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## City surveying utility users that live outside of Marion's City Limits

The City of Marion recently mailed important surveys to municipal water customers that live just outside of the Marion City Limits. The city says it needs information from those customers in order to determine whether it qualifies for a Community Development Block Grant that will help offset costs of repairing the aging water distribution system.

## Handful of local races on November's ballot

There is potential for up to three local races on the November general election ballot. There is for certain going to be one city council race to fill an unexpired term. Tracey Cook and Taylor Davis have filed to seek that post. Cook is currently serving in the council seat on an interim basis. Whoever is elected will take office immediately and serve through 2024. There are two open positions in the county and at this point, only write-in candidates can qualify to be elected. The positions are for District 6 constable and Crittenden County Surveyor. The constable post recently became vacant when the district's constable, Don Herrin, accepted a position as a special deputy at the sheriff's department. Filing deadline for write-in candidates is Oct. 27. The term for constable and surveyor is four years. To be elected, the surveyor must hold a Kentucky license as a professional land surveyor.

## Bottled water handout

City of Marion officials this week began distributing a cache of bottled water that has been stored since last spring. The bottled water is being offered to people who visit the Victory Garden each day. Some of the water has been donated to Crittenden County Schools and the Crittenden County Detention Center. The bottles of water were provided to the community last spring during the height of its drinking water crisis.

## Here is how to reserve Park or Market on Main

As fall nears and folks begin to spend more time enjoying the outdoors, Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission and Marion-Crittenden County Park Board remind citizens that organized use of the farmers market and/or park requires an approved reservation. There is a small fee for commercial vendors at Imogene Stout Market on Main. At the city-county park there is a small cost for groups or individuals who charge an entry fee for organized events, but no charge for use of the pavilions. Still reservations are required. Call Marion Welcome Center at (270) 965-5015 to make a reservation.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 24 at the courthouse.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 28 at Deer Lakes.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will have a hearing with regard to its 2023 tax rate at 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 7 and a special meeting will follow the hearing. Both will be at Rocket Arena conference room.

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## Course for sale; users lament possibilities

STAFF REPORT

Retired elementary school principal Melissa Tabor grew up on the local golf course and describes how her heart was full watching youngsters this summer participating in the new Marion Baptist Church junior golf series at The Heritage Golf Course at Marion Country Club.



Tabor

"The little girls were in their golf skirts, collared sleeveless shirts and visors. They were just precious," Tabor said.

Unless a purchaser emerges fairly soon, golf in Marion could be over, and part of the town's culture may be forever lost.

Built in 1964, the golf course and swimming pool at the club were part of a huge development phase that saw the number of courses in the United States balloon from 3.5 million in 1950 to 11.2

million in 1970. As the game began to attract middle class America, private clubs and municipal courses popped up in communities large and small.

There was a time when Marion Country Club had a waiting list to get in. Membership required purchase of stock in the club and shares were difficult to come by with more than 360 members on the register.

"Someone had to move off or die before you could buy their share and join," said Tabor, whose relationship with the club is quite extensive having served on its board of directors for many years and later worked there under its current private ownership.

Over the last couple of generations, Tabor has been widely considered the best female golfer in Marion. She competed against boys as a high schooler and won two state tournament titles. She's lived along the second hole of the links for many years and has always been a member.

Golf is in her blood. It has molded her, and she says the club is responsible to a great degree, "For who I am."

It's going to break her heart if an individual, business or other entity doesn't materialize to save it.

"I started playing golf here and going to the pool when I was five years old, and now I'm 61," she said. "I've literally been here that whole time, playing, working and as an active member. It's so sad to think about what could happen because this course is so much of our community. I don't want to see that part of Marion lost."

Just last week, Crittenden County High School senior Jeremiah Foster won a regional golf championship in the small-school tournament. High school golfers practice and play some home

matches at the nine-hole course in Marion.

The club, which includes a large, in-ground swimming pool, 8,000-square-foot clubhouse, disc golf, restaurant and bar, was largely private for decades. When membership waned as golf's national enthusiasm slowed in the past couple of decades, the club's board of directors sold it to King Heritage, Inc.

Californian Eddie King, who grew up in Fredonia, is currently president and majority shareholder of the corporation. Since King Heritage purchased the club in 2015, handsome upgrades have been made. Yet, a decline in interest has proven difficult to overcome. Nationwide, between 2003 and 2018, golf saw a drop of more than 6.8 million players and more than 1,200 course closures, according to the National Recreation and Park Association.

Sam and Linda Smith are

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## City raising water rates

### Revenue needed, leaders say to combat problematic system

STAFF REPORT

In the face of an ongoing raw water crisis and increasing sewer costs, city residents will next month see a 40-percent hike in water bills.

Marion City Council voted 4-2 on Monday to raise water rates, which haven't gone up since 2015, in order to meet a growing demand for greater cash flow to help maintain and improve the water treatment plant, distribution system and solve its raw water problem.

In the spring of 2022, a leak in the levee of Lake George – the town's largest source of raw water – prompted an intentional breach of the dam to avoid a potential catastrophic failure. Since then, Marion has been under a water conservation order and working toward short- and long-term solutions to

its plight.

The town's water woes have exposed a number of proclaimed deficiencies in its water department, including its rate system. An independent study by Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) found that Marion needed a 40-percent water rate increase, just to break even. After examining financial figures from the city's water department, RCAP found that Marion's water department had lost more than \$218,000 in the year prior to the water crisis.

The rate hike approved earlier this week will mean that the base fee for water customers in Marion go up to \$26.78 a

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Marion's water plant on Chapel Hill Road needs upgrades and repairs. So do troubled areas of the distribution system.

## School, city, others finalizing tax rates

### 2023 REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES

| TAX DISTRICT      | Change | 2023 | 2022 |
|-------------------|--------|------|------|
| City of Marion*   | +0.1   | 22.5 | 22.4 |
| Crittenden County | +0.2   | 11.8 | 11.6 |
| School District*  | +2.6   | 51.6 | 49.0 |
| Extension         | +0.2   | 4.3  | 4.1  |
| Health Tax        | none   | 3.0  | 3.0  |
| Public Library    | none   | 5.0  | 5.0  |

Values are shown as cents per \$100 of assessed value  
\* Proposed rates, requires later passage

STAFF REPORT

Local taxing districts have either set or proposed their tax rates for 2023, but Crittenden County taxpayers will not be able to pay their bills until a little later this year.

Because county offices will be moving from the courthouse to the new Crittenden County Office Complex in Industrial Park South, tax bills will

go out a bit later and payment will not be accepted until starting Nov. 1, by which time the sheriff should be moved into his new office on Industrial Drive.

Typically, there is a discount period during October when county taxpayers can save two percent by paying early. That discount period will this year will be during November.

The City of Marion proposed its property tax rates for 2023 during Monday's city council meeting. It plans to take the compensating rate at 22.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value. That's up slightly from 2022's rate of 22.4 because the city's property value assessment is down, but the town will take in basically

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# Deaths Williams

Harley Deonn “Speedy” Williams, 83, of Carrsville, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah.

He retired from the United States Air Force after 24 years and he was a diesel mechanic for Vulcan Materials for over 18 years. He enjoyed playing cards (especially High-9), traveling and had fun wherever he went. He visited 48 states and five countries. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Donna Williams; two daughters, Debbie (David) Collins of West Paducah and DeAnna (Darrell) McDonald of Carrsville; a son, Darin (Roseann) Williams of Smithland; a brother, Steve (Kathy) Williams of Louisville; a step-sister; Sharon (Ricky) Thompson of Salem; seven grandchildren, Darrick Williams of Madisonville, Brandon Williams of Smithland, SueAnna Williams of Smithland, Sy Noble McDonald of Carrsville, Eli Harley McDonald of Carrsville, Dawson Collins of West Paducah, Baron Collins of West Paducah; a great-granddaughter, Keyle Williams of Madisonville; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

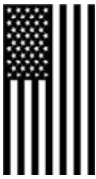
He was preceded in death by his parents, Harley F. and Juanita (Armstrong) Williams; and brother, Bobby Norris Williams.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. David LeNeave officiating.

Burial will follow in Hopewell Cemetery, with military honors.

Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m., until the funeral hour on Saturday, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

*Paid obituary*



# Hodges provides treatment for chronic wounds

Nurse practitioner Sharon Hodges has begun providing treatment at a clinic she helped organize five years ago.

The nurse practitioner who is certified in wound care, pain management and gerontology, was involved in the organization of the Wound Care Clinic at Crittenden Hospital in 2018.

“Five years ago we were sending patients to other hospitals frequently, and many of them did not want to go out of town,” Hodges explained. That prompted the addition of specialized treatment in wound care in Marion.

While wound care primarily consists of outpatient procedures, Hodges said there are times that treatment is provided to individuals who are either hospitalized or in the nursing home.

There are times that Hodges sees an overlap between pain management and wound care.

“Chronic wounds don’t heal for various reasons, especially for people with cancer or those who are immuno-

compromised, and they may need pain management as well,” she said.

Types of wounds that require treatment are those originating as pressure sores, venous, arterial, diabetic, surgical and traumatic wounds, as well as those caused by lymphedema and edema. Hodges will continue to

offer pain management on Wednesday and Thursdays in the Specialty Clinic at Family Practice Clinic.

Since she began offering pain management services locally early in 2023, the service has grown to more than 200 patients in the last three months.



For an appointment, call (270) 918-9990

# Elderly at risk for heat illness

BY LESLEA BARNES

CRITTENDEN 4-H AGENT

Amid Kentucky’s extreme summer temperatures, high humidity and prolonged heat can make being outdoors uncomfortable and dangerous. During this time, you need to know the signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses and how to treat them. These include heat exhaustion, heat cramps and the most serious – heat-stroke (also known as sun stroke).

Heat-related illnesses occur when a person’s body cannot properly cool itself. These sicknesses can occur at any age, but people at greatest risk include infants and children up to four years old, adults 65 and over and those who are overweight. Sudden exposure to hot weather and lack of air conditioning, certain illnesses and medications, such as an-

tihistamines and anti-psychotics, can also increase risk of heat-related illnesses.

Older adults are at risk for many reasons. Sweat glands, which help cool the body, often diminish in number with age, and those remaining may not function as well as they once did. Existing health problems, especially involving the heart, lung and kidneys and some medications can also increase older adults’ risk of heat-related illness.

Here are some tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

- Keep up-to-date on the weather forecast and stay in your home or another air-conditioned facility, such as a mall, public library or heat-relief shelter if the temperatures and humidity are forecasted to be extreme.
- Avoid strenuous out-

door activities, such as exercise or gardening, during the hottest hours of the day.

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water, fruit or vegetable juices. Drink even when you are not thirsty. Avoid caffeine and alcohol.
- Wear loose, lightweight and light-colored clothing.
- Avoid using your oven and cover windows that receive direct sunlight to keep your house cooler.
- Take cool showers or baths to help yourself cool down.

Know the signs of heatstroke – high body temperature, dizziness, fatigue, lack of coordination, cold and clammy skin, racing heart rate, headache, nausea/vomiting, changes in cognition and/or behavior, rapid breathing, muscle spasms and/or cramps and ankle swelling. Heatstroke is a potentially life-threatening condition that requires immediate medical attention.

Seek immediate medical attention if someone has signs of a heat-related illness.

# 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 September 7, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. to hear public comments regarding a proposed general fund tax levy of 51.6 cents on real property and 51.6 cents on personal property.

The General fund tax levied in fiscal year 2023 was 49 cents on real property and 49 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$2,237,412.84. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 51.6 cents on real property and 51.6 cents on personal property is expected\* to produce \$2,508,743.21. Of this amount, \$414,198.23 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax rate for 2024 is 48.9 cents on real property and 49 cents on personal property and is expected\* to produce \$2,378,245.43.

The general areas to which revenue of \$271,330 above 2023 revenue is to be allocated are as follows: Cost of collections, \$10,853; Instruction, \$260,477.



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Kentucky farmers donated \$735,815.88 to the Ag Tag Program for 2023. The voluntary donations are divided equally among Kentucky 4-H, Kentucky FFA, and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA). This year each group received \$245,271.96. Pictured second from left is Crittenden County High School senior Kailyn Stokes, state 4-H reporter. Also pictured is Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Ryan Quarles (right) making one of the Ag Tag donation last week at the Kentucky State Fair.

## Livingston sets tax rate, announces grants

Livingston County Board of Education on Monday, Aug. 14 received updates on a number of school initiatives including the summer feeding program which successfully served over 52,000 meals from the end of May through July.

Director of Pupil Personnel Amy Ramage reported that Cardinal Kickoff had more than 750 participants who received school supplies thanks to the generosity of community businesses.

Each Livingston County school had successful Back-to-School nights, and South Livingston held a successful Boo-Hoo Yahoo Breakfast for parents of kindergarten students. North Livingston Elementary, under the leadership of Principal Kenley Ringstaff, reported the addition of teachers Katelyn Wright and Tabby Padon. LCMS had a great turnout with its Back-to-School Shin Dig. Its summer engagement program was a hit and included 12 outings with more than 150 students participating. LCHS welcomes new English teachers Michael Godbey and Tori Benard, and administrators are ex-

cited about renovations over the summer, especially in the gym.

Superintendent Dr. David Meinschein provided a summary of his testimony before the Kentucky State Senate to advocate for higher starting salaries for teachers.

Meinschein announced receipt of a USDA Rural School Grant in the amount of \$97,000. The majority of this grant will be used to replace serving lines at both elementary schools. A \$25,000 portion of the grant is earmarked for a Garden to School program that will

work with the agriculture department at Livingston Central to provide fresh vegetables for food service.

PFGW representative and architect Paul King provided an update on the Career and Technical Education wing renovation at Livingston Central, which will include interior and exterior work. The board subsequently approved a BG-3 for the project.

Meinschein reported receipt of a rural healthcare grant that will allow the district to share the services of a physician with other school districts.

The board voted to

set its tax rate at 45.4 cents per \$100 assessed value on real estate. The 2022 rate was 44.4 cents. The board left its personal property tax unchanged at 45.2 cents per \$100 assessed value for motor vehicles and watercraft.

The board meeting ended with the approval of Dr. Meinschein's evaluation disclosed in July. The board gave Dr. Meinschein "exemplary" ratings in all seven leadership standards. The next board meeting will be at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11, in the Livingston Central High School library.




# Health and Wellness Fair

**At the Crittenden County Public Library**

Visit the library for a morning of talks and demonstrations from local agencies and health and wellness professionals. Sign in at the door to win exciting door prizes!

**Saturday, August 26th**  
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**At the Library**



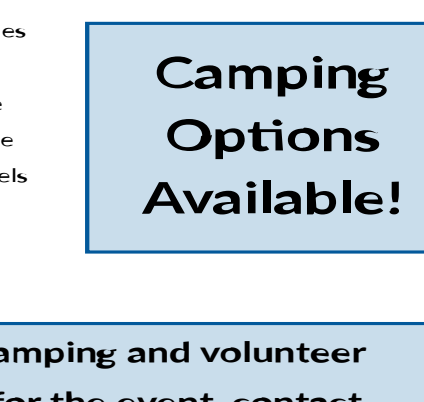


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| 4. Panty Hose Race      | 12. Dolly Parton Race  |
| 5. 18 & Under Dizzy Bat | 13. 18 & Under Barrels |
| 6. Adult Dizzy Bat      | 14. Adult Barrels      |
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# Library lending fishing poles in addition to books

Crittenden County Public Library soon will be lending more than books.

Beginning in September, the library will loan out fishing poles compliments of a program hosted by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

As a Loaner Pole location, Marion's library will have 10 fishing poles available for checkout by library cardholders.

The program will kick off Friday, Sept. 8.

Crittenden County programming librarians have been educated about fishing practices as well as various resources available for Kentucky fishermen.

A recent class offered in Paducah addressed the topics of fishing pole and equipment selection, artificial and live bait selection, knot tying and pole assembly, casting techniques and more. Participants, including a Crittenden County Public

Library employee, also learned about the Loaner Pole program, which gives regional agencies such as public libraries and Extension offices the opportunity to house and loan out gear.

The program is part of the Kentucky's Fishing In Neighborhoods (FINS) Lakes project. There are 45 FIN locations statewide, including Lake George in Marion, which currently is closed to recreational activities.

"It is the library's hope that providing free access to fishing poles will remove a cost barrier from this natural resource and allow more Crittenden County residents access to quality fishing opportunities close to home," said Leah Chumblor, Crittenden County Public Library director.

Youth ages 15 and younger are not required to possess a fishing license. Everyone age 16 and older must possess a statewide fishing license.

# Crittenden County Clerk RFP

Crittenden County Clerk's Office is inviting you to submit a sealed bid on a Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) grant proposal to digitize more than two dozen Plats and six ledger-size record books; microfilm 195 Plats and 23 legal-size Mortgage books; acquire a desktop scanner to backscan records into digital format; and obtain fire-resistant vertical filing cabinets for permanent records located in the county clerk's office in Marion, Ky. The effort will ensure preservation of vital records, as well as make them more accessible to the public.

If you are interested, below you will find the details of our proposed project. Please, carefully review the information prior to submitting your bid proposal.

This project has five sections, each of which could/may be awarded to a different vendor. Therefore, bid on each section of interest, and if not interested, please submit a **No Bid** for that section(s).

## Section I

Acquire desktop scanner to allow staff to back-scan in-house and digitize various legal-size record books (1974 to present) for permanent storage and public access.

The specifications for the scanner are as follows:

- Resolution capability of 300 dpi or larger;
- Ability to save files as PDF, TIF and JPG at minimum;
- Capable of batch-scanning up to 8 ½ by 15 paper;
- Compatible with Windows environment;
- Automatic image correction;
- Automatic feed of up to 42 lb. paper stock;
- Feed tray capacity of up to 200 sheets;
- USB interface; and
- Capable of duplex scanning face.

## Section II

Security Microfilm records into 35 mm, where applicable, following KDLA imaging guidelines, and deliver to KDLA as well as Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

- 195 Plats (1998-2012). Series L1329.
- 23 Mortgage Books (2007-12). Vital. Series L1344.

### Section III

Create digital images, following KDLA imaging guidelines, for permanent storage and public access. Deliver images to KDLA and Crittenden County Clerk's Office on hard drive with USB interface.

- 28 Plats up to 24- by 36-inches (2021-22). Series L1329.
- 1 Power of Attorney Book (1948-73). Series L1338.
- 5 Record of Board of Election Commissioners Books (1898-2020). Series L1384.

## Section IV

Index digital images for permanent storage and public access.

- 28 Plats (2021-22) with indexing for document type, book type, description, grantor, grantee, date, book number and page number. Series L1329.
- 1 Power of Attorney Book (1948-73) with indexing for document type, book type, description, grantor, grantee, date, book number and page number. Vital. Series L1338.
- 5 Record of Board of Election Commissioners Books (1898-2020) with indexing for date, document type, description, book number and page number. Series L1384.

## Section V

Acquire two FireKing fireproof, four-drawer lateral filing cabinets to store permanent records not currently retained in fireproof storage. The cabinets should fit the following parameters:

- Fit within a 45-inch wide by 24-inch depth by 54-inch height area.
- Have a lifetime warranty;
- Have 1-hour fire and impact rating;
- Accommodate legal-size hanging files;
- Have scratch-resistant, powder coating;
- Be parchment in color;
- Offer UL listed high security lock;
- Be insulated between all drawers; and
- Have free replacement guarantee.
- The following record series will be secured in the cabinet:
  - Wills, original/unbound (1978-2022). Series L1314.
  - Estate Settlements File, unbound/post-1869 (1962-77). Series L5049.
  - Official County and Record of Election Totals (1972-present). Vital. Series L1405.
  - Certificates of Election (2020-present). Series L1406.
  - Certificate of Nomination (2020-present). Series L1423.
  - Election Petitions (1998-present). Series L1424.
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**Sealed bids must be returned by mail or in person by the time of bid opening at 9 a.m. on Sept. 7, 2023.** Bids must include all costs, including shipping, handling and delivery charges, if applicable. Bids may be sent to:

Daryl K. Tabor  
Crittenden County Clerk  
200 Industrial Dr., Ste. B  
Marion, KY 42064





## Fitzgerald caught, jailed in Muhlenberg County

Authorities in Muhlenberg County arrested fugitive Brian Fitzgerald of Marion earlier this week at a motel in Central City.

Fitzgerald, 35, had been on the run since avoiding capture in rural Crittenden County on July 25. He was wanted on drug trafficking and other charges here. A record amount of methamphetamine was allegedly seized at his home during execution of a search warrant in July. Local authorities say the ATF is involved and federal drug and firearms charges are pending against Fitzgerald in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky Paducah Division.

Taken into custody early Tuesday morning, Fitzgerald faces multiple charges in Muhlenberg County ramming a police cruiser and trying elude authorities. He is charged with felony first-degree wanton endangerment of a police officer, felony first-degree fleeing or evading police in a motor vehicle and felony first-degree fleeing or evading police on foot. He is also charged with misdemeanor leaving the scene of an accident and failure to render aid.



**Brian Fitzgerald**  
Muhlenberg Jail photograph

At 6:45 a.m., Tuesday, members of the Western Kentucky Violent Crimes Task Force in cooperation with the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Office, Central City Police Department, Lyon County Sheriff's Department, Kentucky State Police and ATF agents had been conducting surveillance at a Super 8 motel when Fitzgerald came outside and got into a red 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt passenger vehicle. When police closed in to make an arrest, Fitzgerald fled in the vehicle, ramming a state police cruiser before fleeing and nearly colliding with the Lyon County Sheriff and a federal ATF agent. Fitzgerald's vehicle also collided with two parked and unoccupied vehicles at the motel before leaving the parking lot. Upon exiting the lot, Fitzgerald lost control of the vehicle and it traveled down an embankment on South Second Street in Central City.

The suspect got out of the vehicle and ran into a heavily forested area with thick underbrush and briars, according to Sgt. Alex Piper of the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Department. Police pursued and eventually caught Fitzgerald and placed him under arrest after deploying a Taser to subdue him.

Muhlenberg authorities also arrested Lee A. Adams, 30, of Kuttawa who had accompanied Fitzgerald at the motel. She was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Additional charges are pending against Adams.

Crittenden County authorities had tried to serve a warrant on Fitzgerald in Frances near his home on July 25. However, he crashed a motorcycle and escaped on foot.

Sheriff Evan Head said at the time that he believed Fitzgerald was operating a significant drug-pushing enterprise. A subsequent search of his home led to the seizure of what law enforcement said was nearly 20 pounds of methamphetamine, heroin and marijuana. Including cash and

drugs, the value of items seized was more than \$200,000, the sheriff said.

It was the largest methamphetamine seizure in county history. While executing the July search warrant at Fitzgerald's residence on Brown Mines Road, investigators also discovered a handgun, 9mm and .223 caliber ammunition, books on munitions, improvised explosive devices, a steel flechette, sharpened metal projectiles often used in bombs, a marijuana-growing site consisting of more than 70 plants, a large amount of dried marijuana, heroin and other drug paraphernalia.

## Fredonia woman charged with making false claim about fugitive to 911

A Fredonia woman was charged last week with disorderly conduct and public intoxication from a controlled substance after she allegedly phoned 911 with an erroneous report.

About 4:30 p.m., last Thursday, 911 dispatch in Caldwell County received a call, allegedly from Sabrina Brown from an address on KY 902 East. The police report says the caller reported that a fugitive had come to her house and threatened her before running to the woods.

Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head said Crittenden County authorities were notified because the caller allegedly reported that Brian Fitzgerald was the fugitive. Law enforcement in Crittenden County had for several weeks been looking for Fitzgerald who was on the run after a large amount of methamphetamine, marijuana and other drugs were seized at this residence. He was caught in Muhlenberg County Tuesday, where he faces new charges.

Caldwell County Deputy Mac Englebright arrested Brown, 41, and lodged her in the county jail. His citation says the 911 caller's intent was "to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm and (it) created a hazardous and physically offensive condition that served no legitimate purpose."

In July, Brown was found guilty of calling 911 dispatch at least a dozen times on June 25 and June 26 and hanging up the phone.

through November 2024.

## New pavement going down on Wolf Creek Rd this week

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will be paving a section of KY 1917 (Wolf Creek Road) in eastern Crittenden County this week.

Work was to begin on Wednesday and be completed by Friday.

The project area is from Roberts Road extending northward to KY 120 (Providence Road), a distance of just under 1.5 miles.

Motorists should be alert for one-lane traffic with alternating flow controlled by flaggers. Some delays are possible during the movement and placement of equipment to facilitate the work.

## Fredonia leaves tax rate same for property in '23

Property tax rates in Fredonia will stay the same in 2023 as they were last year. The city council there approved a 28-cent per \$100 of assessed value on real property during its meeting Monday night. The same rate was set for personal property. Mayor Jim Seibert said because of a slight increase in the assessed value and new taxable property in Fredonia, the city will generate about \$7,500 in new revenue this year.

Fredonia's property tax rate has not changed in the last four years.

The city council also approved installing a "speed hump" on West Pierson Street to help control traffic in the residential neighborhood.



## 50 YEARS AGO

### August 23, 1973

■ Many grocery stores in Marion faced a food shortage. Specifically aggravating to local grocery merchants was the shortage of beef, canned meats and canned fruit and vegetables. Managers said the shortage was critical and many stores operated on a quota of meats. One store representative said their beef case was empty one night before closing.

■ The Hortence B. Ingram and its tow struck a lock gate at Dam 50 rendering the lock inoperable and tying up traffic along the river. The boat was northbound on the Ohio with its tow of 11,000 tons of gasoline when it struck the gate. The gate was damaged badly enough that it could not function. Cushioning timbers on the gate face prevented damage to the tow. About 20 tows were backed up above the dam and 25 below, forcing the lockmaster to lower the dams' wickets and allow boats to pass directly over the dam.

■ Former Crittenden County High School basketball player David Turley signed a basketball grant in aid with Kentucky Business College of Lexington. Turley received two varsity letters in basketball, one letter in baseball, and three team trophies for the best one-on-one player in high school.

■ Representing Crittenden County at the annual Kentucky Youth Conference at Louisville were Laura Phillips and Robin Webb.

■ The Family Practice Clinic Laboratory met all criteria for laboratory accreditation by COLA, a national healthcare accreditation organization. Accreditation was given to laboratories that applied rigid standards of quality in day-to-day operations, demonstrated accuracy in the performance of proficiency testing and passed a rigorous on-site laboratory survey. Under the direction of Dr. Gary James and management of Dr. Greg Maddux, the clinic earned COLA accreditation as a result of a long-term commitment to quality service to patients.

■ The Crittenden County 4-H Wranglers Horse Club facilitated a horse show during the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair. This was the first time that 4-H had taken an active role in a horse show for the county fair. The show consisted of 18 classes that ranged from three to 12 entrees, a costume class and a treasure hunt. Several businesses helped aid the production of the show and Matt Grimes announced.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### August 22, 2013

■ Kentucky farmers harvested record-breaking corn and bean crops due to abundant rainfall and colder temperatures. Expectations for the harvest were great in the state, where corn and soybeans accounted for about one-third of the overall agricultural cash receipts hovering around \$5 billion annually. Corn production was forecasted to reach a record 231 million bushels, up 122 percent from the year before. Corn yield was estimated at 154 bushels per acre, up 86 bushels an acre from the previous year.

■ A program that allowed Crittenden County students to take their own technology into the classroom for instruction required students to pass a digital driver's license test. Students were also required to turn in the acceptable use policy with a parent or guardian signature to participate in the program.

■ Most residents of Crittenden County paid a higher rate for electricity usage. The average Kenergy Corp. customer, which served most rural areas of Crittenden County, paid roughly 20 percent more for their power to cover each electric cooperative's increased cost to purchase electricity for distribution.

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

## City appoints Maxfield, Stinnett to local boards

Marion City Council this week approved a couple of appointments to local boards.

Kayla Maxfield was chosen to fulfill an unexpired term on the City of Marion Planning and Zoning Commission. She will complete the term of Bill Frazer, who has resigned. The term will run through August 2027.

Beth Stinnett was chosen to serve on the Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission, fulfilling the unexpired term of Katie Wheeler. Stinnett's appointment will run

## KY Colonels settle suit

In a resolution to a January complaint filed by The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels (HOKC), the United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky has issued a permanent injunction in favor of the 92-year-old charitable organization. The suit sought to enforce a 2020 injunction which prohibited Kentucky Colonels International and associated defendants from using the trademarked Kentucky Colonels name in the sale of branded merchandise bearing the moniker as well as attempted fundraising in brazenly and deceptively use of its trademarks and trade name for personal enrichment.

Those individuals had created unauthorized groups, deceptively identifying themselves as "Kentucky Colonel," "Kentucky Colonel Community," "Kentucky Colonel Club," and "Kentucky ColonelTM 1775," linking to websites including "Kentucky Colonelcy: The Honorable & Official Title" and "Office of the Colonelcy." Among other things, the groups are soliciting registry dues and licensing fees from commissioned Kentucky Colonels to be considered an "official" Kentucky Colonel and marketing "official" badges and "official" ID cards.

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Saying it in a song

Christian life is becoming like Jesus

Some of the most beautiful words I know are found in the Poetry and Prophets in the Old Testament. So are some of the most graphic and horrifying. Poetry has that ability. We can say things in verse that we have trouble saying in prose. I don't know exactly why that is. Maybe it is because poetry, for some reason, gets into our emotions so much more quickly. It might be because poetry is just opaque enough to allow the words to get in before we have time to process what is being said.



Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist  
Guest Columnist

Some songs, however, demonstrate to us the continuing difficulty we have in this country around race, socioeconomics, and regional (mainly urban/rural) cultures. I have not listened to country music for years. I don't really dislike it but there are several other genres that I like better and gravitate toward them.

Until recently I had not heard of Jason Aldean (yeah, I'm that out of touch). His recent song "Try That in a

Small Town" sparked quite a bit of discussion. This is an example of a song generating very different responses. I, for one, do not believe that the setting for the video was just a coincidence. It was intentional, hurtful, and cynical. The artists and producers are not that dumb and ignorant. The usefulness of this song was seen in the discussion that surrounded it. In the grand scheme of things, it is not that important. Except that it demonstrates that as far as we have come in race relations today, we have a long way to go.

I doubt if anyone outside of a few miles of Farmville, Va., or subscribers to radio had heard of Oliver Anthony until a few days ago. I know nothing about him. I did listen to the song, "Rich Men North of Richmond." It is a cry to be heard and carries with it some (unintentional) racial tones. Times and places

change and not everyone from a place thinks alike. But it is worth noting that Farmville is in a county that chose to shut its public schools rather than integrate in 1959. There are lyrics in that song that can more easily be sung than said. I, for one, think that it is a man who simply wrote what he was thinking and then put it to music. The lyrics are blunter, but the slick, cynical, plausible deniability of Aldean is not there.

Both are somewhat offensive to some populations, but Anthony's song is raw emotion rather than a calculated dog whistle. "Rich Men" is worth discussing. "Try That" is just trying to pick a fight. Like "accidentally" bumping into someone in public to provoke a response. I guess he got what he wanted.

It is a good thing to sing about justice and law and order and respect. It is even fine to sing songs that are offensive if it gets/keeps us talking. I have had plenty of discussions about some hip-hop and rap music. And Bob Marley was very good at getting me to sing songs that convicted me before I knew what was happening. What is not so good are those who are arrogant enough to slander people of faith by equating some songs with Christianity. However, I fear that on the left and the right "Christianity" has long stopped listening to Christ.

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**Question:** I was told all I have to do to become a Christian is to believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior. Is believing in Jesus all there is to being a Christian?

**Answer:** The beginning of the Christian life starts when a person turns from his sins and commits to following Jesus. While one is made right with God immediately, the Christian life includes a relationship with God who helps one live a better, more meaningful life. God desires each one of His children to become Christlike in thought, words and actions. Doing so is a

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

process called sanctification. It involves allowing God to shape one's daily actions by dying to one's self-centered nature and putting on the new attitudes and actions of Christ. The Bible urges us, "Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator"

(Col. 3:9, 10). Above all other virtues put on love which binds them all together in perfect unity (Col. 3:14).

God uses Scriptures and prayer, the trials we face and others to sanctify us. He also uses our fellow church folks to teach, train, confront, challenge and encourage us. Thankfully God does not leave us on our own to become Christlike. He empowers us to live for His glory through the power of His Son's resurrection (Phil. 3:10).

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Community Events & News

- 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 to enjoy.
- 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.
- 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.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday 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.

- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.

73rd Anniversary of Ministry

Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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(270) 965-4059  
MexicoBaptist.org  
Minister of Music Mike Crabtree  
Pastor: Tim Burdon  
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Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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# Consolidation, water shortage highlights of 1949

Do you ever wonder what was happening the year you were born, what items of interest and importance were taking place in the town and county? What were some of the things our parents and grandparents were experiencing at this time as they went through their daily lives? Here's a look back to the year 1949 and some items of community interest at the time. Gathered from the archives of The Crittenden Press.

**May 13, 1949**  
A new Central High School. "Why We Build A Central High School," by Superintendent of Crittenden County Schools Braxton McDonald. There are many reasons why a central high school for Crittenden County is being established. It is the purpose of this article to present some of the reasons why this step is being taken. It is hoped that every man and woman in the Crittenden County School District will consider very carefully the importance of the steps being taken and what they may mean toward the future development of better educational advantages for the children of the county.

The new school will be an efficient unit compared to the four small high schools now operated in the county. The building will be fire proof and of the most modern and permanent type construction. A better high school course at less cost per child can thus be offered to all county children under almost ideal conditions.

Poppy Day Flowers Arrive from hospital to be sold here. "The poppies are here!" This is the words which flashed through the ranks of Ellis B. Ordway Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary today, when a shipment of memorial poppies to be worn here on Poppy Day arrived from Outwood, where they were made by disabled war veterans. The box of poppies was opened and the work of counting and arranging begun to make them ready for the volunteer workers who will

distribute them throughout the city on Poppy Day. The poppies, made of crepe paper with wire stems, are exact replicas of the wild poppies which grew "between the crosses row on row" in the battle cemeteries in France and Belgium during World War I. They were nature's floral tribute to those who died.

**July 22, 1949**  
County Fair In Full Swing. The annual Crittenden County Fair held each year at Crane's Field got underway Tuesday with the largest number of exhibits ever entered in a local fair. The number of houses stabled here for the races exceed previous showings by 50 or more. The Fair Circuit, of which Marion is a member, boasts of the best and fastest number of entries to be found anywhere in the United States. The cattle on the grounds this year is said to be the best yet and all were high in the praise of the type cattle being shown.

**August 5, 1949**  
City Faces Water Shortage. The City Council met in regular monthly business session Monday evening at the city hall with Mayor Lewis Chipps, presiding, and councilman Tom Hinch, being the only member absent. Chief of Police Bennett Hughes was ordered to take steps to help rid the city of stray dogs due to the report of mad dogs in the county. Dog owners are being notified to confine their dogs, and all dogs found wandering on the streets on or after Monday, Aug. 8 will be disposed of.

**August 26, 1949**  
60th Annual Hurricane Camp Meeting. The 60th Annual Camp Meeting at Hurricane is in progress and from all indications good crowds will be in attendance throughout the entire meeting. The Rev. Wade Powell, of Lanesville, Ind., will do the preaching, ably assisted by Rev. And Mrs. Jack Aebersold, of Louisville in charge of the music. The facilities

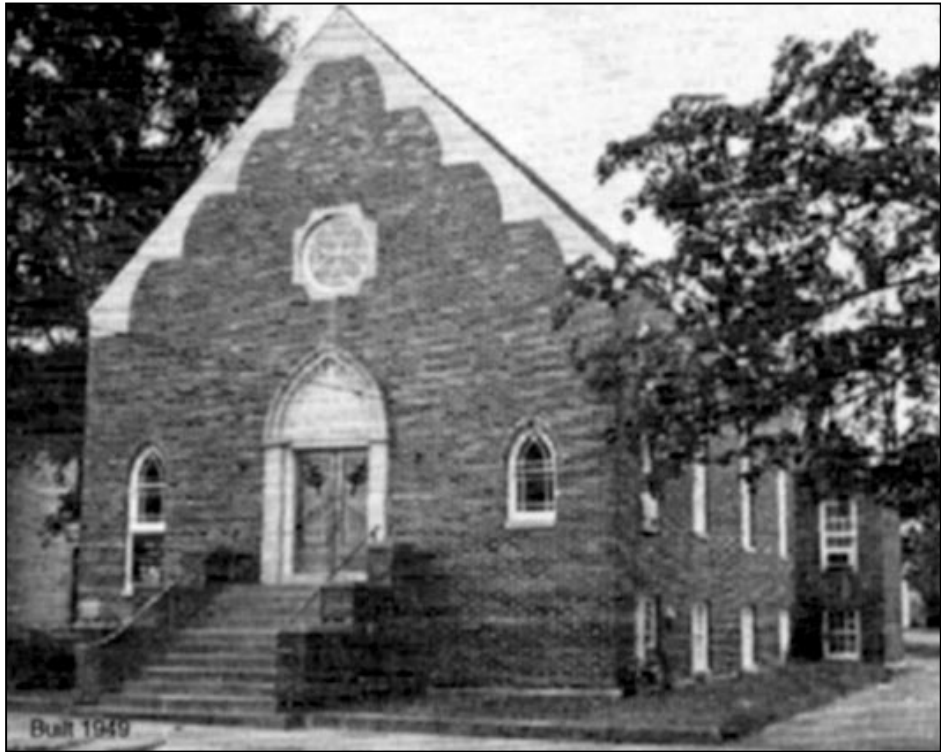
have been greatly improved at the camp site and reports coming from those who have visited the first meeting state that they were surprised at the many improvements made this year.

**October 14, 1949**  
Sing Fest to Help Polio Victims. The Sing Fest sponsored by the Marion Quartette at Fohs Hall Tuesday evening was well attended and appreciated by all. Besides the Marion quartette those participating were The Crittenden Gospel Quartette, Orr Gospel Quartette, and the Ball Alley Quartette ably assisted by Ray Wilson's string band.

A number of Crittenden County children are in hospitals now suffering from polio, the cause for which has not yet been discovered and the remedy for which has not yet been found. The money collected from the Sing Fest will be donated to the National Polio Fund drive. If you have not yet contributed, please lend a helping hand where help is really needed now.

**November 25, 1949**  
Big Christmas Parade. Everything is in readiness for Marion's first annual Christmas Opening and Santa Claus parade to be held at 4:30 Friday afternoon. Santa Claus is due to arrive at the Marion airport about 4 o'clock and will join the mile-long street parade to pass through the main business section of the city. More than 25 beautiful floats will be in the parade, along with several high school bands and all the comic characters from the funny pages of the daily newspapers, such as Mut and Jeff, Pop-eye, Mickey Mouse and others. Marching bands from Princeton, Sturgis, Morganfield, Lyon County and Rosiclaire, Ill., will be marching in the parade. All stores will be staying opening late to accommodate customers after the parade.

**December 2, 1949**  
50th Anniversary for Farmers Bank and Trust Co. On Dec. 1, the Farmers Bank and Trust Co. observed its 50th anniversary, the bank having been organized on Dec. 1, 1899. The bank, organized just after the close



One of the many interesting happenings taking place in 1949 was the construction of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church on West Bellville Street.

of the Spanish-American War, has gone through two wars and a number of depressions, but it has been continuously doing business during the last 50 years and has an enviable record among the banks of Kentucky in its accomplishments.

**December 23, 1949**  
First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The congregation of the First Cumberland Presbyterian church will hold the first regular worship service in their beautiful new church just completed on the site of the old building on West Bellville Street on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25. The entire populace of Marion and Crittenden county rejoice and congratulate this determined membership in the erection of this beautiful new building. The building is of brick finish, touched with white stone and was started in July this year. The structure contains a beautiful, spacious auditorium, well lighted with a large balcony, pastor's study, and three classrooms for Sunday school. It has a full-size basement containing five classrooms, assembly room, kitchen, two restrooms and furnace room with oil furnace.

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**Reflections of the Courthouse Square**

Essayist E.B. White's "Farewell My Lovely," reminisced the demise of the Model T Ford. Now that our courthouse is going to disappear soon, we are due a moment to consider the past. The courthouse square served as the hub of the county's life with legal, government, financial, social, shopping and entertainment. Veterans and military recruits boarded early morning Greyhound buses to report for duty. County citizens found a central location to process their affairs ranging from paying taxes to driver's license renewals. Mrs. McDowell served a hamburger and Coke for 25¢. Driver's license renewal cost \$2. Politicians "stumped" for re-election. Merchants remained open late Saturdays to accommodate shoppers' 6-day work week paychecks. County preachers presented Saturday homilies to standing listeners. Men pitched washers; checker players sat on the front porch. The Greyhound bus station featured same-day parcel delivery on north- and south-bound schedules. People parked their cars early on Main Street Saturdays to assure a place for "sidewalk visits" that night. Groceries. Attorneys. Dry goods. Banks. Hardware. Soda fountains.

The county judge performed marriages witnessed by other elected officials. Pocket knives changed hands. The county clerk's office announced election day results from the front porch every few minutes after the polls closed. The hitching rail, still in place, saw horses, mules and wagons through World War II. The old courthouse attic held wooden coffins for corpses washed-up during spring flooding of the Ohio River.

Our memories need a suitable epithet for our courthouse square. Why not, "Fairwell My Lovely"?

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE 23-06: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on August 21, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on July 17, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

Effective September 1, 2023, the water rates shall be assessed as follows:

| Gallons of Water | Charge per 1,000 gallons |          |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------|
|                  | Old Rate \$              | New Rate |
| Minimum (1,500)  | 19.13                    | 26.78    |
| Next 3,500       | 7.04                     | 9.86     |
| Next 10,000      | 5.63                     | 7.88     |
| Next 10,000      | 4.69                     | 6.57     |
| Next 25,000      | 3.75                     | 5.25     |

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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# County's election plan approved by state

Crittenden County's election plan for the 2023 General Election was approved last week by the State Board of Elections with a couple of changes for convenience of voters.

The plan keeps a countywide voting center, but moves it and Early Voting to the new County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Dr. Previously, the voting center was held at Marion Baptist Church. Having Early Voting at the former Marion Ed-Tech Center removes the need to navigate any stairs to vote, unlike previous elections where it was held at the courthouse.

"Even if we have not moved county offices to the new building yet, (we're assured) that the building will be ready for voting," said County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

The only other change also allows any District 1 or District 6 voter to cast a ballot at Repton Baptist Church. Four precinct boundaries converge just a half-mile from the church, so allowing polling from all four will increase convenience for voters in that entire geographic area.

Deer Creek Baptist Church will continue to host voting in District 2 (Sheridan and Tolu precincts.)

Mexico Baptist Church will still be home to polling for all voters in the southern portion of the county (both Frances precincts).

The full plan and all approved election plans can be viewed online at <https://elect.ky.gov/Resources/Pages/County-Election-Plans.aspx>.



Republican gubernatorial candidate Attorney General Daniel Cameron (right) and his lieutenant governor running mate Sen. Robbie Mills posed for photographs with supporters following brief campaign speeches last week at Marion City Hall. Pictured getting her photo with the GOP hopefuls is Rebecca Woodall of Marion.

# Cameron, Mills outline platform; visit with supporters at city hall

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron spent almost an hour in Marion last week talking about his gubernatorial campaign to unseat Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear.

About 50 individuals, mostly party loyalists, gathered at Marion City Hall to hear Cameron and his lieutenant governor running mate Robbie Mills, pitch their plan. Mills, a state senator, formerly represented Crittenden County prior to early 2022 when the state redrew legislative districts.

Cameron and Mills each touted that relationship to Crittenden County during the brief remarks. Mills said he still considers Crittenden County part of his district, and referenced Marion's ongoing water crisis.

"I have been working behind the scenes for you," Mills said.

Cameron pointed to a

number of platform points, but emphasized his commitment to education and policing.

He said Kentucky students have yet to recover from two years of pandemic policy created by his gubernatorial opponent. He is proposing a Catch Up Plan for Education that will include removing some of what he called the bureaucracy in education, raising starting pay for teachers, improving classroom discipline and bolstering tutoring opportunities.

Gov. Beshear has made support for public education a cornerstone of his term, proposing massive increases in state support for schools, as well as higher pay for teachers and state-backed universal preschool. Last week, he announced a pay increase for educators.

Cameron blamed Beshear for the state's rising crime rate. And the problem is not just in Louisville, Cameron said.

"It's in rural areas, too. Across the state there is a 68.5 percent increase in violent crime. It's impacting all 120 counties," the attorney general said.

A native of Elizabethtown, Cameron walked on as a defensive back and made the University of Louisville football team. He used a sports analogy to close out his remarks at city hall. He asked supporters to join him in changing the values of Kentucky.

"Let's leave it all on the field," he said.

Gubernatorial forums planned prior to the election include one hosted by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 20; a gubernatorial lunch forum hosted by Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce and WPSD on Oct. 12; Kentucky Tonight's gubernatorial debate on KET Oct. 23; and The Kentucky Debate hosted by Lexington TV WKYT on Oct. 24



Crittenden County golf team posed for a championship photo after capturing its third All A Classic team championship over the past four years. Pictured with coach Vicki Hatfield are (from left) Grayson Davidson, Jaxon Hatfield, Avery Belt, Turner Sharp and Jeremiah Foster, who was medalist at the regional event at Pennyryle State Park Golf Course.

# Rockets win 3rd team title since 2020 Foster's 1-over claims All A crown

STAFF REPORT

On a day when he couldn't count too strongly on his putter, Jeremiah Foster turned to pinpoint approaches to keep things in line as the senior Rocket golfer won the First Region All A Classic championship Saturday at Pennyryle State Park's par-72 course.

Foster, who was runner-up last year in the small-school regional tournament, edged out defending champion Travis Perry by overcoming a double-bogey at 15 and bogey at 16 to finish at 1-over 73. His round led Crittenden County's team victory, the second in three years and fourth overall for 10-year head coach Vicki Hatfield.

"My iron play was really good. Putting was a struggle, but it was for everybody," he said. "Most of the pins were left and I was hitting

some nice draws into them and leaving some makable birdie putts."

Foster birdied three holes, two on the front, and he was 2-under after 14. A seven on the par-5 15th shook him a bit, but the senior recovered with pars on the final two holes. Foster hit 13 greens in regulation en route to the crown, the first by a Rocket golfer since Aaron Owen won it in 2013.

Joining Foster in the winners' circle were teammates Grayson Davidson, just a sophomore who shot an 85, and seniors Turner Sharp with an 87 and Jaxon Hatfield at 91. Another senior, Avery Belt scored 100, which his coach said was a higher score than normal. The team score was 336.

Coach Hatfield thinks the team has a good chance to make some noise at the Kentucky All

A Classic State Championship on Sept. 9 at Gibson Bay Golf Course at Richmond.

Hatfield said the state park has been kind to her golfers over the years. The first regional championship her squad won was in 2014. Now, in her final season as coach, the team wins there, too. Currently undergoing treatment for cancer, Hatfield says this will be her final season at the helm of the CCHS golf team. Under her direction, the team has won the regional small-school championship three out of the last four years.

The CCHS girls had two regional tournament participants. Sophomore Georgia Holeman shot a 110 and missed advancing to state by just five strokes. Eighth grader Abby Korzenborn shot 133.

# TAXES

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the same amount of tax revenue.

Crittenden County Board of Education is advertising elsewhere in this week's issue of the newspaper a proposed tax increase of about four percent, the highest allowable without possibility of voter recall. School taxes would go up from 2022's rate 49.0 cents per \$100 of assessed value to 51.6 cents this year. The difference would mean \$26 more in school taxes for property owners with a \$100,000 home. The school board will have a public hearing on Sept. 7 and is expected to vote on the tax increase that night at a special meeting.

Crittenden County Extension District will present its tax rate at Thursday's Crittenden County Fiscal Court meeting. The taxing district, which partially funds the local University of Kentucky Extension Service, proposed a rate of 4.3 cents on real property and 5.72 on personal property. That's a slight increase from last year.

Crittenden County Public Health Board's tax will remain unchanged in 2023.

Chris Cook, chairperson of the Crittenden County Board of Education, provided the following statement with regard to the board's proposed tax rate in-

crease.

"As our Board of Education has faced our annual property tax rate decision for the past five years, we have taken the compensating rate (which has the goal of maintaining the same revenue that we had the previous year) or maintained the same rate. We have attempted to keep rates stable over the last few years as our nation faced the brutal financial impact that COVID has had on our families, farmers and businesses.

"Just as we began to regain our footing from COVID, we have been hit nationally by the highest inflation rate in 40 years and the fastest increase in interest rates in at least the last 35 years, if not longer.

"Then locally, we have been hit by a city water crisis that resulted in the city having to take a four-percent increase in property taxes last year with a significant increase in water rates likely to follow.

"Coincidentally, our schools are one of the largest consumers of city water.

"Each of these last five years, we have said that we have to figure it out because of all of these other factors that have affected our community. We have figured that out largely by using the federal COVID relief grants known as ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds to take some of our normal operating expenses off of the general fund. Using these one-time grant dollars, we

have paid student accident insurance premiums for the last three years, purchased one bus with two more on the way, have paid our school nurses' expenses for the last three years and have purchased everything from Chromebooks, textbooks and desks to custodial supplies.

"With the conclusion of the ESSER program upon us, and the effects of inflation hitting our school district with a fury, we are unfortunately having to consider an increase in property tax rates this year.

"Our school nurses program was in jeopardy as we looked at our annual \$70,000 investment almost tripling to over \$200,000 with our previous provider. Thankfully, the Pennyryle District Health Department has offered to work with us for \$130,000. However, that still represents an increase of 85 percent. And we know that for some of our students, our nurses provide the only access to healthcare that they have.

"When we look at maintaining our buses, we have seen some of our parts like brake major overhaul kits, brake drums and side lights go up anywhere from 28 to 296 percent.

"All of these increases are well above the overall nine percent inflation rate of last year, but represent just a few of the many examples. So this is the backdrop that we have as we face this decision... a decision that we have not and will not take lightly," Cook said.

# 5 indicted in August

STAFF REPORT

Five indictments were handed down by the Crittenden County Grand Jury this month.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists in a case to continue prosecution of the case in circuit court.

The following individuals were indicted during when the grand jury met on Thursday, Aug. 10.

- Jonathan C. Taylor, 40, of Eddyville was indicted on a single felony count of receiving stolen property. According to court records, Taylor is accused of receiving and retaining a 1991 Chevrolet pickup truck titled to Jerry Stone. Taylor had a family connection to Stone, who passed away. Court records say Taylor was not a legal beneficiary of the Stone estate and allege that Taylor profited by selling the pickup for \$9,000.
- William T. Mayers, 36, of Marion was indicted on a Class B felony charge of first-degree robbery and for being a persistent felony offender. Court records allege that on May 31, Mayers robbed two individuals with

## Grand Jury

threat of physical force, brandishing a gun and pointing it at the head of one of the alleged victims. The indictment says Mayers has previously been convicted of felonies in Crittenden, Trigg and Christian counties.

- Rocky E. Walker, 44, of Marion was indicted for allegedly tampering with a witness. Court records say Walker called a woman while being detained in the Crittenden County Detention Center. The indictment says Walker in April tried to influence the woman to make sure her sister did not testify against him in two criminal cases being prosecuted in Crittenden Circuit Court. Inmate conversations from the jail are recorded.
- Andrew S. Burke, 33, of Marion was indicted on multiple charges stemming from two encounters with local police. The first was on July 13 when Burke is alleged to have taken a bottle of milk and candy bar from Five Star Convenience Center. When Police Sgt. George Foster responded to a call from the store, he found

Burke sitting on the curb outside. His report says Burke was combative and eventually arrested and placed in his police cruiser. Another incident on July 30 led to charges that Burke struck Police Chief Ray O'Neal with a 40-inch long piece of steel rebar, injuring the officer, while he was attempting to arrest Burke on a failure to appear warrant. He was indicted on a felony charge of second-degree assault of a police officer and misdemeanor charges of menacing, two counts of resisting arrest, shoplifting and second-degree disorderly conduct.

- Sara Bivins, 41, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and other charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, first-offense operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol; possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle and failure to have the rear license plate on her vehicle illuminated. The charges stem from a traffic stop in June.

# WATER

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month from the current \$19.13 rate.

The council considered setting subsequent increases over next two years, gradually raising the base rate to \$28.41; however, Councilman Dwight Sherer suggested holding off on that idea for now. A majority of the council agreed.

"Obviously none of us want to increase water rates, but we have no choice. Let's do the increase the first year and put the second- and third-year increases on hold and see how this works out," Sherer said.

The council voted 4-2 to amend the ordinance as he proposed. The new rate will be effective Sept. 1.

City residents have already been hit by higher sewer rates and large environmental fees to finance the \$13 million waste water plant that should be operational by late this fall. Many water and sewer customers have complained that their monthly bills were already more than \$100.

Sherer also wanted to set aside part of the money that the city is generating from renting its chambers to the Administrative Office of the Courts. City Attorney Bart Frazer advised that such ear-marking of the rental money may not be permissible. He will check.

Sherer suggesting setting aside 70 percent of the AOC rent for water-related repairs, including, for example work on 25 inoperable or inefficient city fire hydrants.



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**SATURDAY**

Volleyball at Ft Campbell All A Classic

MS Softball at Marshall Co. Tournament

**MONDAY**

MS Softball hosts Webster County

Golf hosts Lyon Co. at Deer Lakes

**TUESDAY**

Soccer at Lyon County

GOLF

**Upcoming events**

•Saturday, Sept. 9 Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department will host the 18-hole Zach Latham Memorial Fundraising Golf Tournament at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem.

•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:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 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  |
| Turkey archery         | Sept 2 - Jan 15  |
| Wood duck              | Sept 16-20       |
| Deer crossbow          | Sept 16 - Jan 15 |
| Teal                   | Sept 16-24       |
| Raccoon 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  |
| Raccoon trapping       | Nov 13 - Feb 29  |
| Gray or red fox        | Nov 13 - Feb 29  |
| Beaver                 | Nov 13 - Feb 29  |
| Bobcat                 | Nov 18 - Feb 29  |
| Dove                   | Nov 23 - Dec 3   |
| Canada goose           | Nov 23 - Feb 15  |
| Turkey shotgun         | Dec 2-8          |
| Deer late muzzleloader | Dec 9-17         |
| Dove                   | Dec 23 - Jan 14  |
| Deer free youth hunt   | Dec 30-31        |
| Coyote                 | Year Round       |
| Ground hog             | Year Round       |

# Rockets beat Webster in football opener

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County opened its season Friday with a 31-8 win at Webster County.

Defensively, the Rockets sputtered early, but gained momentum after allowing Webster to score on its opening series. From there, the defensive unit pitched a shutout, provided a key goal-line stand to start the second half, got three turnovers and scored on one of them. It also held the Trojans to zero or negative yards on 17 of their 41 rushing plays.

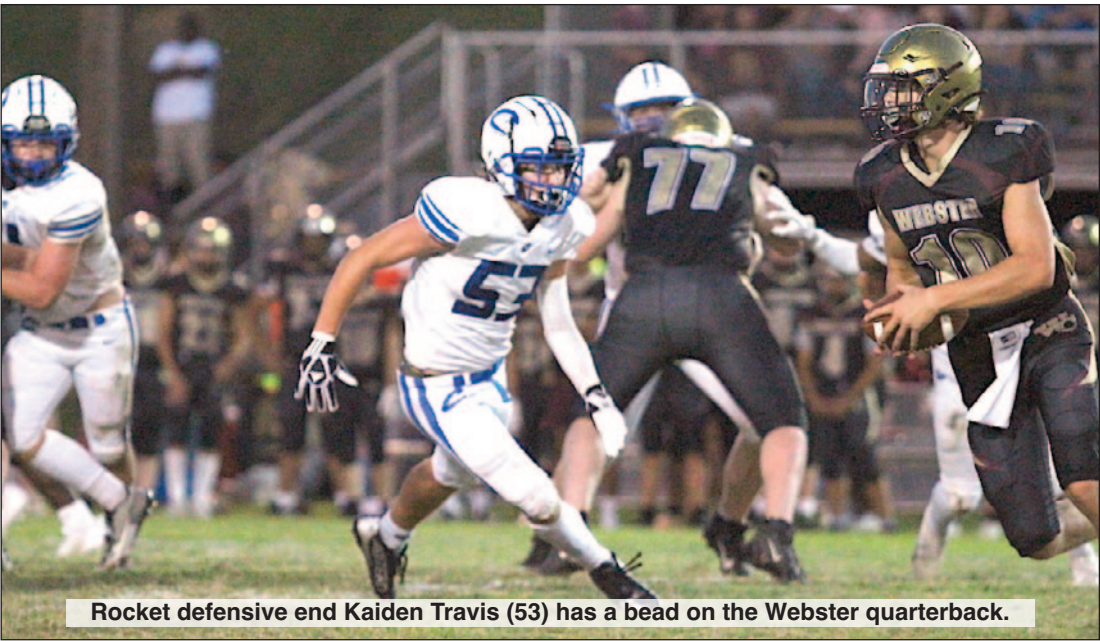
Offensively, senior quarterback Micah Newcom and his corps of receivers stretched the Webster secondary for 282 yards passing. Sophomore Caden Howard led six Rocket receivers with six catches for 145 yards.

A pivotal point in the game came when Webster County returned the second-half's opening kickoff to the Rocket two-yard line before Cam'ron Belcher made a stop. Crittenden's defense, led by senior linebacker Bennett McDaniel, pushed the Trojans backwards and prevented a score, forcing a fourth down at the three, and preserving a one-possession lead. Crittenden was ahead 18-8 at the half.

"We were able to get a goal-line stand. I think that set the tone and we just fought from there," third-year CCHS head coach Gaige Courtney said. "After that I don't think we ever laid down or were content with anything, or lost focus. Webster County is a good football team. They play hard."

The Rockets added insurance on their second series of the last half, punching it into the end zone with 11:38 to play in the final period when senior running back Gattin Travis scored on a nine-yard run.

The defense put a punctuation mark on the victory, posting six more points with just over six minutes to play when junior Kaiden Travis recovered a Webster fumble in



Rocket defensive end Kaiden Travis (53) has a bead on the Webster quarterback.

## McCracken Change

Crittenden County's football game scheduled against McCracken County for Friday, Sept. 1 has been changed to Thursday, Aug. 31. The change is necessary due to a shortage of referees. This will be CCHS's home football opener. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

the Trojan end zone.

"I thought the defense for the most part played pretty well. We were bend-but-don't-break, and that's okay as long as they don't get in the end zone," Courtney said.

Newcom had two short TD runs in the first half. His first score was set up by three first-down passes and the quarterback ran the ball three times in that opening series. His second short scoring run followed a pass to Howard, taking the ball to the Trojan two-yard line.

The Rockets misfired in the red zone twice in the first half, failing to score despite three chances from inside the five on the second offensive series. However, Webster fumbled on its first play from near its own goal line and the Rockets re-

covered to score in two plays. Crittenden also moved to the Trojan seven-yard line on its third series and came up short when an exchange was fumbled from the center to the quarterback.

The Rockets have now won 14 straight games against the Trojans and have lost just six times to the border county over the past 40 years. Webster's leading offensive player, Jackson Edens, missed most of the second half Friday with an injury.

Crittenden will play at Union County at 7:30 this week. The Braves beat Madisonville 21-14 in their opener. Crittenden struggled in a lopsided loss to Madisonville in a pre-season scrimmage.

|                |    |   |   |    |
|----------------|----|---|---|----|
| Crittenden Co. | 18 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Webster County | 8  | 0 | 0 | 0  |

**SCORING PLAYS**

C-Micah Newcom 1 run (Tyler Belt pass from Newcom) 9:27, 1st

W-Jarvis Starks-Scott 51 run (Jackson Edens run) 8:10, 1st

C-Newcom 1 run (Casey Cates pass from Newcom) :54, 1st

C-Gattin Travis 9 run (Keller pass from Newcom) 11:33, 4th

C-Kaiden Travis fumble recovery (Newcom kick) 6:23, 4th

**TEAM TOTALS**

First Downs: CCHS 19, WCHS 11

Penalties: CCHS 7-60, WCHS 8-51

Rushing: CCHS 32-85, WCHS 41-124

Passing: CCHS 17-28-0, 282; WCHS 4-9-0, 74

Total Yards: CCHS 367, WCHS 198

Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 1-1, WCHS 4-3

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing**

CCHS: Travis 6-25, Belt 4-17, Bennett McDaniel 1-1, Levi Piper 5-12, Cam'ron Belcher 1-(-7), Newcom 15-38. WCHS: Dylan Poe 2-(-1), Starks-Scott 7-43, Jackson Edens 7-18, Ty Phillips 3-14, Tyler Kautzman 11-79, Andrew Boucher 1-(-6), Blake Hanor 11-(-23).

**Passing**

CCHS: Newcom 17-27-0, 282; Belcher 0-1-0. WCHS: Hanor 4-9-0, 74.

**Receiving**

CCHS: Belt 3-36, Belcher 1-2, Gabe Keller 3-34, Caden Howard 6-145, Casey Cates 3-39, Tyree McLean 1-26. WCHS: Poe 1-4, Edens 4-70.

**Defense**

Gabe Keller 5 solos; Levi Piper 4 solos, 2 assists, TFL, 2 sacks, fumble recovery; Bennett McDaniel 6 solos, assist, 2 TFLs, sack, caused fumble, fumble recovery; Casey Cates 4 solos; Tyler Belt 6 solos, assist; Grayson James 2 solos, 5 assists, TFL; Kaiden Travis 3 solos, assist, fumble recovery; Cam'ron Belcher 3 solos; Braden Mahnke 2 solos, 2 assists, TFL; Caden Howard 3 solos, assist; Brayden Poindexter 4 solos, 5 assists, TFL; Jacob Carter solos; Michael Counts solo, assist, TFL.

**Players of the Game:** Offense Caden Howard; Defense Bennett McDaniel; Lineman Travis Blazina; Speical Teams Cam'ron Belcher.



For the first time ever, Crittenden County has an official middle school softball team. The girls are competing against area teams on a fall schedule that includes various weekend tournaments and weeknight games. Pictured are (front from left) Adelynn Nelson, London McCord, Kinley Copeland, Ava Tabor, (middle) Ayanna Matthews, Kaylin Coleman, Karlie Jent, Brooklyn Lovell, Sarah Grau, Madison Teas, Brodi Rich, (back) coach Stephen Smith, Fiona Louden, Jordyn Hodge, Mela Kate Penn, Aliza Maraman, coach Joey Rich, Caroline Martin, Brenna Kemmer, Lilly Cappello, Abigail Champion and coach Joey Cappello.

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP



Mary Rachel Stephens delivers a serve during a recent match at Christian County.

## LADY ROCKET SOCCER

An officiating shortage canceled Crittenden County's scheduled soccer match at Mayfield on Monday. The matchup has been rescheduled for Thursday.

Crittenden goes into the contest with a 2-1 record while Mayfield is 0-4.

The shortage of referees for high school athletics is becoming problematic across multiple sports. Crittenden's football game next week against McCracken County has been moved to Thursday for the same reason.

## MS ROCKET FOOTBALL

Crittenden County Middle School lost its opening football game last week at home against Trigg County 50-18. For the Rockets, Eli Lovell caught a touchdown pass, Cadence Hackney returned a kickoff 60 yards for a score and Ethan Sosh scored a touchdown for the young Rockets. Crittenden won the B game 14-8 as Joel Bumpus scored twice.

## MS GIRLS SOFTBALL

The Lady Rocket middle school girls beat Caldwell County 5-2 Tuesday in Princeton.

With some key hitting at the bottom of the batting order, CCMS scored three runs in the fourth and posted

single-run frames in the thrird and fifth innings while Brodi Rich struck out seven and walked none en route to a complete game five-hit win.

Rich, Karli Jent, Brenna Kemmer, Ayanna Matthews and Kaylin Coleman had hits for CCMS, which improved to 4-6 on the season.

Crittenden County went 2-2 in middle school softball action last weekend in the Christian County Tournament. The Lady Rockets beat Christian 14-9 and McCracken County 15-4. The girls lost 9-5 to Allen County and 10-0 to Marshall County.

Brenna Kemmer, Abigail Champion, Jordyn Hodge, Karli Jent, and Aliza Maraman all had two hits against Christian County and Kemmer went the distance in the circle.

Marshall County held CCMS to just one hit by Sara Green.

Against McCracken, the Lady Rockets got three hits from Rich. Jent and Champion, Maraman and Hodge had two hits apiece. Rich pitched the whole game, throwing a three-hitter.

Crittenden scattered six hits against Allen County. Champion and Kemmer each had RBIs. Kemmer pitched a complete game, allowing six hits and striking tout two.

## ROCKET GOLF

Jeremiah Foster was medalist last Thursday in a three-team match at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. The

Crittenden senior shot a 37 as CCHS won the day against Livingston Central and Christian Fellowship School. Rocket golfer Avery Belt shot a 43, Grayson Davidson a 45, Jaxon Hatfield 46 and Turner Sharp 47.

Machi Davidson and Carter Ray led Livingston with a pair of 45s.

The Rocket golfers won the All A Classic last weekend and Jeremiah Foster was the regional champion. See details on page 8.

## CCHS VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Rockets improved to 3-6 on the season with a straight-set victory over Webster County at home Tuesday. Afterwards, coach Bayley McDonald tendered her resignation.

Second-year assistant coach Savannah Tays has been named interim head coach for the remainder of the season.

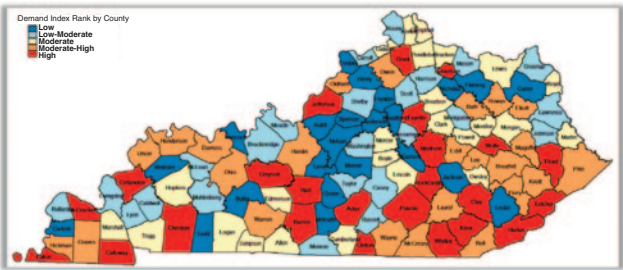
McDonald, who just started her fifth season as head coach, was 64-61 overall with four straight district titles during her coaching tenure.

Crittenden won the match against Webster County 25-9, 25-18, 25-16.

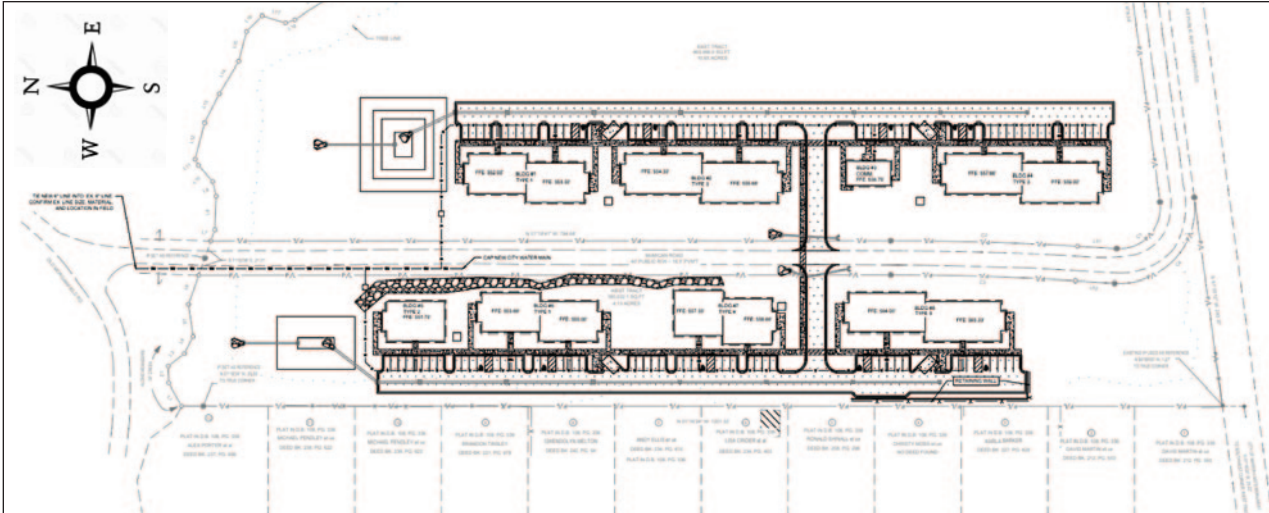
Last weekend, CCHS managed just one win in a six-game schedule at the Apollo Summer Slam in Owensboro.

Crittenden's girls beat Edmonson County 2-0 but lost in straight sets to Clarksville, Nelson County, University Heights and Owensboro. They lost 2-1 (18-25, 25-20 and 15-11) to Allen County-Scottsville.





Taking into account variables that influence demand for housing within a county, the counties above that are shaded in red are those with the highest demand for housing in the state; counties shaded in dark blue have the lowest demand for housing in the state. In terms of regional trends, a recent study found that a large portion of eastern Kentucky is shaded in Orange (Moderate to High Demand) and Red (High Demand). Calloway County has the highest demand rank in the state, followed by Robertson, Clay, Knox, and Letcher counties (respectively). Crittenden is ranked No. 18 among counties with highest demand. Hancock County has the lowest demand rank in the state.



The above proposed layout of the intended housing development on McMican Road was recently provided to the City of Marion for planning purposes. Marion will need to annex the area in order to provide water and sewer to the development. The drawings show McMican Road running between complexes on both sides.

# McMican Road development could be first of more

STAFF REPORT

A number of formalities remain before construction can begin next spring, including property acquisition and annexation, but plans for a proposed housing complex on the east side of Marion continue to press forward.

A design and engineering firm recently provided city leaders detailed plans for the 48-unit, \$10 million complex that will straddle McMican Road. The city was also provided photographs of similar projects, including one in Elizabethtown, Ky. City leaders say the development company plans to acquire title to 14 acres on the east side of Marion within days. The company has already named its proposed complex, Cole Springs.

Developing the site is Parkland Manor, a non-profit organization established in 1986, which has over the years built or managed several housing complexes across the commonwealth. Consulting on the project is Wabuck Development, which, like Parkland, is headquartered in Leitchfield, Ky. Wabuck is also involved in operations at Belleville Manor in Marion.

There was some discussion about the planned development during last month’s Marion City Council meeting. A county resident, Denver Robertson, who lives along KY 120 near McMican Road asked city leaders if his property would be annexed when the city moves its boundaries to pick up the proposed development area.

“I keep hearing rumors about annexation out our way,” Robertson said to the city council.

Mayor D’Anna Browning and Marion City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield each addressed the question. Both indicated that any annexation would be sole to add the housing complex footprint into the corporate city limits.

“They will have to have water and sewer and we will have to annex them to provide that,” the city administrator said. “It would be to that project



This housing complex in Elizabethtown is an example of what the proposed units on McMican Road will look like. The housing complex here has been given the name Cole Springs. Construction will begin in the spring.

only, and its within feet of being in the city already.”

Ford-Benningfield said there is a statewide moratorium on annexation, except for cases where the county and city agree and where utilities are sought by a landowner that desires to be annexed to receive those services. The pause on involuntary city annexation was mandated by Senate Bill 141, which came of the 2023 legislative session. Lawmakers want to examine and perhaps remake rules concerning annexation because of the financial impact it has on local governments and residents.

This project in Marion does not appear to meet any of the objections to annexation as all parties are in agreement, the city administrator explained.

City leaders say the large development will also not be affected by a moratorium on multi-unit connections to Marion’s sewer system, which has been in place for years because of problems with the town’s waste water facility. A new \$13 million waste water plant is under construction and will be done by the time the housing complex is ready for service.

A recent study found that Crittenden is among the top 20 counties in the commonwealth with a high need for affordable housing. Those findings, Ford-Benningfield said, have generated a great deal of interest from developers.

“I have received multiple calls, one the other day was pretty serious. The caller was basically looking at the same scenario as the McMican Road complex,” she said. “This one was looking at a location out 60 West.”

Ford-Benningfield said other recent studies have Marion and Crittenden County ranked even higher, among the state’s top five communities in need of housing options.

The housing complex proposed for McMican Road is very close to the park and fairgrounds. It is in close proximity to groceries, healthcare, pharmacies and other services and amenities sought by elderly. The complex is being built largely through federal funding and will be required to have 80 percent of tenants age 55 or older.

Researchers for the aforementioned study used data from various sources, including the Kentucky Housing Corporation, Economic Census of the U.S., American Community Survey and Kentucky Rankings Data.

“Demand for housing is a multi-faceted, complex topic that is influenced by a broad spectrum of elements,” the authors said in a narrative released with the data. “We include a broad variety of factors which are correlated with both the individual and the community. The variables included can be grouped into four broad topical groups: Income, employment, health and

## DEMAND FOR HOUSING ACROSS KENTUCKY DRIVING DEVELOPMENT

| Low Demand      |      | Low to Moderate Demand |      | Moderate Demand   |      | Moderate to High Demand |      | High Demand       |      |
|-----------------|------|------------------------|------|-------------------|------|-------------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| County Name     | Rank | County Name            | Rank | County Name       | Rank | County Name             | Rank | County Name       | Rank |
| Butler County   | 98   | Breckinridge County    | 74   | Marshall County   | 49   | Bell County             | 25   | Calloway County   | 1    |
| Larue County    | 98   | Washington County      | 75   | Kenton County     | 50   | Breathitt County        | 26   | Robertson County  | 2    |
| Jackson County  | 100  | Johnson County         | 76   | Mercer County     | 51   | Lee County              | 27   | Clay County       | 3    |
| Garrard County  | 101  | Taylor County          | 77   | Lincoln County    | 52   | Henderson County        | 28   | Knox County       | 4    |
| Trimble County  | 102  | Caldwell County        | 78   | Campbell County   | 53   | Elliott County          | 29   | Letcher County    | 5    |
| Nelson County   | 103  | Lyon County            | 78   | Powell County     | 54   | Hardin County           | 30   | Madison County    | 6    |
| Leslie County   | 104  | Muhlenberg County      | 78   | Allen County      | 55   | Perry County            | 30   | Jefferson County  | 7    |
| Todd County     | 105  | Shelby County          | 81   | Morgan County     | 56   | Wayne County            | 32   | Wolfe County      | 8    |
| Woodford County | 106  | Mason County           | 82   | Boyd County       | 57   | Graves County           | 33   | Hart County       | 9    |
| Bullitt County  | 107  | Monroe County          | 83   | Owsley County     | 58   | Pike County             | 34   | Harlan County     | 10   |
| Henry County    | 108  | Russell County         | 84   | Gallatin County   | 59   | Estill County           | 35   | Christian County  | 11   |
| Anderson County | 109  | Carroll County         | 85   | Marlin County     | 59   | Knot County             | 36   | Floyd County      | 12   |
| Green County    | 110  | Greenup County         | 86   | Boyle County      | 61   | Bath County             | 37   | Fayette County    | 13   |
| Marion County   | 111  | Cassy County           | 87   | Trigg County      | 61   | Daviess County          | 38   | Fulton County     | 13   |
| Fleming County  | 112  | Meade County           | 87   | Bourbon County    | 63   | Magoffin County         | 39   | McCracken County  | 15   |
| Franklin County | 113  | Lawrence County        | 89   | Clark County      | 64   | Laurel County           | 40   | Rockcastle County | 16   |
| Carlisle County | 114  | McLean County          | 89   | Bracken County    | 65   | McCreary County         | 41   | Grayson County    | 17   |
| Metcalfe County | 115  | Boone County           | 91   | Hopkins County    | 66   | Owen County             | 42   | Crittenden County | 18   |
| Webster County  | 116  | Harrison County        | 92   | Logan County      | 67   | Union County            | 42   | Adair County      | 19   |
| Nicholas County | 117  | Ballard County         | 93   | Edmonson County   | 68   | Warren County           | 42   | Whitley County    | 20   |
| Carter County   | 118  | Montgomery County      | 93   | Cumberland County | 69   | Hickman County          | 45   | Barren County     | 21   |
| Spencer County  | 119  | Scott County           | 93   | Menifee County    | 69   | Ohio County             | 45   | Clinton County    | 21   |
| Hancock County  | 120  | Jessamine County       | 96   | Pendleton County  | 71   | Oldham County           | 47   | Grant County      | 23   |
|                 |      | Livingston County      | 96   | Lewis County      | 72   | Rowan County            | 48   | Pulaski County    | 24   |
|                 |      |                        |      | Simpson County    | 72   |                         |      |                   |      |

housing.”

Affordable housing can be defined as obtainable housing where the renter, leaseholder or owner has enough money left over after paying rent or mortgage to pay for food, utilities and a vehicle without being overburdened.

Low-income housing is the primary focus of the recent study, which used metrics that included the percentage of the population who rent or own, are making less than

\$35,000 annually and spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing.

Also included in the survey was overall population trends, the percentage of dwellings built prior to 1979, the availability of healthcare, overall health of the population and labor force statistics.

Ford-Benningfield said development inside city is needed, and it will enhance the quality of life for many.

“This will give us a little relief on our need for senior housing. Our housing opportunity as a whole is low in Marion. The community is getting older and these seniors need places to live that are convenient to the services they need like the hospital, doctors and groceries.”

She also said new development raises the local tax base and helps spread the burden of paying for community services.

## GOLF

Continued from page 1 probably the oldest living members of the club. They joined in 1971 so Linda could take their children to the pool.

“You had to get there early to find a chair or even a place on the concrete around the pool,” she said. “It was wall to wall, really crowded back then. Now, you’re lucky to see a dozen people out there.”

Sam is 86 and talks about the club’s glory days, back when small businesses and manufacturing was more prevalent in town. Retired now, Smith operated a hardware store in Marion. Like many other businessmen in the 1970s, he took up golf and played often. On Sunday afternoons the course was full. Young people were involved then, too, he said, because they had fewer options.

“A lot of it is the parents. They give them a T-top and 100-dollar bill now, and say, ‘Go have a good time.’ Kids are driving better cars than you and I did when we were 30 years old. And these smartphones take a lot of their time, too,” he said.

Those who are still clinging to the club’s heritage lament what will happen, as are those who live along its borders. There are about 20 homes that butt up against the perimeter of the course.

Listed for sale at \$750,000 on LoopNet, an online commercial real estate website, the club and its 69.8 acres are being marketed as an asset sale. Randall Barondess of Westlake Village, Calif., has been retained to handle the sale. He is a commercial real estate asset manager, business broker and consultant.

A news release provided by Barondess is titled, “Marion Country Club announces 90-day exploratory study on best

use of its approximately 70 acres within the City of Marion. A feasibility study for the best and most efficient use of The Heritage at Marion Country Club is underway.”

Information provided by the news release points to three options on which current ownership plans to focus its study, “1. Vetting a qualified buyer who would provide hands-on and on-site management, 2. Investigate fractional ownership laws for homeowners who live nearby, especially those with homes directly on the fairways, 3. Conversion of the 70 acres for affordable and senior housing.”

King, 84, spends most of his time in California where he has other business interests, but he owns a home in Marion and is here from time to time. Keeping the facility open, he says, is a priority, and those currently involved believe those intentions are bonafide.

“My goal is to keep the course open, but it must make sound financial sense. Ultimately, we hope for the right opportunity to present itself as shuttering the course with its facilities could be detrimental to the community,” King said.

He has also offered to finance the deal, or perhaps to donate the facility to a municipal or charitable organization.

“Eddie King has put so much money into the place,” Tabor said. “He has tried. He’s worked hard to make it better, but the community has just not supported it.”

The news release from King Heritage pointed to “significant capital upgrades and continual injections of operating cash” that have been put into the facility over the last few years.

In addition to being home to the high school golf team, the facility hosts a community-based swim team that includes dozens of youngsters.

“With the post-COVID

decline of business revenue,” the corporation says in the news release that it has retained the California-based asset manager “to evaluate and report to the (corporation’s president), the best direction for King Heritage Inc., and to make recommendations for future continuation of club activities, or alternative development opportunities for the property.”

“While Mr. King has always provided a quality and affordable golf course with dining and other recreational facilities for the community, the support and continual labor issues with being an absentee owner simply has proven overly difficult,” the official news release stated.

Barondess said the City of Marion turned down an option to acquire the club.

“We floated the acquisition of the golf course and its facilities to the City of Marion which would enhance tourism and generate additional tax revenue as a public golf course, banquet and restaurant facility and a public pool for residents, visitors and schools,” he said.

Marion Mayor D’Anna Browning said that while the facility is important to the community, water security, improved streets and other infrastructure are priorities.

“Although a municipal golf course and pool would be a valuable asset to our community, I cannot ask all of the people of Marion to pay more for water and then make a high-risk investment for the benefit of some. If our tourism committee agrees that it is a good investment, I will fully support it,” she said.

Kevin Maxfield, chairman of the Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission, said there are no planned discussions with regard to that organization acquiring or operating the golf course or accompanying facilities.

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