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### **Election shaping up to** be biggest in history

The 2024 presidential election is shaping up to be the biggest voter turnout in history, says Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams. In July alone, 14,502 new voters were added to the state's rolls, though the number of registrants in Crittenden County actually fell by three to 6,338 (3,864 Republican, 1,891 Democratic and 583 others). To man the polls for the fall election, it will take more than 15,000 Kentuckians to serve as poll workers across all 120 counties. "We will be using 40 to work Early Voting and Election Day in Crittenden County," said County Clerk Daryl Tabor. "We appreciate each one's willingness to serve their community and country for what is an extremely difficult task. We cannot have democracy without them." Besides President, there are federal and state legislative races, city council, school board, circuit clerk, commonwealth's attorney, state appeals court judge, state constitutional amendments and city and county cannabis questions. Register to vote by Oct. 7 at GoVote.ky.gov.

### Gun ownership in U.S.

The United States has the highest per capita rate of civilian firearm ownership in the world at 120.48 firearms per 100 people. American civilians own 46% or about 393.3 million of the world's 857 million civilian-use firearms.

### State Ranking of Ownership

- 1. Montana
- 2. Wyoming
- 3. Alaska 4. Idaho
- West Virginia
- 12. Kentucky 14. Tennessee
- 20. Missouri 31. Indiana
- 44. Illinois
- 46. New York 47. Hawaii
- 48. Rhode Island
- 49. Massachusetts
- 50. New Jersey

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

·Livingston Hospital will host a public hearing at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 21 at Deer Lakes Golf Course's meeting room where residents can learn more about the hospital's proposed \$70 million expansion project.

•Crittenden Fiscal Court will have a public hearing and special meeting at 3:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 23 at the county office complex to discuss and set the 2024 tax rate.

•Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 26 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

•Livingston Fiscal Court meets at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 27 at the county office complex in Smithland.

•Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., the Tuesday, Aug. 27 at the courthouse.

•A public hearing about commercial garbage colection in Crittenden County is scheduled for 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 28 at the county office complex. Impact Waste Services has won a competitive bid to provide dumpsters in the county. Rates are \$7.50 per cubic yard in the city and \$9.50 in the county.





## **Back in the Black**

## Detention Center has carryover for 6th straight year

Crittenden County Detention Center has turned in its sixth straight year in the black, something not too many observers predicted when the jail was conceived and built in 2007.

Jailer Athena Hayes presented final figures to Crittenden County Fiscal Court last week during magistrates' monthly meeting. The jail's carryover is about \$164,000, down from last year's black ink that was closer to \$250,000. Still, six straight years above water is more than could have been foreseen by most of those who orchestrated the detention center's creation.

The jail opened in late 2007, costing \$7.6 million to build. An article in The Crittenden Press in early 2008 cited county leaders as saying "the jail will never make a profit, but it should cut

local spending."

The county regularly spent about \$300,000 or more on its smaller former county jail. Seventeen years ago, county leaders hoped that building a larger jail would somehow stabilize spending, hoping to keep those costs somewhere around \$375,000 annually.

'No tax dollars were used to run the jail or to pay the debt owed for the building. This is one of the few jails in the state that has accomplished this," Haves said after the meeting last week where she presented the latest numbers. "Most counties spend hundreds of thousands of dollars above what they



are budgeted to run their jails. The money that the county does not have to spend on running the jail or paying debt for the physical building and its upkeep can be used for the benefit of the entire

With 41 employees, the jail is also one of the county's larger employers. Starting pay for deputy jailers is \$16.54 an hour, plus benefits.

Over the last fiscal year, the jail's payroll was its largest expense at just over \$1.6 million. Other major expenses were food at around \$500,000, principal and interest payments on the building which are more than \$480,000 annually, utilities costs at \$170,000 and inmate medical expenses at around \$160,000.

Total expenses were \$3.78 million, more than \$375,000 under budget. Income was also short of expectations at \$4,039,950. Housing federal inmates accounted for \$1.2 million and Class D state inmates amounted to just over \$1.1 million in revenue. Other counties paid the jail around \$210,000 to keep their inmates. Various other income was

#### 20 Years Ago This Week

It was 20 years ago this week that Crittenden County magistrates approved the purchase of two lots and took an option on another to build a regional jail. Although details of the plan were not complete at the time, the fiscal court moved to buy the properties, which contained two vacant homes and were just a block off the courthouse square. County leaders optioned a third property with an occupied home. At the time, Livingston County leaders were also considering being part of the jail-building plan, but that later fell apart. Crittenden County in 2007 would on its own complete construction of the detention center.

derived from mowing and trash abatement crews, state and federal programs and transportation fees, inmates fees, grants and other sources.

"We are careful about our spending and are conscientious of the decisions we make about the inmate population, staffing, services provided and community outreach," the jailer said. "Correcting criminal behavior benefits the entire community and the families that make it up, and this jail goes above and beyond what is required every day to make the most of the opportunity we have to impact lives in a positive, productive

# Local governments setting rates amid higher values

Local taxing districts will see additional revenue in 2024, even for those government agencies that lower their tax rates. Rates have not been proposed for all of the county's taxing districts, but for those that have made their rate plans known, all will see a bump in

Marion City Council on Monday proposed raising its tax rate from 22.5 cents in 2023 to 22.9 cents

Tax rates are applied to the value assessed on real and personal property. For instance, the rate proposed by the city would mean a \$4 increase on a \$100,000 home assessed at the same value a year ago. The assessed value of some property may have risen over the past year. In fact, the property valuation administrator has spent much of the past year meeting state requirements for re-assessing farmland. Some homes in the community have also been re-valued and if property has been bought or sold in the past year, it too has likely seen an increase in vlaue.

A taxing district cannot collect more than four percent in new revenue from one year to the next without that collection plan being subject to voter recall.

City of Marion is seeking a fourpercent increase in revenue, despite lowering its rate. The city will hold a public hearing at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 3 at city hall to discuss its tax plan.

Marion has also proposed tax rates of 27.95 cents per \$100 of value on personal property, down from 32.0 a year ago; 22.9 on utilities; and 22.9 on motor vehicles, unchanged from the previous two

City taxes are due by the first day of November. A 25-percent penalty will be posted against any taxes paid in 2024 beyond Nov. 1. Tax bills will be mailed in September.

Crittenden County tax rates will be proposed at a special fiscal court meeting at 3:30 p.m., on Friday. School taxes have been proposed with a rate reduction from last year, yet the school's revenue will increase by roughly \$240,000 due to a higher property values in 2024.

Crittenden County's real property is valued at \$422.16 million this year, up from \$395.32 million in

2023. A hearing related to proposed property tax rates for Crittenden County Schools will be held at 5 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 29. County taxes are due by the end of the

## 2024 REAL PROPERTY TAX PROPOSALS

TAX DISTRICT	Rate Change	Proposed 2024	2023	2022		
City of Marion	+0.4	22.9	22.5	22.4		
Crittenden County	TBD	TBD	11.8	11.6		
School District	-0.02	51.4	51.6	49.0		
Public Library	none	5.0	5.0	5.0		
Extension	TBD	TBD	4.3	4.1		
Health Tax	TBD	TBD	3.0	3.0		
Public Library	TBD	TBD	5.0	5.0		
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Values are shown as cents per \$100 of assessed value

# Tax collections changes

There are a couple of changes coming for county taxpayers this fall. The payment discount period will be extended through November and anyone who owes \$10 or less will not receive a tax bill.

County leaders decided last week that tax bills will go out in October and the two-percent early-payment discount will be permanantly extended through November. Sheriff Evan Head said last year's experiment with providing the discount later in the tax payment season received a postive response, so he has suggested it stay for good. Of course, last year's schedule for the tax payment discount was necessitated by other factors, largely because the county's offices were in the process of moving out of the former courthouse during that time frame. Nonetheless, Head said the schedule was favorable, mostly to farmers and landowners who receive income later in the year for their land

So, tax payments made prior to December

### **Deaths**

### Slaton

Mary Ann Slaton, 82, of Madisonville, died Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville.

She was born May 22, 1942 in Muhlenberg County to the late J.R. Groves and Mary Groves.



She made her living as a home maker. She was a member of Victory Church in Madisonville and was a Betty Boop fa-

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Donald Slaton; three daughters, Holly (Rob) Medley and Amy Slaton, both of Madisonville and Lisa (Juan) Ayala of Crown Point, Ind.; two sons, Jim Bauer of Dunmor and Chaney (Sara) Bauer of Madisonville; 12 grandchildren; and one greatgrandchild.

Funeral services were Friday, Aug. 16 at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home with Pastor Kris Goodman officiating. Burial will take place at a later date at New Salem Cemetery in Nortonville.

### Guess

Bobby Neal Guess, Sr., 85, died Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024 at Rivers Bend Retirement Community.

He was a member of Kuttawa First Baptist Church and had been a member of the Suwanee Aires Gospel Quartet. He was a retired welder at Special Metals.

Surviving are a daughter, Karla Guess (John Rademaker) of Louisville; a daughter-in-law, Lori Guess of Kuttawa; five grandchildren, Garrett (Sarah) Guess, Jaylyn (Dominique) Rivera, Jared (Mary) Liebman, Shayna Liebman and Ali Rost; four great-grandchildren, Kai Rivera, Maddie Rivera, Andrew Guess, Eliah Jonah-Neal; two brothers, Paul Guess and Charles (Shirley) Guess, both of Kuttawa; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Betty Joyce Dycus Guess; his parents, Carl Freeman Guess and Heady Pauline Sowash Guess; a son, Bobby Neal Guess, Jr.; a grandson, Jonah Liebman.; two Raymond brothers, Guess and Carl Guess; and a sister, Inell P'Pool.

Services were Wednesday, Aug. 21 at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with burial in Kuttawa Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Kuttawa First Baptist Church, Youth Group, 316 Walnut St., Kuttawa, KY 42055.

### **Evans**

Leroy L. Evans, 85, of Marion, died Friday, Aug. 16, 2024 at his home in Marion.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Joyce Evans; sons, Jimmy (Donna) Evans of Evansville, Curtis (Michael) Evans of Marion and Mark Evans of Marion; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and half brother, Robert Evans of Evansville.

He was preceded in death by his father, John (Lorene) Evans; his mother, Isabelle (Shirley) Guy; and several brothers and sisters.

Services were Sunday Aug. 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Ramage Melvin Joe Ramage, 89, of Crittenden County, died Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024 at his home.

He enjoyed watching westerns, reading the Bible, working puzzles, feeding his cats and dog, attending church and spending time with his family. He was a devoted husband and

father and beloved by his neighbors and community. He was a U.S. Army veteran

of the Korean Conflict. He graduated with honors from Crittenden County High School and studied at Draughon's Business College.

Surviving are a son, Brett Ramage of Cunningham; a daughter, Sherry (Rich) Threlkeld of Beacon, NY; two grandchildren, Steve (My) Ramage of Nashville and Sarah (Mike) Wood of San Pedro, Calif.; and four great-grandchildren, D'Arcy and Aira Ramage of Nashville and Fiona and Emery Wood of San Pedro, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Davidson Ramage; his parents, Joe and Floyd (Champion) Ramage; and two sisters, Freda Morrill and Zola Croft.

Services were Wednesday, Aug. 21 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors. Bro. Justin Lewis officiated. Burial was in Union Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter are appreciated.

### Spiegel

Jason Robert Spiegel, 49, of Marion, died Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024 at his home in Marion.

He loved his family very much and was loved by his wife and children.

Surviving are his wife, Cherie Spiegel of Marion; six

children, Michael (Audrianna) Thompson Spiegel,

Marissa (David) Spiegel, Luke Spiegel, Kylie Spiegel, Jake Spiegel and De-Harper; siraie three grandchildren; mother, Susan Ann Spiegel; a sister, Stacy Spiegel; and step mother, Cheryl Spiegel.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leon Robert Spiegel.

Services are scheduled at 4 p.m., Thursday Aug. 22 at Gilbert Funeral Home. The family will receive visitors from 2:30 p.m., until service time Aug. 22 at the funeral

home.

### Wright

Martha Lee Maddux Wright, 98, died at her home in Knoxville on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024 surrounded by her family. She was born on May 29, 1926 in Salem,

the youngest child of Homer and Nellie Maddux. She was raised Salem alongside



siblings, Jesse, Louis, and Nellie May, all of whom predeceased her. She graduated from Ward-Belmont Women's College and Murray State College. She met the love of her life, Hubert "Hubie" Wright of Hampton as a young child when their families swapped a pony. She and Hubie remained in contact throughout high school, World War II and later college. They married in 1953 and lived in Paducah, where Hubie worked, and she commuted to Salem to work with her father, brothers and sister in the family bank and insurance company. Her son David and daughter Marty were born in Paducah. In 1962, they left their beloved Kentucky and moved their young family to Knoxville, Tenn., to accommodate Hubie's job opportunities. They built one of the first houses in the West Hills area of Knoxville, where she continued to live for the next

After Hubie's death in 1979, she began substitute teaching at West Hills Elementary School, which both her children attended. She was subsequently asked to bethe school come secretary, a position she accepted with some trepidation, but which proved to be one of the best decisions of her life, serving there for 16 years. She cherished her many friendships with the teachers and staff, students and their families. As one young student aptly put it, "she owns the school." She was a near charter member of Hills Baptist West Church and was a loyal congregant for 62 years until her death, serving as a deacon, Sunday School teacher and longtime choir member. She was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, the West Hills Ten O'Clock Garden Club, Ossoli Circle and numer-

62 years.

ous bridge clubs. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, neighbor and friend to many. As matriarch Gigi, family was her life and her greatest joy. A daughter, two granddaughters and a greatgranddaughter named for her.

Surviving are two children, David Wright of Richmond, Va., Marty (Craig) Troutman of Knoxville; six grandchildren, Martha (Charles) Wilson of Atlanta, Laura Wright of New York, Virginia Wright of Richmond, New Carlton Troutman of

Knoxville, Andrew Troutman of Atlanta and Martha Shea Troutman of Nashville; and two greatgranddaughters, Virginia "Ginny' Wilson and Martha Elizabeth "Lily" Wilson; three nephews; a niece; and numerous great-nieces nephews.

Her family would like to thank her many, many friends who loved and cared for her through the years. Special thanks to her newest "best friend" Deborah Simpson who provided amazing care, love and friendship the past two years, and to the UT Hospice staff.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 22 West Hills Baptist Church. She will be buried beside her beloved Hubie in Salem Cemetery at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 24.

Memorials may be made to West Hills Baptist Church, the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Associa-

### Patton

Joyce Patton, 83, of Eddyville, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2024 at her home. She was born Sept. 21, 1940 to the late J.B. and Lois Babb Carner. She was a member of Fredonia First Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, Kevin (Kathy) Patton of Hen-

derson, Nolan (Hilary) Patton of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Dustin (Nichole) Patton of

Eddyville; two sisters, Jane Thorpe of Eddyville and June (Teddy) Holt of Eddyville; two brothers, Jimmy (Rose) Carner of Fredonia and (Sherry) Carner of Princeton; eight grandchildren, John Patton, Sarah Patton, Scarlett Patton, Oliver Patton, Leopold Patton, Eve Patton, Emily Murphy and Christian Patton; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gilford Hobson Patton; a son, Kent Patton; a sister, Sue Kornegay; and brother, Carner.

Services are at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 22 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Presley Lamm officiating. Burial will follow at New Bethel Ceme-

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Gideons International, Lyon Caldwell Gideons, PO Box 254, Princeton, KY 42445 and Lottie Moon Offering, c/o Fredonia First Baptist

Church, 208 Cassidy

Ave, Fredonia, KY 42411.

tery in Lyon County.

### **Community Calendar**

Call (270) 965-3191 to share your organization's meetings in this free, weekly community calendar.

#### Thursday, Aug. 22

- Line dancing begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
- The Crittenden County Public Library Board of Directors will meet at 5 p.m., in the library meeting room.
- · 4-H Shooting Sports meet at 5:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Park on KY 91 North.
- · A Postive Employability class begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. Tuesday, Aug. 27
- Hooks & Needles meets at 1 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.
- The Crittenden County Homemakers Annual Meeting will meet at 3:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Lions Club Building.

#### Wednesday, Aug. 28

· A Walk in the Park begins at 3 p.m., at Marion City-County Park.



### **Conditt-Coleman**

Tia Watson and Cassie Conditt Stump nounce the engagement of their parents, Billy Gregg and Salisa Jane Conditt.

Together the couple share two daughters, an angel son, six grandchildren and a great-grand-

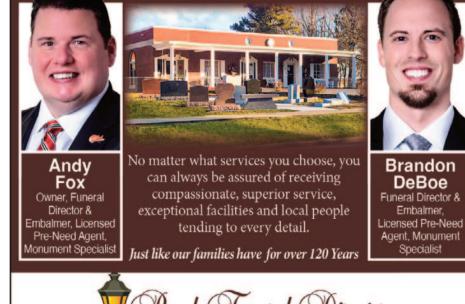
The family is planning a summer 2025 cere-

mony. Parents of the couple are Maggie Marie Redd the late Junior Todd and

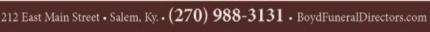
the late Billy and Valerie Coleman.













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# One dozen face felony indictments

A dozen individuals were indicted on a variety of felony charges last week by the Livingston County Grand Jury.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether enough evidence exisits to pursue prosecution in circuit court. All of the defendants below will be arraigned on Sept. 10 in front of Circuit Judge James Redd in Smithland.

Indicted were:

•Thomas E. Blair, 31, of Smithland was indicted on felony charges of second-degree assault and first-degree wanton endangerment and a misdemeanor charge of second-degree operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, first offense. Blair is scheduled for arraignment on Sept. 10 in Livingston Circuit Court.

•Anthony Hart-Wright, 22, of Paducah was indicted on a Class B felony charge of first-degree rape of a person incapable of providing consent or physically helplesss and a Class D felony of first-degree sexual abuse. The case was investigated by Kentucky State Police, Hart-Wright is scheduled for arraignment on Sept. 10 in Livingston Circuit Court.

•Katrina L. Boone, 40, of Salem was indicted on a felony charges of firstdegree wanton endangerment and first-degree criminal mischief and a

DETENTION

**CENTER REPORT AUGUST 15,2024** 

The Crittenden County

**Detention Center report** is provided monthly to

magistrates during Crit-

Court meetings. The in-

mate count is an aver-

 Federal Inmates \$57 Per diem · State Inmates \$35.34 Per diem

 Lyon County Inmates \$36.00 · Other County Inmates \$32.00

Total Receipts \$307,790.50

Disbursements \$455,073.94

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will get the discount. Those paid in December

will receive no discount.

If paid during January,

there is a five-percent

General Policing

Call for Service

Vehicle Inspections

Followup Investigations

age for last month.

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tenden County Fiscal

**JAIL CENSUS** 

State Inmates

Federal Inmates Other County Inmates

**TOTAL INMATES** 

**Highest Daily Count** 

Lowest Daily Count

Last Month **REVENUE** 

State Housing Payments

Federal Housing Payments

Federal Transport Payments

Lyon Co. Housing Payments

Other County Housing Payments

**TOTAL HOUSING** 

Weekend/Work Release

Last Month ANALYSIS

Cost of Crittenden Inmates

Numbers of Co. Housing Days

County Daily Housing Rate

Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates

Critenden County Inmates

LIVINGSTON COUNTY GRAND JURY

misdemeanor charge of first-offense DUI.

Court records indicate that on April 17 Livingston authorities investigated a two-vehicle collision at the 200 block of East Adair Street in Smithland. Boone was suspected of DUI based on witness statements and field sobriety tests. She was charged for putting the operator of the other vehicle in danger and for damaging the other vehicle.

•Keynan C. Starnes, 46, of Ledbetter was indicted on a felony charge of cultivating marijuana (5 or more plants) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Arraignment is set for Sept. 10.

•Kailey Watkins, 32, of Smithland was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Leonard F. Hamilton, 47, of Paducah was indicted on Class D felonies for theft of mail matter and second-degree forgery. Arraignment is set for Sept. 10.

•Darnell A. Richardson, 36, of Paducah was indicted on a felony charge of theft of identity of another without consent and misdemeanor charges of giving an officer false identifying information and failure to notify department of

Crittenden County Detention Center

July 2024 Avg

July 2024

\$81,352.68

\$123,861.0

\$18,940.60

\$23,004.00

\$248,342.28

\$15,872.00

penalty, and beyond that

the taxes are considered

delinquent and are sub-

penalty. After April 15, if

they are still unpaid, ad-

ditional fees and penal-

ties are added and the

to a 21-percent

496

\$1,120.00

\$64.00

74.26

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21.81

182.17

197

179

16

transportation of change

•David J. Darnell, 40, of Calvert City was indicted on a felony charge of complicity to first-degree burglary in one case and in a second case was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree, first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

·Leanna F. Darnell, 35, Nicholasville, Ky., was indicted on a felony charge of complicity to first-degree burglary in one case and in a second case was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree, first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

•Ethan Isaac Thompson, 41, of Paducah was indicted on a felony charge of theft of identity of another without con-

•Dale Harper, 61, of Grand Rivers was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree, first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and a traffic violation for not having the rear license illuminated.

•George A. Penrod, 62, of Grand Rivers was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree, first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

June 2024 Avg Montly Average 2023

99.25

57.85

12.78

13.81

183.75

Montly Average 2023

\$105,704.89

\$85,958.25

\$14,880.00

\$208,736.23

\$14,986.67

468.33

15.44

\$8,245.58

\$666.67

\$296.00

71.93

66.83

20.6

21.9

189

179

181.26

June 2024

\$76,263.72

\$114,285.00

\$12,849.93

\$20,196.00

\$225,418.65

\$21,024.00

657

\$1,632.00

\$192.00

#### DARE Golf

Livingston County Sheriff's Department's DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program held a fundraising golf tournament last weekend at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. Winners of the tournament are pictured with Sheriff Bobby Davidson in front the DARE cruiser. From left are Greg Watson, Bruce Dowell, Bill Lipman, Sheriff Davidson and Ryan Brown. The foursome shot a 19-under-par 53 to win the 18-hole event on Saturday.



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# **JULY 2024 Activity Report**

Here is Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head's

monthly activity report for his department 2023 Avg JULY Monthly Collisions Investigated 5.25 73 54.58 Complaints 28.83 53 Papers Served 8.17 10 Service Attempts 56.17 105 **Total Service Attempts** 3.17 5 **Transports** 5 37.83 Special Detail 25 11.42 **Training Hours** 46 11.25 Verbal Warning Criminal Citation 14 5.33 11 4.75 Officer Assist 59.92 64 **Building Checks** 648.7 486.46 **Total Manhours** 133.7 47.48 **Bailiff Court Hours** Cases Opened 3 9.58 0 **DUIs** 0.42 5 3.67 Felony Arrests 4 6.92 Misdemeanor Arrests 6.08 **Motorist Assists** 10 6.42 **Traffic Citations** 26

69.83

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23.75

92

6

39

property's tax bill can be sold at public auction.

Also new this year, any property owner who owes \$10 or less in property taxes will not receive a bill. Cost of generating and mailing bills is more costly than the tax, local leaders said last week. Therefore, the county will save money by simply ignoring taxes of less than \$10. Some magistrates questioned the fairness of the matter, but after a brief discussion raised the level to \$10. Previously, tax bills of \$5 or less were not mailed.

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AUGUST 22, 2024 Know the risks of investing - and not investing

Investing involves risk — and so does not investing. You should know how both these types of risk can affect your ability to reach your financial goals.

Let's start with the risks associated with investing. There's not a single investment risk because different types of investments carry different types of risk. Here's a look at three investment categories and some of the risks con-

nected with them: · Stocks - When you invest in stocks or stockbased mutual funds, you will incur the risk that the value of your investments may decline. Stock prices can fall for any number of reasons - lower-than-expected earnings, a change in management, change in consumer tastes, and so on. Although the historical trend for stocks has been positive, there will always be periods when prices are down. One way to help defend

against this volatility is

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to hold stocks for the long term, rather than constantly buying and selling, and to own a mix of stocks from different industries and even different countries.

 Bonds – When market interest rates rise, the value of your bonds can decline because investors won't pay full price for them when they can get the newer ones that offer higher rates. Another type of risk associated with bonds is credit risk, which essentially describes the risk that the bond issuer may default. potentially disrupting your flow of interest pay ments. However, you can help mitigate this risk by purchasing in-

vestment-grade bonds

that receive the highest

credit ratings from inde-

pendent rating

Certificates of deposit (CDs) – Although CDs are generally considered safe because their principal is guaranteed, they do carry reinvestment risk - the risk that you won't be able to reinvest the proceeds of a maturing CD at the same interest rate. To help protect against this

risk, you could own CDs of varying maturities. When market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term CDs paying higher interest, and when market rates rise. you can reinvest the money from your maturing shorter-term CDs into the new, higher-

paying ones. Now, let's turn to a completely different type of risk - the risk of not

investing. And this risk is easy to understand: If you don't invest, or if you consistently invest only in the most conservative vehicles, your money may not grow enough to allow you to reach your important long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Of course, this doesn't mean you should never own conservative investments, including CDs and some types of bonds. When you're saving for a short-term goal, such as a down payment on a house, a wedding or a long vacation, you want the money to be there when you need it, so an investment that offers protection of principal may be appropriate, even if it doesn't provide



Financial Advisor much in the way of

growth. For those long-term

goals, though, you may need to build an investment portfolio that contains growth potential and that reflects your personal risk tolerance and time horizon. Over time, your risk tolerance may change. As you get closer to retirement, you may want to take a somewhat more conservative approach — but you'll always need some elements of growth.

When you invest, risk can't be eliminated, but it can be managed. Keeping this in mind, consider a long-term investment strategy that allows for risk but also offers the possibility of



Year 13 is nearly complete at Marion's Victory Gardens near the park.

# Victory Gardens going dormant for season

The Victory Gardens will be stopping distribution this week. Friday will be the final giveaway of free produce.

The gardens are operated by Crittenden County Detention Center with work-release inmate labor, along with local churches and volunteers.

At this point, only peppers and beans are available, but the gardens have flourished this summer. Despite some difficult times with perhaps too much rain, the gardens served about 30 to 40 people per day.

This was the 13th year for the community gardens. Some of the produce is used to feed inmates at the jail.

### **10 YEARS AGO**

### August 21, 2014 ■ The Crittenden County Board of Education was pro-

posing its first four-percent tax increase in four years. The tax was to be 47.8 cents per \$100 assessed value of real estate, 47.8 cents on personal property and 54.1 cents on motor vehicles.

Rocket golf team members were Sammy Greenwell,

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Braxton Winders, Aaron Locke, Lauren Gilchrist, Will Tolley, Cole Foster, Reid Baker, Logan Belt, Wade Gilbert, Marcus Tinsley, Brennan Jones, Cameron McDaniel and Colby Watson.

■ Crittenden County High School cheerleaders were Aerial Wright, Madison Lynch, Ella LaPlante, Lauren Beavers, Sydney Hunt, Madison Simpkins, Sadie Easley, Kali Travis, Kristen Holeman, Madisyn Jones, Brittany Minton, Katie Travis, Lauren McKinney, Sidney Leibenguth and Tania Thompson.

### Senior Games open to those over 50; events in Hoptown

Crittenden County adults over age 50 are encouraged to participate in the Pennyrile Senior Games Sept. 23–25 in Hop-

Registration is due Sept. 4 by calling the Crittenden County Senior Center at (270) 965–5229.

Events include one-mile walk, corn toss, softball throw, soccer kick, washer toss, disc throw, Bingo, croquet, shuffleboard, ring toss, lawn bowling, Pickleball (doubles), bowling and disc golf.

Events are held at the Hop-kinsville Sportsplex.

Participation cost for field events is \$7 per event. Bowling is \$15.

Participants must play in one event to qualify for Bingo.

Free health screenings are offered by the Hopkinsville Community College Nursing Program, and free snacks, lunch and dinner are offered to participants.

# Gilchrist honored by MSU golf for grades

Murray State women's golf team member Lauren Gilchrist of Marion has been honored by the Missouri Valley Conference for academic success.

Gilchrist was one of 17 MSU Racer student-athletes among the 212 across the MVC that earned the league's highest academic honor in receiving the MVC Board of Directors Academic Excellence Award.

The MVC Board of Directors Academic Excellence Award requires a minimum 3.8 cumulative grade point average, participation in athletics a minimum of two years, and the student-athlete must be within 18 hours of graduation by the end of the Spring 2024 semester.

# Candidate forum set for Sept. 10 in Union

The Union County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Candidate Forum on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Union County Expo Center for all local candidates seeking election on Nov. 5. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the forum beginning at 6:30 p.m. Each candidate will be given three minutes to talk about his/her race and time will be set aside for questions from the audience. Refreshments will be served.

### **Corn Festival events**

Sponsored by the Lions Club, Morganfield's 50th Corn Festival will be held Thursday, Sept. 26 through Saturday, Sept. 28. The festival includes pageants, inflatables, games, food, music and entertainment. The carnival is open all three days. There is pickleball and a sand volleyball tournament Sept. 26. On Sept. 27, there is a cross fit competition, talent show and fireworks. On Saturday of the weekend event, there will be a 5K race and walk, baby contest, Cubmobile races, beard contest, 9-ball tournament and parade.

# Princeton gets grant for wastewater work

The Princeton Water & Wastewater Commission received \$130,000 to update the facilities plan for a wastewater treatment



plant, addressing efficiency and biological hazards. The funding, secured with assistance from Pennyrile Area Development District (PeADD) staff, comes from The Delta Regional Authority (DRA) Strategic Planning Program, which aims to support communities by promoting problem-solving, enhancing resilience, and building partnerships.

PeADD staff work in conjunction with area utility managers and personnel to assess the needs and water resources potential in the region. The goal is to provide the needed infrastructure to ensure the future well-being and continued growth of the communities of the Pennyrile district.

The purpose of the Princeton Water & Wastewater Commission's project is to update the 201 Facilities Plan, as well as prepare other preliminary engineering work such as the survey, geotechnical investigation, environmental, and initial design to prepare for future funding opportunities.

James Noel, Superintendent of Princeton Water & Wastewater Commission stated, "Preparation is the key to maintaining a quality infrastructure system. The Princeton Water & Wastewater Commission is appreciative of this funding which ensures our system is equipped and prepared for future enhancements."

PeADD is a front-line project manager within the DRA foot-print providing technical assistance, application support and review, and other services to DRA and those entities in their district wishing to apply for DRA funding. The ADD helps the DRA identify effective and impactful economic development projects for consideration for the DRA.

# Caldwell, Fredonia tax rates the same

Caldwell County Fiscal Court last week approved first reading of its property tax rate. The proposal will require final approval at next week's meeting. A rate of 10.0 cents per \$100 of taxable real property has gained preliminary approval. As proposed, the rate will be unchanged from 2023.

On Monday, Fredonia City Council approved first reading of a 28-cent real property tax rate. That's the same rate as last year.

Tax bills are mailed in the fall and due by year's end.

# Gov. Beshear says he is staying put in KY

KY TODAY

Although he was one of about a half-dozen people under consideration for Vice President after Kamala Harris became the presumptive Democratic Presidential nominee, Gov. Andy Beshear says he is not interested in heading to Washington.

Kentucky Today asked the Governor about his interest in becoming a potential Cabinet secretary in the Harris Administration should she defeat Donald Trump in November, even though he didn't make the final cut in the "Veep Stakes."

"That was three weeks where Kentucky was recognized with hundreds of millions of dollars in coverage," he said. "I hope I did us proud, that was my goal the whole time, to make sure people were looking up to Kentucky and not down at us, like they've done for far too long."

Beshear says he can't remember a time when Kentucky was going through this process, "So it was pretty neat to see Kentucky written about with all those other states."

However, the governor said a recent tour of areas affected by the 2022 flooding helped make up his mind on the issue.

"I don't intend to accept any position in Washington, D.C. This is where I'm supposed to be. I had this moment in eastern Kentucky where I knew that in my heart, and knew in my soul, and I'm looking forward to finishing these next three and a half years to rebuilding, and more than that, revitalizing."

"All these jobs that are coming in, and hundreds of millions of dollars in coverage of this all over the world, has introduced a lot of people to Kentucky. A lot of potential employers that might not have even given us a first, second or third look. So, I'm excited about hopefully what this does for all of us moving forward and I'm excited I get to continue here."

Beshear concluded by saying, "My kids are happy, my family is happy, the state has wrapped its arms around us. I can't thank the city of Frankfort enough for letting my kids' lives be as normal as you can ask for. I'm very happy to continue as Governor for the next three and a half years."

On Monday, Beshear was in the national spotlight as part of the first night of the Democratic National Convention.

# Stolen pickup truck recovered same day

A pickup truck stolen Saturday in Livingston County was found a few hours later in Graves County, according to the Livingston County Sheriff's Department

The white 2007 Dodge 2500 Ram 4x4 was stolen from Driskill Road in rural Livingston County Saturday morning. Driskill Road is located off of the Cutoff Road, which is south of US 60 between Smithland and Ledbetter.

The sheriff's department said the investigation is ongoing.

If you have any information about this theft, contact the Livingston County Sheriff's Department at (270) 928-2196.

### **Record Ag Tag receipts**

Kentucky farmers donated a record-breaking \$931,201.81 to the Ag Tag Program for 2024. The total, the largest amount ever donated in a single year, tops last year's total by nearly \$200,000, Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell announced last week.

"2024 was a tremendous year, one that wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful support from our Kentucky farmers," Commissioner Shell said. "Through the years, the Ag Tag Program has succeeded in providing much-needed funding for promoting agriculture and educating Kentucky's youth on the importance of agriculture in our everyday lives. Your generosity will help ensure Kentucky agriculture has a bright future."

The voluntary donations are divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA).

### 25 YEARS AGO

#### August 20, 1999

- Kim Hunt was featured on a WPSD segment with Mike Mallory about her involvement as a Milk Mustache Ambassador for the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association.
- Scott Taylor, Jennifer Spillman, Kayla Flahardy and Beckie Campbell attended an FBLA leadership conference in Hardinsburg.
- Crittenden County's 4-H Wranglers Horse Club participating in the state horse show were Madison Hadfield, Wynne Wallace, Misty Wallace, Brandon Wagoner, Carrie Roberts, Kristin Wallace and Jackie Robertson.



### **50 YEARS AGO**

### August 22, 1974

- As the Rocket football team was preparing to kick off its season, the following were some of the starters identified by Coach Roy Cherry: quarterback, Jimmy Hughes: halfback, Tony Travis, Jay Tabor, Mike Taylor and Mike Allison; fullback, Danny Hodges and Mike Hunt; center, Kent Sturgeon; guard, Tony Slaton, Greg Brantley, Mike Cook, Larry Tinsley, Greg Binkley and Greg West; tackle, Donnie Beavers, Ronnie Fitzgerald, Mike Combs; end, Seldon Howerton, Mike Templeton, Billy McConnell, Mike Norman, Donnie Mills and David Kelly.
- Rocket cheerleaders in 1974 were Lynne Collier, Debbie Fritts, Linda Woodside, Tracey Jay, Rhonda Kirk and Judy Templeton.
- Sureway Food Market advertised whole fryers for 37 cents per pound; 5 lb. Pillsbury flour 79 cents; and volume one of Funk and Wagnalls encyclopedias for 49 cents each.
- Sandi Buntin, 11, won the Western Showmanship class at the Kentucky State Fair.

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

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# Seek courage to live hopefully without fear

The Bible is nearly filled cover to cover with the

afraid. So much so that it is apparent that the opposite of fear is faith. During the ministry of Jesus, he sent of his some disciples, the twelve apostles, to teach and to heal. He sent them into towns and villages where they knew no one. He instructed them teach and without pay. He warned them that not

everyone would receive what they had to say or what they did. During his charge to them he said, "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Mt. 10:28, RSV).

Faith-based columnist

Guest

**Columnist** 

Our whole society is currently rife with fear. It is encouragement to not be used to sell us all sorts of

things we do not need. It causes us to recoil and respond to human other beings with unkindness and unwarranted rudeness. It is the currency of political rhetoric. It has infected so much of our religious life that we hear fear from our religious leaders on a regular

Afraid of ille-

gal immigrants. Afraid of inflation. Afraid that the policies of the "other side" will destroy America. Afraid we will lose our economic or military standing in the world. So afraid of each other that we support those who resort to name calling so long as

it keeps us safe or helps us

basis.

to get our way. There is absolutely nothing about this that is remotely related to the faith that is proclaimed from beginning to end in scripture. If one supports or tells us we should be afraid, we can be certain that they do not possess biblical faith.

Well, maybe some. It is just that peddling fear is so much easier than encouraging hope. Peddling fear requires no courage. It only requires finding enough of us willing to follow along. When enough of us buy into the fear of one side over the other, there will be trouble. Unless we do better, we will eventually reap what we have sown. If not, our children and grandchildren will.

When we hear fear preached about what is being taken away from us, we should remind ourselves of the teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. This teaching is so radical that when I hear it taught there is always something said to mitigate its force. It is a teaching that challenges me because I am prone to choose fear over faith. The fear keeps me from acting

Here is part of it, "But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." (Matthew 5:40-45, RSV).

This teaching stands in deep conflict with what sells well today. If we let this settle on us, it becomes clear that the way of hope is indeed harder and requires more faith (courage) than most of us can consistently muster. It runs counter to our national psyche. It violates our natural inclination to defend our rights. It offends many.

I do not expect the world to change. I have enough trouble with myself. It is true, however, that this teaching isn't going anywhere. It is still there. Christians believe that it was spoken by one who

did exactly as he taught. We believe that because he did that, we have hope for a better world.

I believe that we, as a nation, are fed-up with fearmongering. I pray that we will turn on those who peddle fear instead of hope. Not in a violent way, but in a way that will get their attention. Stop buying what they are selling. Have the courage to live hopefully.

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean. niestrath@outlook.com.

### CLASS of 1956\* Class Reunion Saturday, Aug. 31 2 p.m.

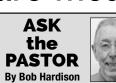
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# Believers are meant to do life together

Question: I was active in church until my company downsized and cut my job. My father, who was my best friend, died after a long battle with cancer. Now, all I do is mope around the house, not talking to anybody. What can I do to pull out of my doledrums?

Answer: I feel your anger and sorrow. God has never promised life would be easy but He has proven to be with us in the midst of our struggles.



Part of your depression is maybe you are inwardly blaming God for your loss. If you are, I assure God is not against you. Please, open up to Him and allow Him to set your life back on solid footing.

No doubt you prayed for your father's healing and for

him to be with you for many more years. That's not how God answered your prayers. If your father was a Christian, God allowed him to pass from this life into heaven. That's God's ultimate healing-in heaven there is no more pain or sorrow (Rev. 21:3, 4). Your father is in God's presence. One day you can be with him again for all eternity.

Also, it's important you get back to doing life with others. Human interaction

is essential for mental and physical well-being. Nowhere is this truer than for a Christian. "(Christ) died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing" (1 Thess. 5:10, 11). Believers are meant to do life together.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

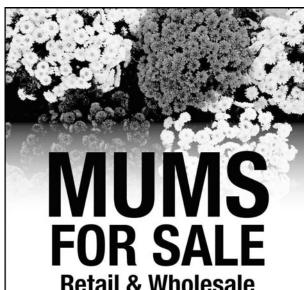
### Religious Outreach

- Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others
- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.
- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of

- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 4-5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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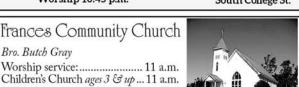
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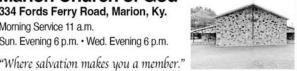
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# Lock and Dam 50 history from beginning to end

that have lived in Crittenden County for many years remember fondly the wonderful place located in a remote area of the county on the Ohio River known for 52 years as Dam 50. This beautiful, peaceful area not only contained the homes of families who worked on the Dam, but it was open to the public for gatherings such as family reunions and picnics for many of our county's churches. We can look back at the history of the dam in the files of The Crittenden Press.

#### July 13, 1923 - The Beginning

Lock and Dam to be built at Clementsburg. Squire J. L. Rankin of Fords Ferry was in town Monday and reported that government officials are making a last survey for locating a site on the Ohio River to build a lock and dam and the place selected is at Clements-

All details and preparatory to begin work will be made as quickly as possible and spring the work on the lock and dam will be-

This is government work and will be paid out of the appropriations for Ohio improve-River ments. This year the appropriation for such improvements \$6,000,000. It is

estimated that the work will be completed in five years. This will be a big improvement on Ohio River navigation, as it will enable the big boats to run at all seasons of the year. The work of building the dam will furnish employment to hundreds of people at good pay and will otherwise be of great advantage to the people of this coun-

Squire Rankin is also an enthusiastic advocate of a state highway from Fords Ferry, joining and intersecting the other branches of the road at Marion. If such a road is built it will be a big thing for that part of Crittenden County and

#### June 27, 1924 - Construction Work Started At Dam At Fords Ferry

Work has begun on Dam No. 50 on the Ohio River, just above Fords Ferry in this county. The work of clearing off the land on which to erect the camp buildings was begun last week, and actual construction will begin as soon as lumber and other materials can be secured, which will be in the course of a few days.

This dam is being built by the United States Government, as are the three other dams located on the lower Ohio at Uniontown, Golconda and Brookport. The purpose of the dams is to ensure a nine-foot boating state in the river at all seasons of the year. This work will give employment to hundreds of men, and four or five years time will be required for its completion. Mr. R.B. Tinsley is the superintendent in charge at Fords Ferry.

#### May 14, 1926 - Construction Work Begins For Season At Dam

Construction work at Dam 50 has been resumed and has been in progress for nearly two weeks. Work on the dam was ceased during the winter months because of the high water.

Captain H. R. Dumont, United States Assistant in "Work for charge, says: the season at Dam 50 was definitely started on May 2 with the commencement of pumping down the water within the coffer dam. "Two 15-inch and one 12-inch centrifugal pumps were employed in the process of unwatering the work. (I did not know what a coffer dam was, the short definition for coffer dam is a temporary watertight enclosure that is pumped dry to expose the bottom of a body of water so that construction,



Construction work began on Lock and Dam 50 in May of 1928.

such as piers, may be constructed.)

Something in the neighborhood of 13,000 cubic yards of solid rock were blasted from the cliff above Cave-In-Rock on May 6 for use in the cribs to be placed below the Dam, using 7,400 pounds of dynamite. No damage was done to anything except the rock.

Actual work on the project at Dam 50 is now in its second year, and several more years will probably be required for its comple-

tion.



Brenda Underdown County Historian

Forgotten **Passages** 

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May 28, 1926

ing statement has been given to The Press by Capt. H.R. Dumont, engineer in charge of construction at Dam 50, in regard to progress being made there:

Due to difficulties in unwatering coffer

dam, work up on the foundation of the dam at Dam 50 has been delayed several days, it being necessary to install additional pumps and to build a small coffer within the large one to cut off the worst leakage.

At present writing, May 19, two 8-inch, two 10inch, one 12-inch and two 15-inch pumps are being run night and day. Work should commence on the rock foundation Friday or Saturday. Advantage was taken of the slowly receding water in the main cofferdam to drive piling for that part of the dam to be built on this type of foundation so that the time is not being lost.

May 6, 1927 - Lock and

Dam 50 News The Ohio River has come to a stand following a fall of 11 feet since the 19th of April. It is hoped that the end of May will find the water low enough to allow work in the river. where an attempt will be

made to complete the dam

this season.

Thomas E. Sublett of Owensboro has been awarded the contract for building the permanent power house, a three-story structure of brick and concrete, which furnishes the power for operating the lock gates and lighting the various building on the reservation.

Dec. 7, 1928 - Work Done on Lock and Dam Since the completion

of Lock and Dam 50 near Fords Ferry, work has been in progress on clearing off the reservation. Sylvester Allen is now in charge of operations at the dam, Paul McGinnis is lock manager.

Ten government employees are to be retained. Most of the small dwellings have been removed. The residences are to be left on the grounds in addition to the powerhouse and the warehouse. There is also 100,000 cubic yards of permanent concrete work.

H. R. Dumont was in charge for the first two years and the work was completed under the supervision of Alfred Sorg, who now has charge of the construction of dams on Green and Barren rivers.

A total of \$3,500,000 was spent by the government in the construction of Lock and Dam 50. Material used included 1000,000 cubic yards of stone, 3,000,000 feet of lumber and 400 tons of steel. During the three years about 3,000 carloads of material for use in building the dam were unloaded at Sturgis, six miles above the dam, and floated down on barges.

Lock and Dam 50 is one of a series being constructwaterways. Dam 49 is located at Uniontown and Dam 51 at Golconda.

#### November 3, 1980 - The End of an Era

Fast forward 68 years. This historic dam, a vital part of Crittenden County history, which was started in 1924, would become an impediment to river traffic after 68 years of service. The old wicket type dam, regarded as spectacular when it was being built, was now considered old and worn out. It would be demolished one section at a time to clear the section of the river pool maintained by high-lift dams at Uniontown and Smith-

On Nov. 3, 1980 the first explosive charges were detonated to demolish Dam 50 on the Ohio River, and a part of Crittenden County history went up in smoke. Dam crews went out to lower the wickets one last time to allow free navigation of the river again. All clean-up of the destruction site was scheduled to be completed by the end of November

This was a sad day for Crittenden County, an important part of our county's history was destroyed when the dam was blown up. In the near future the lock house, and the beautiful homes would be gone from the site, leaving only memories of this place we knew as Dam 50.

Today the area is known as Riverside Park. It is still a well-maintained beautiful place to go boating and fishing, have picnics and camp, if that is your thing. And my favorite thing is to sit on one of the benches and just look at the river and watch the barges go

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- Dearing, Robert-Section B, Lot 11
- Patterson, Susie H.
- Wadlington, Thomas-Section D, Lot 3, 8, 9, 10 and 52

### NOTICE OF HEARING

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Crittenden County Board of Education will hold a public hearing in the Crittenden County Board of Education Rocket Arena Conference Room on August 29, 2024 at 5 p.m. to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 51.4 cents on real property and 51.9 cents on personal property.

The General fund tax levied in fiscal year 2024 was 51.6 cents on real property and 51.6 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$2,395,712.99. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 51.4 cents on real property and 51.9 cents on personal property is **expected\*** to produce \$2,630,052.25. Of this amount, \$424,345.31 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax rate for 2025 is 49.2 cents on real property and 51.3 cents on personal property and is **expected\*** to produce \$2,532,475.18.

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#### CITY OF MARION NOTICE OF TAX-RATE PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion City Council will hold a public hearing on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, during the time of the City Council special meeting which begins at 5:00 p.m. at the city building, 217 South Main Street, Marion, KY. The purpose of this hearing is to receive taxpayer input on the proposed real estate ad valorem tax rate for 2024. This notice is required by KRS 132.027 as passed by the Kentucky General Assembly.

The tax rate for the preceding year (2023) was \$ .2250 per \$100 of valuation, which produced revenue of \$234,369.00. The City proposes to increase the tax rate for 2024 to \$.2290/\$100, for which the revenue (without new property) is expected to be \$274,890.00. This year's compensating tax rate \$ .2220/\$100, for which the revenue (without new property) is expected to be \$266,488.00. Revenue from new property and personal property is expected to be \$37,938.00.

The City of Marion proposes a tax rate which will exceed the compensating tax rate, but the proposed rate is lower than the preceding year. Additionally, the proposed rate is expected to produce revenue from real property, exclusive of revenue from new property, of four percent (2.5%) over the amount of revenue which would be produced by the compensating tax rate.

The revenue in excess of the revenue produced in the preceding year is proposed to be allocated to the General Fund to be administered according to the budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

/ss/ Pam Enoch Pam Enoch, City Clerk

### CRITTENDEN-LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT CUSTOMER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Crittenden Livingston County Water District expects to file an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission on or about August 14, 2024, seeking approval of a proposed adjustment to its water rates. The proposed rates shall not become effective until the Public Service Commission has issued an order approving these rates.

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Next	9,000	gallons		14.08	per 1,000 gallons	Next	9,000	gallons		16.46	per 1,000 gallons		2.38	16.94%
Next	10,000	gallons		12.06	per 1,000 gallons	Next	10,000	gallons		14.10	per 1,000 gallons		2.04	16.94%
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First	5,000	gallons	\$	81.08	Minimum Bill	First	5,000	gallons	\$	94.81	Minimum Bill	\$	13.73	16.94%
Next	5,000	gallons		14.08	per 1,000 gallons	Next	5,000	gallons		16.46	per 1,000 gallons		2.38	16.94%
Next	10,000	gallons		12.06	per 1,000 gallons	Next	10,000	gallons		14.10	per 1,000 gallons		2.04	16.94%
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Next	5,000	gallons		12.06	per 1,000 gallons	Next	5,000	gallons		14.10	per 1,000 gallons		2.04	16.94%
Over	20,000	gallons		9.52	per 1,000 gallons	Over	20,000	gallons		11.13	per 1,000 gallons		1.61	16.94%
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Over	75,000	gallons	N,	/A	per 1,000 gallons	Over	75,000	gallons		11.13	per 1,000 gallons		N/A	N/A
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If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rates, then the monthly water bill for a customer using an average of 4,000 gallons per month will increase from \$67.00 to \$78.35. This is an increase of \$11.35 or 16.94%. Further, a table representing the increase for an average customer for each usage class is shown below.

	Crittend	en Livingston	County Wat	er District	
Gallons	Meter	Existing	Proposed		
per Month*	Size	Bill	Bill	Change	Percentage
4,000	5/8 x 3/4"	67.00	78.35	11.35	16.949
5,000	1"	81.08	94.81	13.73	16.949
25,000	2"	319.68	373.83	54.15	16.949
180,000	3"	N/A	2,321.55	N/A	N/A
180,000	4"	N/A	2,098.95	N/A	N/A

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Crittenden-Livingston County Water District. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates shown in this

Crittenden-Livingston County Water District has available for inspection at its office the application which it submitted to the Public Service Commission. A person may examine this application at the Association's office located at 620 E Main St, Salem, KY 42078. You may contact the office at 270-988-

A person may also examine the application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Public Service Commission's website at <a href="http://psc.ky.gov">http://psc.ky.gov</a>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602. You may contact the Public Service Commission at 502-564-3940.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, KY, 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS** Rocket sports schedule

**THURSDAY** 

Volleyball at Madisonville Golf at Providence Golf Course MS Softball hosts Livingston

**FRIDAY** Rockets host Webster County

**SATURDAY** Cross Country at Hopkinsville **MONDAY** 

Soccer at Lyon County Volleyball at Henderson County Golf at Pennyrile State Park MS Softball at Hopkins Central **TUESDAY** 

Soccer hosts Caldwell County Volleyball hosts Trigg County Golf at Deer Lakes Golf Course

**GOLF** 

#### QB Club Tournament

The annual Crittenden County Quarterback Club Pippi Hardin and Ronnie Mvers Memorial Golf Scramble will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday at Deer Lakes Golf Course. Cost is \$300 per team with proceeds benefiting the high school football program. Contact Darrick Myers at 270-704-1225 to register. A meal will be provided following 18 holes of play.

### Fire Dept. golf fundraiser

The annual Crittenden County Fire Department Zach Latham Fundraising Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 7 at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. This will be a four-person scramble with various prizes. To register call Chris Cooksey at 270-704-1116.

#### **OUTDOORS**

### **Hunter Ed here Saturday**

Hunter Education Safety Course will be available Saturday at Critten-

den County **Extension Park** (former gun club) on Ky. 91 North. Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources re-



quires anyone born after Jan. 1, 1975 and currently age 12 or older to have completed the hunter education course before legally hunting. Enrollment can be done online at www.fw.ky.gov. Go to the Education button to register. John Robertson will be the instructor and course is from 9 a.m., to 4 p.m.

### **Hunting Seasons**

Here are some of the most common

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Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel Fall	Aug. 17 - Nov. 8
Canada Goose	Sept. 1-15
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Turkey Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Teal	Sept. 21 - Sept. 29
Wood Duck	Sept. 21 - Sept. 25
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Turkey Crossbow	Oct. 1-20
Deer Youth	Oct. 12-13
Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 19-20
Turkey Shotgun	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1
Woodcock	Oct. 26 - Nov. 8
Deer Rifle	Nov. 9 - Nov. 24
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 9 - Dec. 31
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Woodcock	Nov. 11 - Dec. 11
Bobcat	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Squirrel Fall	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Dove	Nov. 28 - Dec. 8
Duck	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1
Canada Goose	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Coyote Night (lights)	Dec. 1 - March 31
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Turkey Shotgun	Dec. 7-13
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 14-22
Dove	Dec. 21 - Jan. 12
Deer Youth Free	Dec. 28-29
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### Rockets' 2024 High School Football Schedule

**Aug 23 Webster County** Sept 13 at Hopkins Central Oct 4 at Murray High Oct 25 at Caldwell County

**Aug 30 Union County (Military Night)** Sept 20 Bye Oct 11 Ohio County (Young Rockets) **Nov 1 Calloway County (Sr Night)** 

Sept 6 at McCracken County Sept 27 at Owensboro Catholic Oct 18 Mayfield (homecoming) **Nov 8 Playoffs** 

**Position** 

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### Back in Class 2A

**Gaige Courtney** 

4th Season

# Rockets face strong schedule

Crittenden County kicks off its fall football campaign Friday night at home against Webster County with more questions than an ACT

Off of a very respectable return to Class 2A last season, the Rockets graduated its quarterback, it backfield and much of its frontline.

Good news is that several of the team's skilled-position players are back and first-year quarterback Quinn Summers is a junior with plug-and-play capabilities and high expectations.

An understudy the past twoyears to record-setting QB Micah Newcom, Summers is more than ready to handle the offensive bridal. He's looked good in preseason and there's more to unpack, says fourth-year head coach Gaige Courtney.

"We expect a lot out of Quinn," the coach said. "We've seen him in practice the last two years and know what he can do. So far he's done everything we expect from him. We know it's his first time out there in meaningful minutes, so it may not always be perfect - there will be some up and downs. But he will be able to control and run our offense the way it needs to be."

While the offense will revolve around quick-hitting passes, Courtney says Summers has a very strong arm and it will be on display as needed. The key for that to happen is getting the offensive line ready to sustain its pass blocking.

We have some questions up front," Courtney explains. "Three of the eight guys we're counting on up there have experience so we have some growing up to do."

Defensively, things are about the same with plenty of talent and quickness in the secondary, but thread bear on the defensive line, particularly when it comes to experience and depth.

Crittenden's 2023 season ended in the second round of the playoffs at Owensboro Catholic. The Rockets' 7-5 mark last fall was pretty significant considering three of its losses were to O'Cath (twice) and Mayfield - the 2A state runner-up and state champion, respectively. CCHS also lost to Union County and McCracken a year ago. The regular season schedule is the same this go round so the Rockets have a good idea of what's in store.

Stopping the run and developing a rushing game of its own will be key factors in Crittenden's success. At running back is junior Jacob Carder, who got plenty of playing time last year. The coach says Carder is looking better, running downhill more and is a good blocker. Senior Brayden Mahnke will rotate at running back, providing a little heavier body when perhaps more power is needed. Sophomore Gaige Markham is a slippery back and senior Michael Porter has some speed to add depth in backfield

In the receiving stable is a worthy set of skills. Senior Cam'Ron Belcher has matured as a player, the coach says, and has a high ceiling. His explosiveness and hands are evident, but Courtney says his strength is deceptive.

"He's stronger than he looks. He can break tackles and jump, too," the skipper said.

Junior Caden Howard had a breakout season in 2023 and will carry a big load this season.

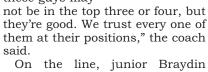
"Caden is tall and long. He can take the top off of a defense or go underneath," the coach said

Senior Tyree McLean is just as lethal as the other two and has the body of a strong running back.

"All three of them are good blockers, too," Courtney adds. Also as targets for Summers' passes this fall look for juniors Jay

Stevenson (who transferred from Caldwell County), Brayden Poindexter, Trae Taylor and Colton McLean; sophomores Dakota Sosh and Davis Perand rvman. freshmen Eli Lovell and Noah Byford.

"Some these guys may



Brandsasse has most of the experience. He's playing guard after starting the season last year at center. Senior Kaiden Travis and junior Keegan Pierson are returning starters at tackle, but junior Michael Counts and senior Carson Yates will be newcomers up front at guard and center, respectively. Backups in the trenches have no varsity experience.

Defensively, Brandsasse will play nose guard out of the chute, but Ethan Sosh and Riley Barker are edging for playing time there. Mahnke played there last season, but has moved to linebacker. At ends, Travis is back as a regular and Stevens will be on the left side.

"KT (Travis) brings a lot of experience up there, but outside of him we have all new guys up front so there are still some questions, Courtney said.

Brayden Poindexter will be middle linebacker after showing a great deal of mettle last year as a regular pinch-hitter at linebacker as a sophomore. Mahnke will be the strong side backer and senior Blake French is at weak side.

"Our linebackers are a little inexperienced, but we feel really good about them," Courtney said. "French has been waiting a long time to get an opportunity and Poindexter can run the defense. Mahnke is athletic, physical, and just a really good football player. Gaige Markham will kind of be the swing guy back there this time like Poindexter was last year.'

Three inverts return to fill two of those hybrid positions in the defense. At whip is Howard and at rocket is McLean. Dakota Sosh also played there last season and now Lovell adds depth. Courtney says experience and athleticism in those spots are strong.

Corners and safeties also have a great deal of experience and skills. Carder, Taylor and Belcher are pegged as starters, but Colton McLean and Noah Byford will be in the rotation and Michael Porter and Perryman provide good depth at those spots. Carder and Belcher are returning starters and Taylor is emerging as one of the team's top defenders.

On special teams Howard, Belcher, McLean and perhaps others will handle returns. Summers and McLean are rugby style punters and Travis is a traditional style punter and long snapper. His presseason punting has been very strong, but rugby may be used more often this season. French is also a long snapper. Kickoffs will largely be handled by Mahnke with Pierson as the backup, but freshman Adri Berry could handle the

Berry is the first female to ever make the opening roster for Rocket football. She and classmate Mitchell Brown are vying for the job of place kicker for point-after conversions and field goals. Berry is the daughter of CCHS offensive coordinator Austin Berry. Holder for kicks is Summers with Belcher as backup.

### **CCHS ROSTER**

Belcher, Cam'Ron

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### **DEPTH CHART**

### **OFFENSE**

**QB** Summers, Conner Poindexter F Carder, Mahnke, G.Markham, M.Porter H T.McLean, B.Poindexter, Lovell Y Sosh, Stevenson Z Howard, T.Taylor, Byford X Belcher, C.McLean, Perryman C Yates, J.Marshall RG Counts, J.Rich LG Brandsassee, Walters LT K.Travis, S.Henry RT Pierson, Curnel

### **SPECIAL TEAMS**

PAT Berry, M.Brown, K.Travis KO Mahnke, Pierson LS K.Travis, French H Summers, Belcher P Summers, McLean

### **DEFENSE**

CB Carder, C.McLean CB T.Taylor, Byford, M.Porter FS Belcher, Perryman SLB B.Mahnke, L.Curry MLB B.Poindexter, T.Todd WLB French, Markham, Nolan Rocket T.McLean, D.Sosh Whip Howard, Lovell LE Stevenson, Pierson, Yates **RE** K.Travis, J.Fowler, S.Henry NG Brandsasse, E.Sosh, R.Barker

### CRITTENDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD AWARDS



Crittenden County Middle School athletes honored during last weekend's track and field award ceremony were Noah Martinez, top male distance runner; and Callie Rich, top female sprinter. Not pictured was Cameron Nesbitt, top male long and triple jumper and Reece Travis, top male sprinter.



Karsyn Potter and Grayson James were honored as 2024 Miss and Mr. Crittenden County Track and Field last weekend during the high school team's annual awards ceremony. Other award recipients were (pictured from left) River Rogers, top male middle distance runner; Asa McCord, top male distance runner; Shelbi Belt, top female sprinter; Presley Potter, top female sprinter; Aerie Suggs, top female hurdler; Ruthie Martinez, standing in for her sister Mary; Bobby Hazel, top male long jumper; James, top male thrower; Ella Geary, top female high jumper; and Karsyn Potter, top female thrower. Not pictured: Noah Byford, top male sprinter and triple and high jumper; Mary Martinez, top female distance runner; and Aiden Musser, most improved.

### **CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP**

### **CCHS Golf: All A Classic results**

Crittenden County junior golfer Georgia Holeman missed the state tournament cut by one stroke for the second straight year last Thursday in the All A Second Region Golf Tournament at Drake Creek Golf Course in Ledbetter.

For Crittenden's boys, Cash Singleton led the way with an even 100 followed by Mitchell Brown at 114, Levi Quertermous at 117 and Bentley Rushing 120, Jaxton Duncan 123 and Jett Champion 139.

Lyon County's Lilly Perry shot 83 and captured a state tournament berth as did her teammate Brenna Breitick, who shot a 97.

Breitick grabbed the final individual berth for the state tournament, edging out Holeman by just one stroke. Working for a late rally, Holeman sank putts of 15 and 5 feet on the last two holes.

UHA won the girls division led by Conlee Lindsey, who had the best regional score at 74. UHA also captured the boys' title. Cooper Collins of Lyon County and Clay Calendar of Livingston Central captured the two at-large berths for the state tournament. Calendar won his spot in a playoff against Caldwell's Collin Whittington and Livingston teammate Logan Wring.

Rounding out Livingston regional scores were Jackson Duncan 89, Preston Hammonds 89, Ty Williams 90, Mason Hargrove 95 and James Thomasson 101.

In the girls division, Crittenden's Abby Korzenborn finished at 132 and Taylor Leahy of Livingston shot a 108.

•In a match Monday at Deer Lakes against Livingston Central, Rocket golfer Cash Singleton shot a 48 to lead the way. Jaxton Duncan turned in a 51, Bentley Rushing 52, Mitchell Brown 53, Jett Champion 56 and Levi Quertermous shot 63. For the CCHS girls, Georgia Holeman shot 55 and Abby Korzenborn 63.

### **LADY ROCKET SOCCER**

Crittenden County blanked Webster County 8-0 at Marion Monday for the team's first win of the season. Freshman Adri Berry had 4 goals and 2 assists for the Lady Rockets. Ella Geary scored 3 times and Kylie Bloodworth once. Bloodworth also had 2 assists and Mollie Blazina had 2 assists. In the goal, Crittenden's defense held Webster at bay the entire match, as the Trojans never fired a shot on goal that needed to be saved by the CCHS keeper.

•Trigg County wiped out Crittenden County 7-2 in a Fifth District soccer matchup to open the fall campaign.

Kylie Bloodworth and Ella Geary scored goals for

the Lady Rockets and Ruby Peek had one assist. In the goal, Macibelle Hardesty had  $16\ \text{saves}.$ 

•At Owensboro Saturday, the Lady Rockets fell behind Apollo 5-0 before closing the gap a bit late in the second half. CCHS rallied with goals from Bloodworth and Peek just before a lightning delay cooled their heels. After a 30-minute break play resumed and the hosts tacked on one more goal for a 6-2 win.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Crittenden County Middle School's softball girls got out of the chute with three wins over their first six games over the past week and half.

The girls lost in the bottom of the last inning 2-1 at Webster County Monday despite playing very well. Abigail Champion doubled and drove in a run for CCMS and Karlee Jent, Brenna Kemmer, Brodi Rich and Lilly Cappello all had singles. Rich pitched, allowing no earned runs, fanned 6 and walked none.

•CCMS got 2 hits from Karlee Jent and other hits by Brodi Rich, Abigail Champion and Lilly Cappello in a 5-0 win over Union County Saturday. Rich pitched a two-hitter for the win.

In an 11-1 win over Todd County also on Saturday, Brenna Kemmer had 2 hits and Alexis Mattingly drove in 2 runs. Other players with hits were Jent, Rich, Caroline Martin, Cappello and Addie Nelson. Rich and Kemmer shared pitching chores, giving up just 2 hits and striking out six.

The Rocket middlers were no-hit last Thursday at Livingston County and lost 1-0 and were defeated 6-1 last Tuesday at Lyon County. Jent and Rich each had 2 hits against Lyon.

Crittenden beat Caldwell County 3-1 in the season operner a week ago Monday. Kemmer, Champion, Sadie Green and Martin each had hits in that game and Rich pitched a 3-hitter.

### **CCHS VOLLEYBALL**

Crittenden County opened its volleyball season Monday at Marshall County with a four-set win.

The Lady Rockets are ranked No. 1 in the Second Region by one poll, and Marshall is one of the topranked teams in the First Region.

Crittenden lost the second set of the match but wiped out the Marshall girls in the last one, winning 25-18, 18-25, 27-25, 25-15.

Senior Carley Porter had 6 kills, 2 blocks and 2 aces for the Lady Rockets. Lilah Sherer had 20 assists; Braelyn Merrill 6 kills, Hannah Mott 4 kills and 5 aces, Brook Winstead 4 kills, 4 aces and a block; Mary Stephens 5 digs; Riley Kirby 4 digs and an ace and Lacey Boone had 4 kills.



Adri Berry works to gain control of the ball during a soccer match last weekend at Owensboro Apollo.





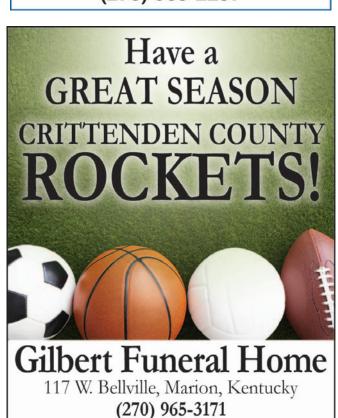


Members of the Crittenden County Middle School softball team are (front from left) Catelynn Maddux, Brooklyn Lovell, Addie Nelson, Kora Belle Penn, Olivia Mattingly, Danielle Farmer, Whitley Lovan, London McCord, Aria Kinnis and Karlee Jent (back) coach Joey Rich, coach Joey Cappello, Sadie Green, Brodi Rich, Abigail Champion, Alexis Mattingly, Caroline Martin, Brenna Kemmer, Lilly Cappello, Mela Kate Penn, Fiona Louden and head coach Stephen Smith.

### 2004 CCHS Cheer

Crittenden County High School cheerleaders (front from left) are Rianna Maness, Savannah Sutton, Kayleigh Weathers, Tallyn Tabor, Aliyah Maraman and Ashlee Sosh, (back) Lindsey Wyatt, Nai'zayah Bell, Jordyn Potter, Emme Lynch, Maddie Jones and Jersey Rushing. Not pictured Aubrey Miller.





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# Schools consider plan to update facilities with energy-savings

Crittenden County Board of Education at its meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 13, signaled preliminary support for an enproject ergy-savings presented by Ascendant Facility Partners of Paducah.

analyzing the After school district's utility costs, Ascendant Facility Partners (AFP) identified a lengthy list of projects that could generate longterm energy savings. Some of those include upgrades of lighting, HVAC, water and sewer systems.

While the board is not committed to the project, it took its first step last week by voting to sign a letter of intent for a Guaranteed Energy Savings Project (GESP) and an application with Kentucky Department of Education, or BG-1, for a capital construction project.

Energy savings projfinanced are through energy bonds and repaid using the savings on utility costs.

AFP's analysis identified \$1.43 million worth of projects the district could fund through the sale of energy bonds. Some of which include conversion to LED lighting, replacement of two Crittenden County Elementary School bathrooms, heating and air system projdistrictwide,

replacement of food service equipment and "building envelope" improvements like weather stripping and caulking.

Projects identified for energy cost savings by AFP exist at each school, the multipurpose room, Rocket Arena, central office and the maintenance transportation buildings.

Ascendant Facility Partners analyzed five years of data to determine Crittenden County Schools' annual electricity, natural gas and water/wastewater penses, which average \$327,044.

In its presentation to the Crittenden County Board of Education Aug. 5, AFP officials anticipate a \$70,485 annual utility and operational savings over 20 years.

Steve Carter, retired County McCracken Schools Superintendent and former Crittenden County educator, works in business development for Ascendant Facility Partners. Crittenden County native David Belt, a certified public accountant, is Ascendant's financial agent.

"We take the money you are spending on utilities and do facilities improvements with the same pot of money," Carter told the board.

Carter was superintendent at McCracken when that school district utilized the services of

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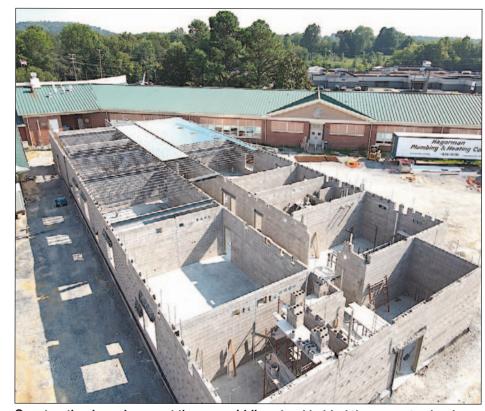
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By law, energy savings contracts require annual reimbursements shortfalls in guaranteed

energy savings. Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Tonya Driver said several projects on AFP's list are also on the district's facilities needs list, including LED lighting in Rocket Arena and an overhaul of two sets of restrooms at CCES.

In the past three years, AFP has completed multi-million dollar projects at McCracken, Lyon, and Carlisle county schools, among others.

Carter said energy savings realized from the replacement of lighting in several old McCracken County schools allowed the district to install heat and air in two gymnasi-



Construction is underway at the new middle school behind the current school.



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