteristic of Tom Nunn then, and now the distinguished Justice of the highest court in Kentucky, whereby the intricate and vexed ques-

tions of law are simplified and settled, Tom took hold of the tail of one of our little "cats" remarking as he held it up, "These fish don't look as if they were the heaviest," when low, a tell-tale buckshot rolled out upon the counter, then another and another as Tom shook that little catfish. Of course our game was lost, and compelled to restore our ill-gotten gains, together with our boasted catch, we gladly paid the penalty due our failure in a number of those potations, then popular with all Kentuckians.

Fishing from our local creeks, some fun from long long ago.

(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.



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Bid documents will be on file at the following locations:

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court, 107 South Main, Suite 208, Marion,
- Ronald Johnson & Associates, P.S.C., 24 W. Center St., Madisonville, KY 42431.

They may also be viewed online at the following:

- Builders Exchange of Kentucky at: www.bxkentucky.com
- Lynn Imaging at: www.lynnimaging.com

Bids will be due by August 21, 2023, by 1:00 p.m. CDT, at the Crittenden County Courthouse located at 107 South Main St., Suite 208, Marion, KY 42064, and will be opened and read aloud on this date at 2:00 p.m. in the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Dr., Marion KY. Proposals must be accompanied by a five percent (5%) Bid Bond. No bidder may withdraw a bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of bids. The successful bidder will be required to furnish the Owner with a 100% performance and material payment

Preparation of Bid

Each bid must be submitted on the prescribed form and accompanied by Certification of Bidder Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity, Form 950.1; Certification of Bidder (Contractor) Concerning Labor Standards and Prevailing Wage Requirements, Form 1421; Certification of Bidder Regarding Section 3 and Segregated Facilities; and Contractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibilities. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, in both words and figures, and the foregoing Certifications must be fully completed and executed when submitted.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder, address, and the Bid Package Number for which the bid is submitted. Only the original Form of Proposal is required, no additional copies are required.

If a bidder wishes to mail a bid, it should be mailed to the Crittenden County Courthouse located at 107 South Main, Suite 208, Marion, KY 42064. If the bid is mailed, it must be received prior to the bid time and date noted. Facsimile bids will NOT be allowed. Bids received after the deadline will not be opened. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified.

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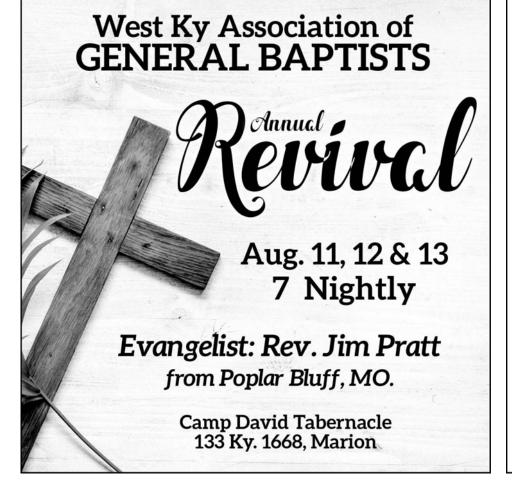
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Posted Friday, August 4, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

The City of Marion has a full-time opening for the position of E911 Coordinator. Minimum qualifications include: High School Degree or Equivalent, a valid driver's license, a Certified Dispatcher through the Department of Criminal Justice Telecommunications (DOC-JT) Academy, and have at least three years of work experience as an E911 Telecommunicator.

Duties include: Supervising the activities and personnel in the MCC-911 Center; assigning new addresses in cooperation with the MCC-911 Board and entering those into the 911 System: developing work schedules and training schedules for dispatchers; and performing the work of a dispatcher as needed. The E911 Coordinator will be responsible for maintaining inventory of office supplies, equipment, and other operational necessities while making purchase requests for replacements or repairs as deemed necessary, will assist in the establishment of an annual budget in cooperation with the MCC-911 Board, attend MCC-911 Board meetings as requested, and coordinate budget amendments or transfers as necessary with the City and County Treasurers. 911 Coordinator duties are performed in accordance with the State Statues, City Ordinances and departmental policy

and procedures. A full job description is available from the City Administrator by request. E911 Coordinator will work under the general direction of the MCC-911 Board. Starting pay for this position is commensurate with experience. Regular work hours will be determined at a later date. Existing employees who wish to be considered for this position should write a brief letter to the MCC-911 Board expressing that wish to be considered. You may add comments about your particular experiences and/ or abilities that would distinguish you for this position, although everyone who applies will be interviewed. Deadline for submitting applications and letters to the MCC-911 Board is 4 p.m.,

Friday, August 18th, 2023.

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Pennyrile Health Department is accepting applications for a part time Janitor for Livingston County on a contract Salary: \$75 per cleaning (1 time per week after operational hours). Applications are available at https://pennyrilehealth. org or Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg County Health Depts.

General Duties include the performance of janitorial duties, involving general cleaning and sanitizing the health department building and the grounds. Work may involve a variety of physical demands. \*\*A completed application must be postmarked by Wednesday, August 16th to: HR Manager, Pennyrile District Health Department, PO Box 770, Eddyville, KY 42038.

Please note that a resume will not substitute for a completed application. Qualified applicants/employees are subject to a pre-screening, selection for interview, and/ or demonstration of skills testing. Pre/post-employment may be contingent upon a successful drug screening test and background check. Equal Opportunity Employer. Pennyrile District Health Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer (2t-32-c)

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## **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

The City of Marion will retain a qualified engineering firm to provide planning, design, and construction and inspection services for the Marion Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and Water Line Replacements Project which will include, but not limited to, water treatment plant rehabilitation and replacing 2 inch and 6 inch waterlines within the city. Sources of grants/loans may include, but are not limited to USDA-RD, CDBG, Clean Water Drinking Fund, and local funds. The City will accept Statements of Qualifications from engineering firms interested in working on this project until 4 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2023.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated and ranked on the basis of the following considerations:

- Overall qualifications of the firm.
- Experience on similar projects.
- Experience and availability of qualified personnel.
- Experience working successfully with state/federal funding programs.
- Ability to prepare accurate construction estimates. A list of references that may be contacted concerning previous

performance on similar projects. Statement of Qualifications must be submitted to:

> Mayor D'Anna Browning City of Marion 217 S. Main St. Marion, Kentucky 42064

The City reserves the right to reject any and all submittals. Any question should be addressed to Pennyrile Area Development District – Kyle Cunningham (270) 886 -9484

This solicitation for Statements of Qualifications is being conducted to fulfill state/federal funding agency procurement requirements, including RUS Instruction 1780.39. Attention of respondents to this RFQ is called to the following requirements: 1) Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968; 2) Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; 3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 4) Executive Order 11246; 5) Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities. All of these may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation. The City of Marion is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms.

Mayor D'Anna Browning City of Marion

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timber diversity. LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 189.63 ACRES - \$501,265 - All timber hunting tract. This property is a timbered ridge top with food

plots and a natural saddle. **LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 427 ACRES - \$918,237 -** Timbered ridge top hunting tract! This tract has the ideal blend of habitat types for mature whitetails and wild turkeys.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 201.98 ACRES - REDUCED! \$759,000 - This property has a diverse blend of habitat types and topography with a home, outbuildings and a proven history of big bucks. The home has 2,025 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

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#### LOCAL SPORTS

# Upcoming events THURSDAY

Soccer at Union County
MS football hosts N.Marshall, scrimmage
MS softball at Webster County
Golf at Dawson Springs

FRIDAY

Football at Madisonville, scrimmage **SATURDAY** 

Soccer hosts Apollo

MONDAY

Volleyball at Heritage Christian Soccer hosts Hopkins Central MS softball at Lyon County

Golf at Union County
TUESDAY

Volleyball at Christian County Soccer at University Heights

#### FALL SPORTS

## Soccer opens with win

Crittenden County opened its soccer season with an 11-1 blowout at home against McLean County. Lizzie Campbell scored five times for the Lady Rockets and Ella Geary pushed in three. Also scoring for CCHS were Kylie Bloodworth, Joslyn Silcox and Karsyn Potter. Bloodworth had three assists and Bailey Williams two. Others with assists were Campbell, Koltar Green, Kiersten Smith and Brynn Porter. Keeper Hannah Long had one save. The Lady Rockets will be on the road for their next match on Thursday at Union County.

#### Foster medalist in match

The Rocket golf team beat Webster County in a match Tuesday at The Heritage in Marion, besting the Trojans 161-177 in nine holes. Jeremiah Foster led Crittenden County with a 35 and the senior was medalist. Turner Sharp scored and Grayson Davidson each scored 41, Avery Belt shot 44 and Jaxon Hatfield 49 for CCHS.

## GOLF

## **Upcoming events**

•Saturday's Putt for Pups 4-Person Scramble at The Heritage Golf Course has been canceled.

•Saturday, Aug. 19 1-Person Scramble at The Heritage Golf Course.

•Saturday, Sept. 30 4-Person Scramble to benefit Crittenden County High School baseball team will be held at Deer Lakes Golf Course. Register at the pro shop or call 270-704-3034.

## OUTDOORS

## **Hunting Seasons**

Here are some of the most common hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up:

season or coming up: Bullfrog May 19 - Oct 31 Squirrel Aug 19 - Nov 10 Dove Sept 1 - Oct 26 Canada goose Sept 1-15 Deer archery Sept 2 - Jan 15 Sept 2 - Jan 15 Turkey archery Wood duck Sept 16-20 Deer crossbow Sept 16 - Jan 15 Sept 16-24 Teal Racoon hunting Oct 1 - Feb 29 Turkey crossbow Oct 1-22 Deer muzzleloader Oct 21-22 Deer youth hunt Oct 14-15 Turkey shotgun Oct 28 - Nov 3 Turkey crossbow Nov 11 - Dec 31 Deer rifle season Nov 11-26 Squirrel Nov 13 - Feb 29 Quail Nov 13 - Feb 29 Rabbit Nov 13 - Feb 10 Nov 13 - Feb 29 Racoon trapping Gray or red fox Nov 13 - Feb 29 Nov 13 - Feb 29 Beaver Nov 18 - Feb 29 Bobcat Nov 23 - Dec 3 Dove Nov 23 - Feb 15 Canada goose Turkey shotgun Dec 2-8 Deer late muzzleloader Dec 9-17 Dec 23 - Jan 14 Dove Deer free youth hunt Dec 30-31 Coyote Year Round

Year Round

See more dates at fw.ky.gov

Ground hog



Crittenden County High School's golf teams is already in full swing for its fall season. Pictured are the 2023 Rocket and Lady Rockets (from left) coach Vicki Hatfield, Georgia Holeman, assistant coach Shawn Holeman, Grayson Davidson, Jeremiah Foster, Jaxon Hatfield, Avery Belt, Turner Sharp, Cash Singleton, Levi Quertermous and Luke Durham. Not pictured are Abby Korzenborn, Mitchell Brown and Bentley Rushing.

## **Crittenden County High School Golf Schedule**

Aug. 10 at Dawson Springs

Aug. 14 at Union County

Aug. 17 Livingston, CFA at Deer Lakes Aug. 19 All A Classic at Pennyrile St. Park

Aug. 22 Dawson at Deer Lakes

Aug. 24 Hardin County at Heritage Aug. 24 Girls at Webster County

Aug. 28 Lyon County at Deer Lakes

Aug. 31 Union County at Deer Lakes

Sept. 7 at Providence vs Webster, McLean

Sept. 9 All A State Tournament

Sept. 12 at Lyon County

Sept. 14 Girls host Webster Deer Lakes

Sept. 25 Girls Region 1 at Drake Creek

Sept. 26 Boys Region 1 at Paxton Park

# Senior-laden golfers poised for 'A' repeat

STAFF REPORT

Rocket golf coach Vicki Hatfield believes her experienced boys' team has what it takes to repeat as All A First Region champion.

Led by senior Jeremiah Foster, the Rocket boys are working to defend their title which likely will be most highly contested by University Heights Academy, which also fields a strong team this fall.

Other seniors on the

Crittenden County High School roster are Avery Belt, Turner Sharp and Jaxon Hatfield. Also, Grayson Davidson plays with more maturity than a sophomore, the coach said, and has been on the team for several years.

Hatfield says her team has been working hard this summer and praises each individual's work ethic

"They're all coachable and motivated and want to

go back to state, so I'm really proud of them," Hatfield said.

Foster averages 38 in 9-hole matches and Belt 40 to lead the Rockets.

There are two girls on the team this year – Georgia Holeman and Abby Korzenborn. The girls will compete in a couple of matches against other schools this fall.

The team will play home matches at Marion and Salem this season.

# Golf Roster ROCKETS

Jeremiah Foster Senior Avery Belt Senior **Turner Sharp** Senior Jaxon Hatfield Senior Grayson Davidson Soph Georgia Holeman Soph Fresh Cash Singleton Levi Quertermous Fresh Abby Korezenborn 8th Mitchell Brown 8th Luke Durham 8th Bentley Rushing 8th

Coaching Staff: Head Coach Vicki Hatfield. Assistant coaches: Shawn Holeman, Aaron Brown.

# MARION BAPTIST CHURCH Junior Golf Champions







Marion Baptist Church hosted a multi-week Junior Golf Series at The Heritage Golf Course in Marion. Here are winners from the series-ending tournament.

Division Winners Middle School Pictured at far left, 9 holes played 1st Place - Mitchell Brown 2nd Place - Levi Quertermous

Division Winners 1-2 Grade Pictured above left, 4 holes played 1st Place - Knox McDonald 2nd Place - Maddie Weatherspoon 3rd Place - London Newcom

Division Winners 3-5 Grade
Pictured below left, 6 holes played
1st Place - Cutler Hunt
2nd Place - Bryce Dayberry
3rd Place - Bentley Rushing

# Rockets get best of Marshall in football scrimmage

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County began its pre-season scrimmage schedule on the road Friday against Marshall County. Led by senior quarterback

Micah Newcom, the Rockets prevailed 34-14 in the varsity portion of the scrimmage.

Newcom was sharp and the offense was in rhythm most

of the way. Running back Tyler Belt opened the game with a 60-yard touchdown run on the first series. Tyree McLean and Caden Howard were among those who scored on passing plays. Quinn Summers was impressive in a backup role at QB.

Defensively, the Rockets

improved as the game pro-

gressed. Coach Gaige Courtney said he wasn't surprised
that the offense appeared a
bit ahead of the defense at
this point in preseason, primarily because so many offensive players are returning
and Newcom has great command of the playbook.

"The main takeaway for us

was that we're out of shape,"

Courtney said.

There were a handful of injuries, but nothing appears to be too concerning other than a possible concession for Trey Scott.

CCHS will play its final preseason warmup on Thursday starting at 6 p.m., at Madisonville.



Winning the National League championship for the second straight year at the Jake Hodge Foundation Tournament were the Wiffle Ball Wonders of Marion. The foundation's annual event raised more than \$58,000 during the three-day event in Princeton. Winning the American League championship was Your Sports Edge. Proceeds from the event go toward college scholarships for graduates from Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon, Livingston and Trigg counties. Pictured is the Wiffle Ball Wonders team along with the Hodge family and Ken and Katie Parker, who host the event at their Wiffle Ball Complex. The foundation has raised more than \$300,000 since 2013.

**Sweepstakes** 

**Winners** 

Phillip Barnes

Dally Millikan

Ellie Binkley

Marlee Sosh

**Emarie Cox** 

Kailyn Stokes

Emme Lynch

Paige Tinsley

London McCord

Russell Vince

Aliza Maraman

Caroline Martin

# **CRITTENDEN COUNTY FAIR EXHIBITOR RESULTS**

#### **Horticulture and Plant Science**

Kailyn Stokes, Terrariums, Blue

Russell Vince, Terrariums, Blue, Class Champion

Caroline Martin, Fruits and Veg from Garden, Basket display, Blue, Class Champion, Dpt. Champion

#### **Horticulture & Plant Science**

Caroline Martin, Tomato (5 per plate) must be ripe, cherry type, Blue Phillip Barnes, Tomato (5 per plate) must be ripe, cherry type, Blue, Class Champion

Aliza Maraman, Tomato (5 per plate) Beef Steak, Blue, Class Champion

Aliza Maraman, Peppers Hot, Bell or Sweet (5 per plate), Blue, Class Champion Aliza Maraman, Peppers Sweet (5 per plate), Blue, Class Champion Caroline Martin, Peppers Sweet (5 per plate), Blue

Aliza Maraman, Cucumbers, slicing (5 per plate), Blue, Class Champion

Aliza Maraman, Squash, summer (3 per plate), Blue

Caroline Martin, Horticulture and Plant Science - Squash, summer (3 per plate), Blue, Class Champion Phillip Barnes, Horticulture and Plant Science - Largest tomato (by weight), Blue, Class Champion

#### Civic Engagement

Gracie Orr, Civic Engagement Project, Blue, Class Champion, Dpt. Class Champion - Civic Engagement

#### **Wood Science**

Russell Vince, Level 1, Made from kit, Blue, Class Champion Kallen Millikan, Level 2, Made from kit, Blue, Class Champion

Caroline Martin, Level 2, Not from kit, Blue, Class Champion, Department Champion - Wood Science Geology

Russell Vince, First Year Geology, Blue, Class Champion,

Lacey Boone, Fourth Year Geology, Blue, Class Champion, Department Champion - Geology

#### **Foods**

London McCord, Three Cheese Muffins, Blue, Class Champion Aliza Maraman, Three Rolled Biscuits, Blue Haley Moore, Three Rolled Biscuits, Blue, Class Champion

Emme Lynch, Three Rolled Biscuits, Blue Kailyn Stokes, Three Brownies, Blue

Ellie Binkley, Three Brownies, Blue, Class Champion

London McCord, Three Snickerdoodle Cookies, Blue, Class Champion Ellie Binkley, Three Soft Pretzels, Blue, Class Champion

London McCord, 3 Pieces Classic Chocolate Fudge, Blue, Class Champion, Department

Champion Foods

#### **Home Environment**

Emme Lynch, Color Collage, Blue Ellie Binkley, Color Collage, Blue, Class Champion

Phillip Barnes, Transparent finish applied to small wood project, Blue, Class Champion

Ellie Binkley, Simple Cloth item for home, Blue Katrina Scott, Simple Cloth item for home, Blue Emarie Cox, Simple Cloth item for home, Blue Dally Millkan, Simple Cloth item for home, Blue

Sadie Young, Simple Cloth item for home, Blue, Class Champion

Emme Lynch, Wastebasket, Blue

London McCord, Wastebasket, Blue, Class Champion Sadie Young, Bulletin Board, Blue, Class Champion Kailyn Stokes, Decorative item for the home, Blue Marlee Sosh, Decorative item for the home, Blue Caroline Martin, Decorative item for the home, Blue Haley Moore, Decorative item for the home, Blue

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London McCord, Decorative item for the home, Blue, Class Champion, Dpt. Champion - Home Env.

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Paige Tinsley, Simple wood item refinished, Blue, Class Champion Kailyn Stokes, Invitation and thank you letter/note, Blue, Class Champion

Paige Tinsley, Accessory for the home, Blue, Class Champion London McCord, Individual place (table) setting, Blue, Class Champion

Paige Tinsley, Old or discarded item, Blue, Class Champion

Marlee Sosh, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue Caroline Martin, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue London McCord, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue Emarie Cox, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue Miles Yates, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue Phillip Barnes, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue Emrys Martin, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue Dally Millkan, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue Sadie Young, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue, Class Champion Kallen Millikan, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue Lathan Lynch, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue Aliza Maraman, Accessory for the home, made w/members oringinal or adapted design, Blue

## **Communication and Leadership Project**

Kailyn Stokes, Senior Division Resume, Blue, Class Champion, Dpt. Champion - Communication

and Leadership

Emme Lynch, Senior Division Resume, Blue

Marlee Sosh, Junior Clover Photograph, Blue, Class Champion

Ellie Binkley, Junior Clover Photograph, Blue Katrina Scott, Junior Upcycling Project, Blue, Class Champion

London McCord, Jr. 4H Cake decorating, Blue, Class Champion

London McCord, Jr. General Cake Decorating, Blue, Class Champion, Department Cham-

London McCord, Jr. 4-H cupcake decorating, Blue, Class Champion London McCord, Jr. General cupcake decorating, Blue, Class Champion

Arts

Phillip Barnes, Jr. Acrylic, Blue

Brinley Tramble, Jr. Acrylic, Blue, Class Champion, Department Champion - Arts Kailyn Stokes, Sr. Acrylic, Blue, Class Champion

Caroline Martin, Jr. Water Color, Blue London McCord, Jr. Water Color, Blue

Dally Millkan, Jr. Water Color, Blue Ashlynn Ramey, Jr. Water Color, Blue Katrina Scott, Jr. Water Color, Blue

Abigail Ramey, Sr. Watercolor, Blue, Class Champion Marlee Sosh, Jr. Abstract, Blue

Caroline Martin, Jr. Abstract, Blue Ellie Binkley, Jr. Abstract, Blue London McCord. Jr. Abstract. Blue. Class Champion

Emarie Cox, Jr. Abstract, Blue

Phillip Barnes, Jr. Abstract, Blue Russell Vince, Jr. Abstract, Blue Kailyn Stokes, Sr. Abstract, Blue, Class Champion

Brinley Tramble, Jr. Self Portrait, Blue, Class Champion Emme Lynch, Sr. Self Portrait, Blue, Class Champion

Ellie Binkley, Jr. Oil Pastel, Blue

Emarie Cox, Jr. Oil Pastel, Blue, Class Champion Phillip Barnes, Jr. Oil Pastel, Blue

Alexa ramey, Jr. Oil Pastel, Blue

Emme Lynch, Sr. Oil Pastel, Blue Macie Conger, Sr. Oil Pastel, Blue, Class Champion

Aliza Maraman, Jr. Contour/Pencil Drawing, Blue Ellie Binkley, Jr. Contour/Pencil Drawing, Blue London McCord, Jr. Contour/Pencil Drawing, Blue Miles Yates, Jr. Contour/Pencil Drawing, Blue Russell Vince, Jr. Contour/Pencil Drawing, Blue, Class Champion Emme Lynch, Sr. Two point perspective, Blue, Class Champion Caroline Martin, Jr. Circular Drawing, Blue, Class Champion

Paige Tinsley, Jr. Colored Pencil, Blue, Class Champion Emme Lynch, Sr. Colored Pencil, Blue, Class Champion Ellie Binkley, Jr. Pen and Ink, Blue, Class Champion Kailyn Stokes, Sr. Calligraphy, Blue, Class Champion Aliza Maraman, Jr. Batik Fabric, Blue

Ellie Binkley, Jr. Batik Fabric, Blue, Class Champion London McCord, Jr. Batik Fabric, Blue Emarie Cox, Jr. Batik Fabric, Blue Miles Yates, Jr. Batik Fabric, Blue

Marlee Sosh, Jr. Batik Fabric, Blue

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London McCord, Jr. Clay, Blue, Class Champion Miles Yates, Jr. Clay, Blue Phillip Barnes, Jr. Clay, Blue Emme Lynch, Sr. Clay, Blue, Class Champion

Aliza Maraman, Jr. Trends/Mixed Media, Blue London McCord, Jr. Trends/Mixed Media, Blue Miles Yates, Jr. Trends/Mixed Media, Blue, Class Champion Phillip Barnes, Jr. Heritage Arts, Blue, Class Champion Ellie Binkley, Jr. Jewelry, Blue

London McCord, Jr. Jewelry, Blue, Class Champion Brooklyn Lovell, Jr. Jewelry, Blue Zara Story, Jr. Jewelry, Blue

Dally Millkan, Jr. Leather Craft, Blue, Class Champion Kallen Millikan, Jr. Leather Craft, Blue

#### **Photography**

Russell Vince, Native plants, Blue, Class Champion Russell Vince, Insect, Blue, Class Champion Aliza Maraman, Forest, Blue Emme Lynch, Forest, Blue Emarie Cox, Forest, Blue, Class Champion

Aliza Maraman, Water, Blue, Class Champion

Emme Lynch, Water, Blue Paige Tinsley, Water, Blue Emme Lynch, Wildlife, Blue Ellie Binkley, Wildlife, Blue Paige Tinsley, Wildlife, Blue

Russell Vince, Wildlife, Blue, Class Champion Kailyn Stokes, Natural Scenic, Blue

Ellie Binkley, Natural Scenic, Blue, Class Champion Brooklyn Lovell, Natural Scenic, Blue Dally Millkan, Natural Scenic, Blue Paige Tinsley, Natural Scenic, Blue Russell Vince, Natural Scenic, Blue

Adley Sutton, Natural Scenic, Blue Kailyn Stokes, Livestock, Blue

Phillip Barnes, Livestock, Blue, Class Champion, Department Champion - Photography Marlee Sosh, Crops, Blue

Phillip Barnes, Crops, Blue Dally Millkan, Crops, Blue

Russell Vince, Crops, Blue, Class Champion Adley Sutton, Life Cycle, Blue, Class Champion Paige Tinsley, Agriculture Scenic, Blue, Class Champion Kailyn Stokes, Farm Equipment/Implement, Blue Paige Tinsley, Farm Equipment/Implement, Blue

Russell Vince, Farm Equipment/Implement, Blue, Class Champion Emme Lynch, Formal/Candid Portrait, Blue, Class Champion Kailyn Stokes, Urban Scenic, Blue, Class Champion

Paige Tinsley, 4-H Event, Blue, Class Champion
Russell Vince, Portrait or Candid Photograph, Blue, Class Champion

Kailyn Stokes, Culture, Blue, Class Champion

Aliza Maraman, Patterns/Design, Blue, Class Champion Marlee Sosh, Patterns/Design, Blue Emme Lynch, Patterns/Design, Blue Paige Tinsley, Patterns/Design, Blue Russell Vince, Patterns/Design, Blue

Paige Tinsley, Mechanics, Blue, Class Champion

Paige Tinsley, Machinery/Equipment, Blue, Class Champion Emme Lynch, Competitive Sports, Blue, Class Champion Paige Tinsley, Healthy Lifestyle, Blue, Class Champion Brooklyn Lovell, Healthy Foods, Blue, Class Champion Russell Vince, Healthy Foods, Blue

Aliza Maraman, Careers in Health, Blue, Class Champion

Caroline Martin, Careers in Health, Blue Emme Lynch, Careers in Health, Blue Paige Tinsley, Careers in Health, Blue Kailyn Stokes, Dealing with Stress, Blue, Class Champion Caroline Martin, Dealing with Stress, Blue

Emme Lynch, Dealing with Stress, Blue London McCord, Dealing with Stress, Blue Phillip Barnes, Dealing with Stress, Blue Brooklyn Lovell, Dealing with Stress, Blue Dally Millkan, Dealing with Stress, Blue

Paige Tinsley, Dealing with Stress, Blue Russell Vince, Instrument/Art Utensils, Blue, Class Champion Emarie Cox, Word(s), Blue

Paige Tinsley, Word(s), Blue, Class Champion

Horticulture Photography

Emme Lynch, Single B & W, Blue, Class Champion Emme Lynch, Single color, Blue

Brooklyn Lovell, Single color, Blue

Russell Vince, Single color, Blue, Class Champion, Dpt. Champion - Horticulture Science Russell Vince, Sequence of 4 photos, Blue, Class Champion

Emme Lynch, Horticulture Collection, Blue

Russell Vince, Horticulture Collection, Blue, Class Champion **Open Family & Consumer Science** 

Lynann Woodall, Color Photo, 1st Ann Sutton, Color Photo, 2nd Ann Sutton, B&W Photo, 1st

## Open Agriculture

Ellie Binkley, Ten Blackberries, 1st Willa Suggs, Two tomatoes, 1st

Willa Suggs, Basket display/mixed vegetable, 1st Willa Suggs, Largest vegetable by weight, 1st

Willa Suggs, Best flower bloom, 1st

Willa Suggs, Best Houseplant, 1st

## **FAIR**

Continued from page 1 nual Lions Club Fair. Rain wiped out the truck and tractor pull on the first Friday of the fair and organizers are not sure when it can be made up. Despite further rainfall much of the day on the second Friday of Fair Week, the Enduro Derby was held on a good track thanks to volunteer work by Shelby and Jared Belt and other members of the Lions crew. Saturday's Demolition Derby was also well attended as usual.

Kentucky legislative contingent touted their close ties to agriculture and the area's natural resources during their messages at the fair breakfast. Howell is chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. He grew up on a farm in Fulton County, but is now a lawyer in Murray.

"You have great leadership building in your programs here," Howell said, pointing particularly to the 4-Hers who were recognized at the breakfast.

Gooch, the second-longest serving member of the House, has been in Frankfort since 1995 and he is chairman of the Natural Resources and Energy committee. "Fairs are very important to

communities," he said, pointing out that the fair in his home county of Webster stopped when he was in junior high school. "Keep your county fair as long as you can."

Stokes talked about her re-

cent ascension as a state 4-H leader. Calling it a dream come true, she said wearing the recognizable green jacket signifying her role on the state leadership team is mighty comfortable - particularly, because this one has her name emblazoned on it. Her role as a state officer has already provided great opportunity, she

"I have and will continue to develop skills in leadership, communication and civic engagement that place me in an environment to thrive and foster a productive future," she during the keynote speech. More than 300 exhibits were

entered into the fair, the

largest number in many years,

according to 4-H Extension

Agent Leslea Barnes. One dozen Sweepstakes winners took home as much as \$83 in winnings. Barnes said the Sweepstakes numbers are larger this year, too, and credited a strong group of 4-Hers with great work. London Mc-Cord and Russell Vince were the top Sweepstakes winners. Others were Phillip Barnes, Ellie Binkley, Emarie Cox, Dally Millikan, Emme Lynch, Caroline Martin, Marlee Sosh, Aliza Maraman, Paige Tinsley and Stokes. Local FFA President Caden

Deboe introduced the Parish family, who accepted the Hall of Fame recognition for their patriarch. Cali and Rhett Parish, grandchildren of the late hall of farmer, were among those on hand to receive the

eration of Parishes to work the land in southern Crittenden County. Both are actively involved in P&H Farms. For the first time in his 24-

award. They are the sixth gen-

year service as a Lions Club member, Heady, 62, was chosen to receive to the club's top annual award. The former Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator is the current Lions Club president, having served in that capacity for the past three years. He also served as president for two-year terms in 2005-06 and 2015-16.

Third generations Lions Club volunteers Shelbi, Raylee and Tia Belt were recognized with the club's Citizens of the Year award for dedication and work to help put on the annual fair.



Crittenden County Lions Club Fair 4-H Sweepstakes winners were (front from left) Phillip Barnes, Ellie Binkley, Emarie Cox, London McCord, Russell Vince, (back) Dally Millikan, Emme Lynch, Caroline Martin, Marlee Sosh, Aliza Maraman, Paige Tinsley and Kailyn Stokes.



Crittenden County Lions Club Fair 4-H prize money winners were (front from left) Brooklyn Lovell, Sadie Young, Kallen Millikan, Adley Sutton, Taylor Haire, (back) Haley Moore, Lathan Lynch and Macie Conger.



Winners of last week's Lions Club Crittenden County Fair pageants were (from left) Lady of Crittenden County Lindsey Oakley; Miss Crittenden County Sofie Watson, daughter of Jessie and Danny Watson; Preteen Miss Crittenden County Melina Keller, daughter of Mike and Lee Ann Keller; and Teen Miss Crittenden County Emmie Lynch, daughter of Dee Wilson and Pat Hazzard.



Kailyn Stokes, a state 4-H officer, was keynote speaker at Friday's 4-H Fair Breakfast. Read more about her speech and other presenters in the fair wrapup article.



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As part of the annual Crittenden County Lions Club Fair and 4-H Breakfast, the late Larry Parish was inducted into the local Agriculture Hall of Fame. Parish's family was on hand to accept the honor. Pictured are (from left) Audra Hunt, Cali Parish, Margaret Parish, Phillip Parish, Natalie Parish and Rhett Parish. The Parishes are multi-generational farmers in Crittenden County. A complete article about Larry Parish's farming legacy was published in last week's newspaper.



The Belt sisters, third generation Lion Club Fair volunteers, were chosen as the club's Citizens of the Year. The award was presented by the Lions Club's Natalie Parish during last week's annual 4-H Breakfast. Pictured from left are Shelbi Kate, Raylee and Tia Belt.

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# **Deaths**

# Wigginton

Mary Frances Wigginton, 86, of Marion, died Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023 at Crittenden Community Hospital. She was born Oct. 5, 1936 to Ramer and Tiny Lovelace Dinwid-

in Humboldt, Tenn. S h e was а member



Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday School teacher. She was a registered nurse and enjoyed golf, tennis and boating. At home, she loved to cook and bake for friends and family and enjoyed decorating. Together, she and husband David loved to travel, visiting all over the United States including Hawaii, as well as more than 10 countries, including Germany, Africa, Egypt,

Israel and Italy. Surviving are her husband of 44 years, David Wigginton of Marion; seven daughters, Pam (Rickey) Gibson of Columbus, Ga., Donna (Bob) Price of Panama City Beach, Fla., Rebecca (Spike) Phillips of Spartanburg, SC; Cindy (Gary) Cruce of Marion, Mindy (Rob) Trapp of Colorado Springs, Colo., Rhonda Wigginton of Fredonia and Deana (Ronnie) Nix of Marion; 16 grandchildren, Stephanie (Matthew), Laurie (Chris), Za-(Kathleen), chary Bobby (Mary), Jamie Courtney (Chris), Lauren (Derrik), Morgan, Ford, Tucker. Brennan, Evan (Magan), Chris (Travis), Talley (Jon Rvan) and Tanner (Brooklyn); and 20 great-grandchildren, Harper, Coulden, Daly, Harrison, Hudson, Ella Kay, Isaiah, Arianna, Allan, Warner, Wyatt, Whit-Reagan, man, McGuire, Brooks, Richard, Jon Ross. Greer, Bakerlynn and Blair; a sister, Beverly (Bob) Bunn of Jacksonville, Fla.; two nieces, Sheri Bunn and Jennifer (Brad) Smith; and a sistercousin Rose Mary (Joe) Robinson of Bo-

livar, Tenn. She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, William (Bill) Bennett; and first husband, James (Buddy) Wald-

ing.

Funeral services were Sunday, Aug. 6 Marion Baptist Church with burial in Fredonia Cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Marion Baptist Church, Samaritan's Purse or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

## Crass

Nancy Cheryl Crass, 77, of Paducah, died Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023 at Salem Springlake Health and Re-

habilitation Center.

S h e loved sewing, playing bingo,

cards and putting puzzles together.

Surviving are three daughters, Angela Pearl Henson of Bardstown, Tina (Harold) Maddocks of Sea-Texas brook, and Dawn (Charles) Southern of Tiline: four brothers. Darvl Matthews of Lone Oak, John (Cathy) B r e w brother/cousin Spring, Texas, Don Matthews of Kenai, Ark.; a sister, Rebecca Langston of Kenai, Ark.; 10 grandchildren, Joe Keeling, Michael Keeling, Christina Keeling, Groesbeck, Sylvia Stephanie Maddocks, Allie Maddocks, Brenda Maddocks, Samantha Maddocks, Kayla Curnel, and Klay Southern; 10 great-grandchildren, Drake Keeling, Lilly Keeling, Sophie Keel-Mia Keeling, ing, Goesbeck, James Bryan Curnel, Brylee Curnel, Bryza Curnel, (Elena), Leigh Ann Brixlee Curnel, and

Kallie Southern. She was preceded

in death by her parents, Pearl Sunderland Tracy and J.N. (Jospeh Newton) Matthews; a brother, Mike (TR) Tracy; a grandson, Spencer Maddocks; and great-granddaughter, Brylin Marie Curnel.

A graveside service for family members will be held noon, Saturday, Aug. 12 at Groves Chapel Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made Breast Cancer Awareness, **Baptist** Health NICU, Mercy Hospice, or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

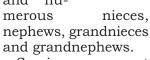
Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

## Golden

Oliver James Golden, 84, of Brentwood, Tenn., died Friday, Aug. 4, 2023.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn (Cruce)

Golden of Marion; two sons, Trent (Valerie) and Todd (Gina); and nu-



Services are 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 15 at Harpeth Hills followed by a military burial at 1 p.m., at Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, 7931 McCrory Lane, Nashville. Visitation is from 5-7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 14 and from 9:30-11:30 Tuesday, Aug. 15 at Harpeth Hills Funeral Home, 9090 Hwy 100, Nashville.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jim Golden's name to Freedom Middle School band program, attention Mark Gary.

# GriefShare begins Aug. 14

STAFF REPORT

death - or in grief without Jesus. It's that premise that prompted Jessie Mathieu to use her faith to help grieving individuals through Grief-Share, non-denominational, non-profit ministry serving more than 20,000 churches worldwide. The ministry creates and publishes video-based curricula to help churches minister to people experiencing life crises.

There is no hope in

Mathieu, who holds a master's degree in counseling, is the facilitator of a local GriefShare chapter sponsored by Marion Baptist Church.

The first session begins at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 14.

The mission of the

program is to use Christ-centered biblical teachings to help people realize they have access to God's resources to experi-

ence complete healing from the pain of bereavement.

M a Mathieu thieu ap-Marion proached Baptist about the program several months

"When I first started counseling, I wanted to work with grief but didn't want to do it without Jesus," Mathieu said, "because there is no hope without Jesus."

Rather than providing therapy during the 13-week sessions, Mathieu will serve as the facilitator for the

program that is structured by weekly videos and conversation among participants.

"Most people run from grief, but the more you run from it, it gets worse," explains Mathieu, 36. "Talking about it is the most brave thing people can do, and I think there is a lot of beauty and healing on other side of it.

"Everybody has a story, specifically for people who have lost somebody."

The program is free, but a workbook is required and can be purchased at the first session. Scholarships are available to aid with book purchases.

Registration is required https://www.griefshare.org/groups/17

# Foster Care board seeks input

The public is invited Care to discuss ways to improve outcomes for children Kentucky and families at virtual town hall meetings this month about the state foster care system. Crittenden Countians interested in this topic are encouraged to attend a virtual meeting Aug. 14. Registration for the 11 a.m., meeting is required at kcoj.info/Aug1420 23. Registrants will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link before the meeting.

The town hall meetis hosted by Citizen Foster Board. Specific cases will not be discussed.

Review

The town hall will focus on the results of the Thriving Families, Safer Children (TFSC) meetings that took place last summer in Kentucky. TFSC is a national initiative to move from traditional child protection systems such as foster care to programs designed to support the well-being of children and families, prevent child abuse and keep families together whenever possible.

The following questions are on the agenda:

•What needs have

been identified to support safe, healthy families?

•What barriers are families facing in trying to remain intact and protect children? •What potential so-

lutions will keep children safe and prevent abuse and neglect? Findings from the

meeting will be reported to the state CFCRB and included in its annual recommendations to the Supreme Court of Kentucky, the governor and legislature. For more infor-

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# Chamber restructures awards, plans masquerade

# Nominations sought for special recognition

After a short hiatus, Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is bringing back its annual awards ceremony and dinner this fall.

An expanded list of honors will be presented during the Chamber's Masquerade and Awards Gala Oct. 28.

Nominations for 10 awards some traditional and some to be given for the first time this year - are being accepted.

Following is a list of awards and a basic snapshot of suggested criteria for each.

#### **Community Spirit Award**

The recipient of this award may be a person, group, family, business or organization. Nominees are not required to reside or work in Crittenden County but their nomination should document why/how community spirit directly positively impacts Crittenden County. The nominee should be supportive and inspirational. Wherever local success is found, you'll find them They champion cheering. causes, ideas and general growth in Crittenden County. They cause those around them to be exuberant and cheerful. They give selflessly, they cheer excitedly and they truly work to promote the importance of community and the endowment of all things that make Crittenden County unique.

#### Volunteer of the Year

The recipient of this award embodies the spirit of selflessness. This person, group, business or organization has gone above and beyond the call of normal volunteer service in 2023 and the cause (or causes) they assist with was much more impactful because of their service. The recipient of this award does not have to reside or be located in Crittenden County but the volunteer service provided must have impacted Crittenden County.

#### Young Professional of the Year

The recipient of this award either resides in or works in Crittenden County and is under the age of 30. They are a person who demonstrates pursuit of professional success while consistently demonstrating high standards for professionalism, courtesy, education and community. They are both an effective leader and exemplary team player; both of which can be attested to by their peers.



#### **Young Tradesperson** of the Year

This recipient of this award either resides in or works in Crittenden County and is under the age of 30. They are a person who demonstrates pursuit of their own personal success in their chosen trade and clearly understand the importance of maintaining a strong network of tradespeople locally. They hold themselves to higher standards for professionalism, courtesy, education and community.

#### **Top Woman in Business**

The recipient of this award either resides in or works in Crittenden County. She is a leader who challenges other women to set higher goals and meet higher standards. She does not have to own a business, but she should have a key role in the operations. She is an inspiration in all forms to those around her.

#### **Crittenden County Schools** Person of the Year

The recipient of this award should be employed by the Crittenden County School System. Not only do nominees excel in their roles, but they embody the core values and initiatives set in place by Crittenden County Schools. They are deserving of praise inside and outside of the school system for their efforts, their accomplishments and impact.

#### **Up and Coming Business of the Year**

The recipient of this award must have established (or otherwise re-established, come under new ownership or undergone major expansion or renovation which changed the course of the business) within the last two years. This business must be located in Crittenden County. It's clearly perceived that this business is growing, will provide communal growth, will positively impact the local economy, and is (or will) provide a growing number of employment opportunities. This business sets high standards for professionalism and service. It are an exciting and important addition to our economic landscape and as a community we recognize their growing importance.

#### **Business of the Year**

The recipient of this award must be licensed and operating a business in Crittenden County. This business has set itself apart in the last year for

going above and beyond; for service, for sacrifice for volunteering, growth and accomplishments. It is a crucial part of our local economy, and Crittenden County would not be the same without it. Its demonstration of the importance of community is perceived as an asset.

#### **Excellence in Corporate** Social Responsibility

May include public interest in corporate decision-making. It includes, but is not limited to environmental, ethical, and quality of life initiatives. The recipient of this award would be based on leadership in ethical and environmental responsibility, ethics in business, green initiatives and sustainability.

#### **Legacy Award**

Nominees should demonstrate a deep, abiding and long-term commitment to their community and exemplify values of trust, commitment, innovation, teamwork, passion and integrity. Our community will forever benefit from that commitment.

To nominate someone for one of these awards, contact the following chamber officers: Shana West (270) 704-9264, Kelsey Berry (270) 804-1977 or Kayla Maxfield (270) 969-

## Life-Saving Skills

**Crittenden County** school bus drivers and other school personnel attended a mandatory CPR training class last week on the high school campus. School starts for students on Monday, Aug. 21. Faculty and staff training began last week and will continue through next week. See our special Back-to-School Section on pages 2-6 of this edition.



tough choices to secure long-term access to safe, clean drinking water. Unfortunately, there are limited solutions to fix the water crisis without increasing the rates their current level.

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