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Chamber Gala tickets; awards nominations

Tickets are available for the 2023 Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala. The event is Saturday, Oct. 28, with tickets ranging from \$35 for individuals to \$250 for an 8-person table. This will be the first time the Chamber has hosted its annual awards banquet in two years. Presented during the gala will be the following awards: Volunteer of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, Young Tradesperson of the Year, Top Woman in Business, Crittenden County Schools' Person of the Year, Up and Coming Business of the Year, Business of the year, Community Spirit Award, Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility, Legacy Award. Nominations can still be made for individuals or groups in any of these categories by contacting Chamber president Shanna West or members Shelly Davidson, Kelsey Berry, Wynne Wallace, Steve Watson, Charlie Day or Kayla Maxfield.

Street repair priorities; speed humps near park

Although the only bid opened last week was considerably higher than Marion officials anticipated for pavement, city leaders are moving ahead with trying to hire a contractor to repair a number of city streets. Rogers Group submitted the only bid. City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield said plans are to negotiate for a more favorable price, even if that means looking at options that could include rebidding the project.

Marion City Council this month reviewed its project priority list from last year. On the list are 440 feet of Hart Street from Country Club Drive to the dead end, 500 feet of Rudd Street from Country Club Drive to the new Head Start building, 1,400 feet of Chapel Hill Road from Country Club Drive to Tyler Manufacturing, 760 feet of West Carlisle Street from South Weldon Street to South Yandell Street and 720 feet of North Weldon Street from West Poplar Street to Travis Street.

Newly added to the priority list for this year are the following: Second Street 450 feet from Main to College streets; Old Shady Grove Road 460 feet from Bellville Street to Carr Street and the intersection with Club Drive; South Weldon Street 120 feet starting from West Carlisle; Chapel Hill Road 180 feet from Hickory Hills to Moore, 119 feet near Arleen Street, 343 feet in front of Chapel Hill Head Start and various potholes along Chapel Hill; intersection of First Street and North College Street; East Mound Park intersection with North College Street; six total prefabricated speed bumps, two each on Club, Country and Guess drives in Town and Country subdivision near Marion-Crittenden County Park. The humps were not part of the bid package and will be done independently this fall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Crittenden County Lions Club will have a makeup Demolition Derby on Saturday, Sept. 16 due to a rain-out during the fair earlier this month.
- The deadline is Friday, Sept. 15 to have an entry in the annual homecoming parade. The football homecoming parade will be held on Thursday, Sept. 21 on Main Street in Marion.



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Tyresse Scott, an inmate inside Crittenden County Detention Center, tunes into his personal electronic tablet. Scott said the devices are enjoyed by inmates. Jailer Athena Hayes said the devices provide safety and a financial incentive for the county.

Ipad-like tablets assigned to every inmate

County earns commission on data usage; access available to music, movies, more

STAFF REPORT

Assignment of electronic tablets to every inmate in the Crittenden County Detention Center has initially – and naturally – raised a few eyebrows on the outside. However, Jailer Athena Hayes explains that these iPad-like devices provide greater safety and security inside the jail, plus they are handy investigative tools and there is a financial benefit to the county.

During last Thursday's Crittenden County Fiscal Court meeting, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom questioned the jailer about some of the details regard-

ing the tablets, and inmate access to the internet. She pointed out that they are designed to be very restrictive and jail staff monitor virtually everything.

Mini tablets are not new to jails. Over the past several years, state and federal correctional institutions across the country have quickly adopted the practice, drawing criticism from various corners. Some question why inmates should have items of apparent luxury. Others argue that these electronic tablets are predatory devices used by multi-million-dollar retail companies enriching themselves on a vulnerable,

captive audience.

Inmates encountered during reporting for this article showed delight in having the tablets, which are allowed in their cells. The jailer says fees for data usage, which are paid by the inmates or their families, are comparable to rates for home internet or streaming.

Music, movies, books, texts and voice calls are available over the devices. Some applications are restricted by time and content, but texting can be done round the clock. Each unit comes with a microphone and ear phones for privacy on calls.

Inmates can order commissary items with the tablets.

Data usage rates vary. An average movie costs \$3, the jailer explains,

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Jim Mallory, vice president of the Lewis and Clark Trust, brought new bait to Marion last week that could help the community reel in additional tourism dollars.

Comparing Counties: Tourism's Local Impact

County	EMPLOYMENT		PAYROLL		State/Local Tax	SPENDING	
	Direct	Total	Direct	Total		Direct	Total
Crittenden	31	55	\$600K	\$1M	\$400K	\$3.8M	\$6.7M
Livingston	99	143	\$3.6M	\$5.9M	\$1.8M	\$18.1M	\$24.1M
Lyon	221	256	\$6.8	\$8.5M	\$2.7M	\$28M	\$34.5M
Caldwell	90	135	\$1.7	\$3M	\$1.2M	\$10.4M	\$16.6M
Webster	33	45	\$700K	\$1M	\$600K	\$4M	\$7.7M
Union	35	50	\$1M	\$1.4M	\$700K	\$5.3M	\$10.0M

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Remapping local tourism

Lewis & Clark could deliver new strategy

STAFF REPORT

It has taken more than 220 years for America to fully trace the footsteps of Lewis and Clark. Now, that the Corps of Discovery's trail has been unpacked in its entirety, Crittenden County and its neighbors along the Ohio River are getting some love.

The United States was less than 30 years old when its third president, Thomas Jefferson, commissioned a military exploration of the Northwest, it was a vast uncharted wilderness. Captain William Clark and Captain Meriwether Lewis, themselves about the same age as their country, were tasked with leading a corps of about 40 men to the Pacific Ocean. It was believed they could get there by boat.

While the mission failed to find a much-fabled water passage across the continent, it discovered a vast new world with people and animals that that had largely never before been encountered by fledgling Americans. The names Lewis

Deaths

Croft

Shelby Jean Croft's earthly journey ended Friday, Aug. 18, 2023 in her room at Vantage Point Village in Ashland City, Tenn. She was surrounded by Rodney, Matthew and Sydney. Upon her passing the Vantage Point Staff came in to say good-bye.

Croft was a long-time Marion resident. While in Marion, she enjoyed golf and gardening. But most of all she enjoyed spending time with her lifelong friends and fellow church members at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

After her husband Truman's passing in 2013, she moved to Nashville with Rodney and Matthew. In 2015 the trio purchased a 5-acre property in northern Dickson County, Tenn., where Croft enjoyed country life with her sidekicks, Rafa the Corgi and Maggie the Australian Shepherd.

Her family wishes to express sincere gratitude to the amazing staff at Vantage Point Village, where her last year was filled with love and genuine caring. Praise is also given to Accent Hospice for assisting the family during their challenging process.

A Celebration of Life ceremony was held Sunday, Aug. 27 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Myers

Rev. Mickey Myers, 71, of Marion, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023.

Surviving are his wife, Debbie Myers;

two sons, Jered (Beth) Myers and Jason Myers; a daughter, Jamie Myers; nine grandchildren, Kursten Myers, Addison Myers, Corbin Myers, Maeson Myers, McKenna Myers, Alivia Myers, Aiden Myers, Hannah Myers and Austin Myers; two great-grandchildren, Kingston Myers and Griffin Myers.

Myers was instrumental in the early years of the Crittenden County Dug-out Club and creation of Babe Ruth Baseball in Crittenden County. He was the regional coordinator for Babe Ruth Baseball for several years in the late 1980s and 1990s. Myers was also a driving force behind the creation of recreational and high school girls' softball in the county. He often donated his time as an umpire and was chosen to umpire the state Babe Ruth Tournament four times. He spent more than 30 years supporting youth sports in Crittenden and surrounding counties.

Myers was an ordained Baptist minister and preached at First Baptist and Central Baptist churches in Marion. He retired as vice president of Landura Management Associates Corp., and was a former manager of Creekside Apartments in Marion. He also served for a time as chairman of the Republican Party in Crittenden County.

For the past five years, Myers had been living in Owensboro.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earle and Louise Myers; and a brother, Roy Myers.

No public services are being held.

Cox

It is with great sorrow that the family of Debra Susan (Wilson) Cox announces that she went to be with the Lord at her home in Marion on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, at the age of 68. She was born in Mt. Vernon, Ill., March 8, 1955 to Alvie and Jewel Wilson.



She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Surviving are her husband George LeRoy Cox; three siblings, Jim (Phyllis) Wilson, Judy (Larry) Shilling and Rebecca Ann Westfall; three children, Miguel (Adrienne) Tercero, Amanda (Matthew) Capps, Kyle A. Tercero; three step-daughters, Tuesday Ashner, Tiffany DePriest and Tracy Fannin; eight grandchildren, Skye (Barkley Belt) Tercero, Makenna Toth, Aubrie Capps, Ramon Tercero, Diego Tercero, Antonio Tercero, Tate and Haze Stump; three step-grandchildren, Taylor Reed, Dalton Reed, Karisa Roumillat; a great-grandson, Khai A. Belt; and step-great granddaughter, Addi Roumillat.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Aug. 30 at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Blissville Township Jefferson County, Ashley, IL.

Memorial donations may be made to Mercy Health Hospice, 1530 Lone Oak Rd., Paducah, KY 42003-9976. Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Paid obituary



Jerrell James (right) installs officers of the 2023-2024 Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Advisory Council, including (from left) county chairmen Micki Crider, Sarah Ford and Nancy Lanham; treasurer Nancy Hunt, secretary Debbie Padgett, president-elect Brandi Potter and president Darl Henley.

Ladies earn Extension awards

First Ladies was the theme for the 74th annual meeting of the Crittenden County Extension Home-maker Association Aug. 24. Brandi Potter, a recent participant in the Missouri Cherry Blossom Festival, shared about the event and First Ladies of the United States.

Festival presenters were celebrities, noted authors, presidential descendants, humanitarians and others whose lives have come in contact with historical figures.

Some of the 40 individuals presenting at the 18th annual event included Mary Jean Eisenhower, President Eisenhower's granddaughter; Jennifer Harville, granddaughter of President Coolidge; and James Carter, grandson of President Carter.

Potter's presentation touched on the first five First Ladies: Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, Martha Jefferson Randolph, Dolley Madison and Elizabeth Monroe. She used Andrew Och's book entitled, "Unusual for Their Time- On the Road with American's First Ladies" as a guide.

In other news, a bakeless bake sale raised \$175 for the Homemaker Scholar-

ship. Participants donate to the scholarship fund the amount of money it would have cost them to make an item for a bake sale. Everyone who donated \$5 or more received a First Ladies cookie bag made by CCHS Beta Club members Tessa Potter and Taylor Haire. Each bag contained fudge made from Mamie Eisenhower's recipe; Sarah Polk's Nut Pound Cake; Lady Bird Johnson's Lemon Pound Cake; and Laura Bush's Texas Cowboy Cookies.

Challengers Club received the 2022-2023 Outstanding Club Award and first place for Health & Fitness, Go Green and Extension/4-H Support and top Volunteer Service Award with 1,618 hours.

Janet Stevens earned first place for 491 volunteer hours. Others recognized for volunteering included

Sarah Ford, Brandi Potter, Darl Henley, Sue Ledford, and Tabby Tinsley.

After Hours Club received first place Community Service and County Community Service awards.

Kristi Harris, Janice Clack and Sarah Ford earned perfect attendance.

Completing the KEHA Book List were Glenda Chandler, Sarah Ford and Nancy Hunt.

Club presidents for 2023-24 are Jerrell James & Laurie Holcomb, After Hours Club; and Brandi Potter, Challengers Club. Henley, James, Crider and Ford serve on the Pennyrile Area Extension Home-maker Council.

Crittenden County will host the area meeting Oct. 27 at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center with entertainment by Classy & Grassy.



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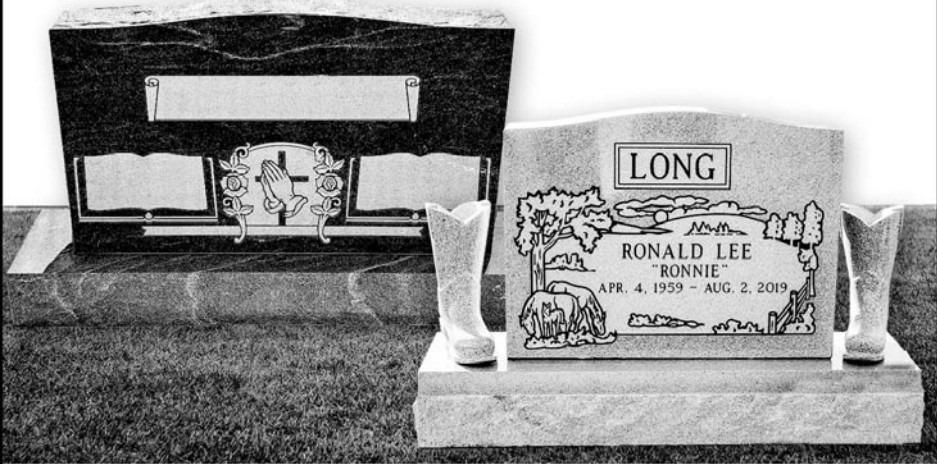
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Gazebo’s future still unclear, leaders say

STAFF REPORT

More questions than answers exist about the future of the Courthouse Gazebo and the 1,200 engraved bricks honoring individuals with ties to Crittenden County.

Whether or not there will be space for the gazebo once a new judicial center is built on the court square in Marion is a question that likely will not be answered until the new building is constructed.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said architects and engineers say there will be no room for the gazebo due to the size of the new building.

“It has been requested for it to be replaced on the property, so we will have to wait and see,” Newcom said.

What is proposed, however, is for the brick pavers to be included as a border to new sidewalks around the judicial center.

Opinions differ as to whether they will be salvageable.

Beta Sigma Phi member Sandy Gilbert says the pavers are set in concrete and doubts they can be removed intact. It is her understanding that the Administrative Office of the Courts, which is responsible for the judicial center project, will replace broken pavers.



Selling memorial bricks was a project of the social sorority Beta Sigma Phi in the late 1990s as a way to honor or memorialize individuals who lived, worked or made contributions to Marion and Crittenden County. New pavers remain available for purchase by calling Gilbert at (270) 965-4174.

Though the structural soundness of the gazebo remains in question, it will have a temporary home on the gravel parking lot next to Gilbert Funeral Home during construction of the judicial center. Newcom said the AOC will be responsible for moving the structure.

Some county offices have moved and others are in the process of vacating the current courthouse. Once it is empty, abatement of asbestos in the roof, pipes and flooring of the building must be done before it can be razed.

The timeline for that project also causes some concern among Newcom and other county officials, who fear the building could set empty with no roof for a period of time before demolition.

“I am not in favor of having the roof removed and some of the interior taken out when we don’t even know when the building is going to be demolished,” Newcom said. “We don’t want it to set collecting water, bats, raccoons... that is the argument at this point.”

Newcom said a bond anticipated in the amount of \$750,000-\$1 million is being used for design, engineering and core samples in advance of the construction project, and officials believe there may be enough funding left in that account to pay for asbestos removal. Beyond that, funding for the new courthouse has not been fully appropriated.

E-911 Service Fee

E-911 emergency services are essential to public safety, operating 24/7 to serve our community. Telecommunicators are often the first contact a person has in an emergency and are critical to first response and saving lives. The E-911 Service Fee replaced a monthly fee on landline telephones beginning 2021. The decrease in the number of landlines created a funding shortfall, leading Crittenden Fiscal Court to enact a \$36.00/per residential and commercial dwelling E-911 Service Fee placed on county tax bills.

The E-911 Service Fee is **not** optional and is not subject to a discount or penalties. After April 15, 2024, tax and fire dues will be assessed penalty and interest and are payable in the office of the County Clerk; however, the E-911 Service Fee is assessed no penalty nor interest and is payable in the office of the County Treasurer after April 15, 2024.

Failure to pay the E-911 Service Fee is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$500.00

Fire dues

Fire dues are collected on county property tax bills to fund fire protection and first-response from the county’s volunteer fire departments. The \$30.00 membership fee is paid on only one property in the name shown on tax bills. Delinquent fire dues are assessed penalty and interest and are payable in the County Clerk’s Office after April 15.

While fire dues are optional, opting out makes the property owner responsible for a \$500.00 charge payable to the home fire department responding to a reported emergency call. You may opt out by July 15 of each year in the office of the County Treasurer.

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Customer parking is available in front of and on the west side of the building, where handicap access is available.

There are public entry points at the front of the building, on the west side at the handicap entrance and near the back of the building on the west side for easy access to the offices of Property Valuation Administrator and Sheriff. A covered area behind the building is designed for Sheriff vehicle inspections.

County employee parking and entrance are located on the east side of the building.

County office locations, addresses

Crittenden County Judge-Executive 200 Industrial Dr., Ste. A Marion, KY 42064 <i>Open weekdays 8-4:30</i>	Crittenden County PVA 200 Industrial Dr., Ste. C Marion, KY 42064 <i>Open weekdays 8-4</i>
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Above is a sample of the informational flyer that will be sent along with tax bills this fall to Crittenden County property owners. On the back of this information sheet will be the tax bill itself, which can be detached and sent to the sheriff with payment.

Tax bills will look different when mailed in October

STAFF REPORT

Your 2023 county tax bill will look much different than in years past.

Crittenden County tax bills will go in the mail this fall and will be due beginning Nov. 1. They will be mailed a bit later this year, too, because of the county’s move to its new offices at the former Marion Ed-Tech Center.

Tax bills will be printed on an 8.5x11 standard size sheet of paper. They will be folded and delivered in a standard size No. 10 envelope.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor, who is responsible for gathering tax information and printing annual bills, said changes were made in the appearance for

multiple reasons, primarily to improve delivery and recognition and to provide additional information concerning where to pay taxes this year and a full explanation of the 911 fee and fire dues that are also printed on the tax bills.

Last week, Crittenden County Fiscal Court passed new rules that will reduce the penalty for failing to pay the 911 fee in a timely fashion from a misdemeanor to a violation.

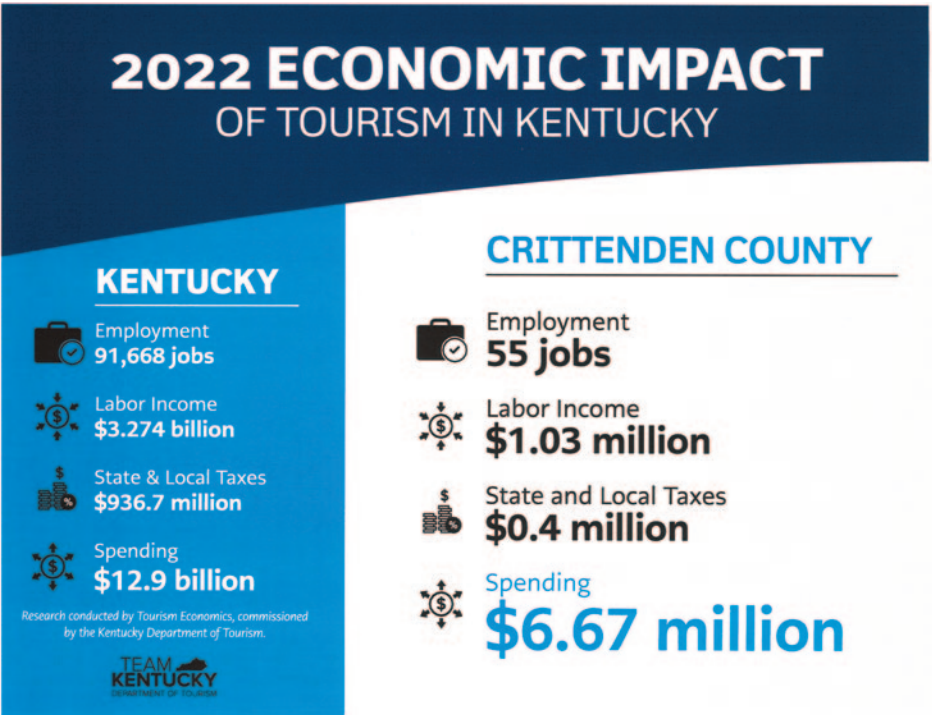
“Tax bills have been small cards that can get lost in the mail. They can get stuck inside of magazines or other mail,” Sheriff Evan Head told magistrates last week during a presentation of

the new look for tax bills. “A lot of people in the community don’t even know where our new building will be or even that we are moving.”

Tax bills will need to be paid at the new Crittenden County Office Complex on Industrial Park Drive behind Siemens and next door to the health department.

The bill itself will be printed on the back side of an informational flyer. The bill will be perforated so it can be detached from the flyer and brought or sent back to the sheriff with payment.

Tabor said printing, folding and envelopes for the bills will cost the county \$3,820.



TRAIL

Continued from page 1 and Clark became chiseled into the American Story and their expedition taught to generations of young countrymen.

Over the past 20-plus years, historians and enterprising tourism experts recognized that the map of Lewis and Clark’s trip had shortcomings. Historically, the official trail had begun at St. Louis which trademarked itself as Gateway to the West. Now, after years of lobbying for congressional recognition and funding, the Lewis and Clark Trust has colored another leg of the Lewis and Clark journey beginning at Pittsburgh.

Last week, Jim Mallory, Vice President of the Lewis and Clark Trust, was in Marion to drop off signage validating this county as part of the official Lewis and Clark Trail.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and a few other community leaders were on hand to accept the designation. The judge said the brown signs customary of the National Park Service will be placed at the county line at US 60 where Crittenden butts up against Union and Livingston counties. Another will be posted in Marion pointing to the Cave In Rock Ferry.

Lewis and Clark’s actual route was aboard a keel boat floating down the Ohio River from where the vessel was acquired at a boatyard in the Monongahela Valley of Pennsylvania. However, the official Driving Tour follows US 60 through this region because of its proximity to the river.

While its designation as a formal part of the extended Lewis and Clark Trail will not likely create a mass influx of people, local Tourism Director Michelle Edwards expects it will generate a measure of traffic.

“This is putting Crittenden County on the map so to speak,” Edwards said, pointing out that the historic Trail of Tears also comes through this county.

History travel – or tourism activity assigned to the entertainment and recreation label – is among the most significant reasons visitors



Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom accepts an official Lewis & Clark placard from Jim Mallory, vice president of the Lewis and Clark Trust. Mallory brought highway signs to the courthouse last week, signifying the community’s placement on an official Lewis and Clark Auto Route.

come to Kentucky or move through it. A few days ago, Gov. Andy Beshear unveiled a tourism report for the commonwealth which outlined a \$12.9 million industry that has tentacles that spiderweb to literally every nook and cranny of the state.

If the Lewis and Clark Auto Route can usher additional traffic through Crittenden County, it will enhance a fairly robust local tourism sector.

“We have had steady growth over the past nine years,” Edwards said, referencing a growth in financial impacts of tourism on this county as outlined by the governor’s recent data.

“We are tiny but mighty,” she said, describing tourist activity that centers largely on the Amish community and a lucrative hunting industry. However, she pointed out less conspicuous tourist attractions such as the mineral museum, Trail of Tears and now the Lewis and Clark connection.

“It’s a big deal,” she said, characterizing the interest in Lewis and Clark that has spawned billions of dollars in development of museums, parks and programs in the Northwest.

In Crittenden County, state and local tourism taxes generate about \$500,000 annually. That money is reinvested into infrastructure and marketing. Edwards says the number of jobs associated with local tourism continues to grow and the direct financial impact on the community has steadily grown over the past 20 years to \$3.8 million in 2022.

While the Lewis and Clark Auto Trail is aligned primarily with

the 1803 boat trip on the Ohio from Pittsburgh to the Mississippi River, Mallory provided some other significant connections to Crittenden County, including a letter William Clark wrote to his brother while he was camped at the mouth of the Tradewater River in 1808 and documentation of a trip Clark took from St. Louis to Washington D.C. in 1809 that passed through Golconda, Ill., at the ferry crossing and skirted along the edge of Crittenden County through Fredonia and towards Russellville where Clark stopped to visit his niece.

There are also some lesser known ties that exist here to the families of Cpt. Clark and Sgt. John Ordway, another member of the Lewis and Clark corps. Plus, the soon-to-be-razed Lucy Jefferson Lewis Bridge is named for Thomas Jefferson’s sister who settled near Birdsville in Livingston County with her husband Col. Charles L. Lewis, uncle of Meriweather Lewis.

Judge Newcom said this community has a natural bond with the Lewis and Clark legacy and it might be time for Crittenden County to rethink some of its branding.

“Instead of a pumpkin festival in the fall we might want to think about tying that to this connection, maybe change it to Lewis and Clark Days,” he said.

Local leaders know that development of the Lewis and Clark connection may never close the gap in tourism dollars that separates Crittenden County from lakes area counties, but it’s certainly worth exploring.

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Kuttawa hosting music festival Live on the Lawn

Kuttawa Tourism Commission is hosting its fourth annual music festival Live on the Lawn IV on Sept. 29–30. Live on the Lawn Oktoberfest is also back for the second year in a row, along with the annual Kuttawa Days Carnival Celebration. This event is located at Silver Cliff Park in Kuttawa.

This music festival will feature tribute bands that have performed at venues in Disney World and Las Vegas, including Gabriel Sanchez presents The Prince Experience, Captain Fantastic: The Magic of Elton John and The Eagles Project. Local bands High Noon Moon and Diverge will also perform.

The festival is set to open Friday, Sept. 29 at 3 p.m., and ends at 9 p.m., with the Kuttawa Days Carnival, including a Ferris Wheel, Spider Mountain Rock Wall, a trackless train, slides, bouncers and a mechanical bull. Rides are free. There will be food trucks and craft vendors from around the area.

Saturday’s activities start at 10 a.m., until dark. Live on the Lawn Oktoberfest will take place from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m., in Hu–B’s Marina parking lot. Tickets are \$25 before the event and are available for purchase online through the event website liveonthelawnky.com.

A beer festival will offer over 50 unique tastings from breweries from all over such as Rhinegeist, Mad Tree, Samuel Adams, Paducah Brew Werks, Casey Jones Distillery and many more. The purchase of a \$25 Oktoberfest ticket includes a 16-ounce commemorative pint glass, 15 5-ounce pours, voucher for one

pretzel & sauce combo and other prizes and giveaways.

Free music starts at 1 p.m., with local bands going until 10 p.m., when headliner Gabriel Sanchez the Prince Experience shuts down the show. Carnival rides and the food truck rodeo will continue all day Saturday along with kayak races during the day and glow-in-the-dark kayaking at night.

Broadbent ham gets \$10M

The grand champion ham at last week’s Kentucky State Fair was raised by Broadbent B&B Foods of Kuttawa and sold for a record \$10 million. Proceeds will go to charity.

Former Republican candidate for governor, Kelly Craft, and husband Joe, joined with Central Bank to buy the ham, doubling the record amount they spent last year on the winner.

Tradewater tax rate set

The Lower Tradewater River Floodplain Conservancy District has set its tax rate for 2023. The new rate is 33.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value. This rate applies only to real estate along the Tradewater flooplain. There are about 93 properties affected by this tax, which is up from 2022. The rate was 32.4 last year.

Revenue derived from the tax is managed by an Dixon–based organization with a board of directors. The group oversees reports on the basin and provides oversight of management for water quality, natural resources, environmental issues and flood control.

Former Marion man’s case sent to Marshall Grand Jury

A Marshall County judge found sufficient evidence during a preliminary hearing last week for prosecutors to present felony charges to the Marshall County Grand Jury against a former Marion man accused in a fatal hit-and-run crash Aug. 1 in Calvert City.

Mercedeys Culligan, 18, of Calvert City, who was walking to work for her job at Dairy Queen, was allegedly struck by a 2006 Chevrolet Trail–blazer driven by Jarvis.

Jarvis remains jailed in Marshall County on a \$25,000 bond, facing a Class D felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident and failure to render aid with death or serious injury possible.

The Lake News reported last week that Jarvis’ attorney Don Thomas asked for a reduced bond, but was denied by District Judge Jack Telle.

Records indicate that Jarvis had been residing in Marion up until only a few weeks prior to the fatal crash.

LBL hosting kids’ outdoor skill class, family canoeing

Friends of Land Between the Lakes invites families to Woodlands Nature Station during Labor Day weekend for Outdoor Kids' Weekend, a kid-friendly foray into essential outdoor and camping skills. Guests will learn new ways to enjoy the outdoors, like creating an animal track guide, knot-tying skills and about venomous animals.

There will also be a guided canoe trip on Saturday and Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. The trip will explore nooks and crannies of Energy Lake looking for wildlife like eagles and beavers. Registration is limited. Reserve space by calling 270.924.2020.

Outdoor Kids' Weekend will take place at the Woodlands Nature Station inside Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. Hours will be extended on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and will return to normal opening hours on Monday, which is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is \$7 for ages 18 and up, \$5 for ages 5–17 and free for ages 4 and under. For more information, call 270.924.2299 or visit www.landbetweenthelakes.us.

Evansville quilt showcase

Harvest of Quilts Quilt and Craft Show will be held at Old National Events Plaza in Evansville Sept. 15–16 with more than 200 quilts on display by the Raintree Quilters. Scores of varied hand-made craft and quilted items will be available. There will be a raffle and silent auction. Tickets are available at the door for \$10 while ages 12 and under are free. Hours are 9 a.m., to 5 p.m.

KY patrolmen out in force during Labor Day holiday

As Labor Day quickly approaches, Kentuckians are reminded to celebrate the end of summer safely by planning for a sober, designated driver if festivities include alcohol.

Extra patrols across the state and in cities and counties can be expected.

“Our top priority is keeping Kentuckians safe,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “If you are under the influence and choose to get behind the wheel, you put everyone on the road in danger, including yourself. Let’s work together to eliminate preventable crashes by committing to celebrate responsibly.”

While law enforcement officers patrol for impaired drivers year-round, impaired driving crashes typically increase over holidays, so the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety (KOHS) is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and law enforcement across the nation in reminding drivers to “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.”

According to the KOHS, last year in Kentucky there were 4,127 total crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 1,990 injuries and 189 deaths. Of the 1,575 total motorcycle crashes last year, 749 involved only the motorcyclist (single-vehicle crash). Of those single-vehicle crashes, 44 involved alcohol, resulting in 32 injuries and 11 deaths.

Last year during the Labor Day holiday weekend, there were 76 crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 44 injuries and one death.

Crider opens studio for vocals, piano lessons

Marion resident Michelle Crider has opened a Marion music studio where she provides voice and piano classes to about 25 students.

Harmony Road Music Marion is located at 111 West Bellville Street in the former Stout Law building. Instruction for the first 16-week

class is offered for toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years through key–boarding up to age 11.

In a classroom setting, Crider teaches students solfège singing, the basics of reading music along with movement and dance.

Crider has a music education degree as well as master’s degree in voice. She is completing certification for the Harmony Road curriculum which will be used for all classes.

Opening on CLWD board

Crittenden–Livingston Water District has an opening on its board of directors, a seat previously occupied by Dennis Fleet of Grand Rivers.

Prospective candidates must reside in Livingston County and be either a direct or indirect customer of the water district. Other requirements may be found in Kentucky Revised Statute 74.020.

Application for consideration on the board can be made by 3 p.m., Thursday to the Kentucky Public Service Commission referencing case number 2023–00240.

The water district is served by six directors, three each from Livingston and Crittenden counties. Current board members are Gleen Hughes and T.L. Maddux, who is chairman, from Livingston County and from Crittenden County, Darrell Simpson, Tony Travis and Alan Hunt.

KDFWR habitat assistance for tracts 25 acres or more

About 95% of the land in Kentucky is privately owned. To successfully manage wildlife resources, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources works cooperatively with Kentucky's private landowners.

One of the essential ingredients in conserving Kentucky’s wildlife resources is habitat improvement. KDFWR’s Habitat Improvement Program offers an opportunity for interested landowners or managers, hunters and groups to work with wildlife professionals toward a common goal of improving wildlife habitat – their cover, food, water and space – across the state.

Wildlife biologists are available to work with interested individuals or groups on properties of 25 acres or more that they own or have management rights on. This program helps create suitable habitats that benefit local wildlife populations and demonstrate to others the value of such improvements. The technical assistance is designed to help participants to meet their goals. There is no obligation for participation in this program.

The Habitat Improvement Program can provide a link to available funds and other assistance offered by state, federal and private agencies. There are many opportunities to receive technical assistance and even financial assistance through a variety of programs for incorporating wildlife habitat improvement projects into ongoing farming operations and other land management systems.

To find out more about the KY Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources’ Habitat Improvement Program or other programs, contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at 1–800–858–1549.

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50 YEARS AGO

August 30, 1973

■ Jack McWilliams, manager of the Potter and Brumfield’s Marion plant, announced promotions for employees Virgil B. Campbell and Doyle C. Hughes named foreman; and Bobby Don Gilland general foreman. The Potter and Brumfield Division of AMF Inc., plant in Marion manufactured electrical relays.

■ Desmond S. Hall graduated magna cum laude from Middle Tennessee State University where she received a B.S. degree in speech and hearing therapy. She was awarded a fellowship to the University of Mississippi at Oxford where she studied in the graduate school of language pathology. Upon completion of the graduate program, Hall had a learning disability specialty and worked with children with language and learning problems.

■ Dr. W.H. “Buddy” Rush, governor of the Rotary district 67, addressed the local Rotary chapter. Dr. Rush spoke on the 1973 Rotary theme “This is a time for action.” He said Rotary members should make this an opportunity to improve the quality for those around them. Using the fingers of his hand for illustration, he asked members to think of Rotary in terms of the four classes of action, the Rotary four-way test and four courses of Rotary service. Rotary stands for a world of peace, not a world of pieces, he added.

25 YEARS AGO

August 27, 1998

■ Crittenden County High School Site-Based Decision-Making Council agreed to support a girls’ soccer program for students in grades 7-12. The addition of a third girls’ sport in the high school brought the school district into compliance with Title IX regulations. Gordon Guess, president of the Crittenden County Soccer Association, predicted there were at least 24 girls who would join based on the number of members of the recreational league.

■ Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services was looking at purchasing the former Cochran Supply buildings on Main Street in Marion. The buildings, vacant for a number of years, were to become Marion Rehabilitation Center, Marion Physicians Clinic and a pharmacy. Hospital officials were optimistic about progress in

the purchasing plan.

■ The Tolu 4-H Club performed Rhapsody & Rhymes at the Kentucky State Fair Variety Show. They earned the trip by winning both the county and area variety shows.

■ Members of Crittenden County FFA worked as judges on dairy and general livestock judging teams at the Kentucky State Fair. Members included Angie Curnel, Tim Grau, Randa Poindexter, Bradley Adams, Jamie Hunt, Corey Payne, David Sexton and Justin Sutton who was also a fair exhibiter. The local students attended a training clinic which qualified them for state.

■ District Supervisor Margaret Parish and her family hosted a Farm Safety Field Day for Frances Elementary School students. Students petted small farm animals, received instruction about horse care and safety, viewed farm machinery and got a first-hand look at fall harvest taking place on the Parish Farm.

10 YEARS AGO

August 29, 2013

■ A local educator received national recognition for implementing a teaching program that uses new techniques and methods to help improve student learning. Ruth McClure, a special education teacher at Crittenden County Elementary School, was one of 100 nationwide finalists to receive to receive a \$2,000 grant as part of the annual ING Unsung Heroes Award Program.

■ Rocket golf coach Blair Winders said before the season started that everything was in line for his team to capture a Class A regional championship, and that is exactly what it did. Six CCHS golfers qualified for the Class A State Tournament. Those members included Devin Belt, Kayla Davis, Aaron Owen, Cameron McDaniel, Colby Watson and Cole Foster.

■ The Women’s Club of Marion celebrated 93 years of operation with a membership event complete with a guest speaker, new member opportunities, and assembling backpacks with school supplies for local students and grooming kits for a spouse abuse center in Paducah.

*Read Brenda Underdown’s
Forgotten Passages column
at The Press Online
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Storytelling goes beyond parables

I have a very good friend whom I talk with at least twice a month, usually for an hour or more at a time. He is one of those people who asks difficult questions based on what he has in front of him. He works as a campus minister at a public university and turns away no one. This sometimes means that there is some tension between what the campus house looks like and what some of his congregation expects. I ask him questions as well. When we talk, we are both amazed at what we pull out of each other.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Occasionally one of us will say something and the other will experience an epiphany that, while obvious, surprises both of us. He was describing a particular situation that involved some well-meaning women who wanted to “help out” by coming in and cleaning up the place. It just wasn’t quite to their standard of housekeeping. It is not that the place is dirty. It is, however, a space used by young adults who are at various places of spiritual development and are still learning responsibility. Being a little rough

around the edges should be expected.

They wanted to get rid of some furniture and replace with some that was newer and looked better.

I responded by suggesting he remind them of those local hardware stores that always look disorganized and disheveled. There is just so much in them that there isn’t room for everything to be lined up nicely on the shelves. Those who use the space know where everything is. If someone were to come in and

“clean it up,” it would lose its character, and no one would be able to find anything.

He paused for a moment and then said, “You mean I should tell them a parable.”

There is nothing new here. We have had discussions like this often. Sometimes he tells me a story, sometimes I tell him one. What had not happened before was to recognize that we were using the same tactic Jesus used to address something difficult, challenging, or hard to understand.

Parents sometimes do this. Grandparents are

masters. Parables are excellent ways to redirect children when they are about to make a misstep. We all know that it is easier to get across the message that they shouldn’t tell lies with “The Boy That Cried Wolf” than it is simply to say, “don’t lie.”

Storytelling goes beyond parable. We tell stories in verse, fable, and autobiography. Stories help us process life. They help us in the lostness of grief and the expression of victory. Stories have the power to stand between people who are at odds and act as a buffer to increase the odds of reaching understanding, if not agreement.

Parables, such as the one about two debtors in Luke 7:41-43, teach those of us who get to make the rules of righteousness about empathy with those whom we may accidentally (or intentionally) keep at a distance.

“A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he forgave them both. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, to whom he forgave more.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.”

After pointing out the lack of hospitality shown to him by his host Jesus said, “Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little.” And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

This is masterful, he praised and forgave the lesser in the story (the woman) while not condemning the greater (the

Pharisee). It was up to him to decide what to do with it. This is the nature of parable. It is one of the reasons why we sometimes hear associated with them (and other stories), “The one who has ears, let them hear.” Meaning, if you hear and understand it will change you – if you let it.

As a nation we have always had those who formed and shaped our

story. We also have a strong tradition of dissent which allows those who so desire, challenge that story. It makes for a powerful culture of storytelling and an environment ripe for parables – new and old.

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

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Ordway celebrated

Rev. Wendell Ordway celebrated the 73rd year of his preaching ministry Sunday, Aug. 27 at Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian where he preached his first sermon. Pastor Greg Rushing and congregation welcomed Rev. Ordway and his daughter Sharon with a meal following the morning service.

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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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Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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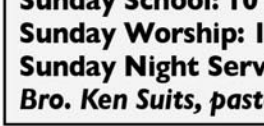
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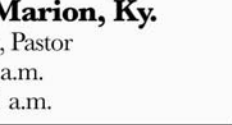
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Magic mineral essential to modern world

Even though the fluor-spar industry is a thing of our past, Crittenden County was once known for its mass production of this product. Some younger people today do not know what fluor-spar is or how important it was. Here is an interesting and informative article about our fluor-spar product. From the archives of The Crittenden Press, September 1, 1933.

The Magic Mineral, by C. W. Haynes

Down in Crittenden County everybody knows what fluor-spar is, and “spar,” as it is colloquially known, is a common topic of daily conversation, just as it is the most important factor in the economic well-being of its people.

It has brought to this western Kentucky county mine experts and engineers from all over the world, buyers of supplies for all of the important steel makers of the country, men high in the aluminum industry, government experts, prospectors and adventurers of all types, and widely known geologists wanting first-hand knowledge of the peculiar geological conditions existing here, in what is widely known among them as one of the most complexly faulted ares in the world.

But if you mention the word “fluorspar” to the average citizen of Kentucky, or of any other part of the United States, for that matter, he is apt to look blank, and to say, “What is it, anyhow?” He may have heard of it, and remember vaguely that it is a rather rare mineral, and that he has read somewhere that Kentucky is an important producer. Unless he has informed himself on the subject, he would not likely know just how essential a part it plays in our modern technical world. If he has, he will know that this “magic mineral” enters into the production of more than three-fourths of the world’s steel, and of all of its aluminum; that it is a necessity in the manufacture of the tub and lavatory in his bathroom, of the lighting fixtures in his home and office, of the table-top, smooth as marble and much harder, in his restaurant and in dozens of other articles of daily use and convenience.

Other uses include things as varied as lice powder and other insecticides, wood preservatives, brass castings, emery wheels, potash, etched glassware, fruit jar tops and lenses for optical instruments, requiring the highest degree of accuracy and precision. So it would seem that fluor-spar, like many other things unthought of by the average person, is one of the indispensable materials of our modern world.

Fluorspar owes its value to the presence of fluorine, the element which gives it its name. Certain of the elements are known to the chemist as “active,” from their tendency to combine readily with other elements, and of these, fluorine is one of the most active. In its native state it is a gas, which is hard to isolate because of the speed and vigor with which it breaks down and de-

stroys glass, metals and other materials with which it may come in contact. Dissolved in water, it forms hydrofluoric acid, which must be kept in lead containers, or in bottles heavily coated with wax, as it dissolves glass like so much sugar. Fluorine belongs to the same chemical family as chlorine, the first “poison gas” of the World War, but is much more destructive.

Rare Art Objects Made From Fluorspar

Fluorspar is a combination of fluorine and calcium, in almost equal parts by weight, its chemical name being “Calcium Fluoride.” The purest forms occur in nature as a glass, clear or opaque white material, hard and rather brittle and resembling nothing as much as alum or rock-candy. Much of it is colored purple, amethyst, blue, yellow, green or stained with iron to a red or brown. The more delicately colored varieties resemble gems, and some use of it as a semi-precious ornamental stone has been made. Although difficult to carve, some of the rare and beautiful art objects of the world’s museums have been made from the tinted varieties, especially from the deep purple spar, known as “Blue John” in Derbyshire, England, where its occurrence was first noted. The source of these colors is not certainly known, and except in the case of iron stain, they do not affect the chemical purity of the mineral.

Many of the commercial deposits of fluor-spar are in the form of a coarse gravel, ranging in color from white to a dark brownish-red, usually mixed with clay, rock and other impurities. Others are hard and rock-like, sometimes containing limestone, calcite, or other foreign materials. Almost all

contain a small amount of lead sulphide, and many have also a trace of zinc sulphide or carbonate.

While fluorspar is rather widely distributed over the earth, it is usually in very small deposits, and is not found in commercial quantities except in a few limited area; of these, the most valuable and productive in the United States comprises Crittenden, Livingston and a portion of Caldwell counties in Kentucky, and Pope and Hardin counties in Illinois. This field produces about 90 percent of all the fluor-spar mined in the United States, about equally divided between the Kentucky and Illinois sides of the river. So far, most of the production and of the developed deposits are in Hardin County, Ill., centering at Rosiclare, and in Crittenden County, Ky., centering at Marion.

Faults or breaks

The mineral occurs in straight vertical veins, which occupy faults or breaks in the rocks caused by geological disturbances in long past ages. It is generally believed that these faults were caused by a tremendous eruption of volcanic material into layers of rock far below the surface; this caused the overlying rocks, previously lying in flat layers, to be bowed up into a giant dome or arch. Then, as the igneous material cooled and shrunk, these layers were left without support, and in settling down they were broken and displaced into a perfect network of “fault blocks,” separated by these fractures, or faults.

Fluorine was present in the volcanic material in large quantities and after the breaks appeared, it rose through them, either as a gas or in water solution, forming calcium fluoride by combination with the calcium in the limestones which made up most of the overlying rocks.

The veins are from a few inches up to over forty feet in width, the average workable vein being about six feet; they may be from a few hundred

feet to a number of miles in length; the depth is unknown, as ore is still present in the deepest shaft in the district, about 700 feet.

Ore Sometimes In Gravel Form

Mining is done by vertical shafts, from which levels are run at convenient intervals, in either or both directions from the shafts along the vein, and the ore between levels, usually by what is known as the “overhead stooping system.” The ore is sometimes in gravel form, requiring only pick and shovel to handle; sometimes it is a mixture of gravel and boulder of lump spar, part of which must be drilled and shot; again it may be solid and continuous from wall to wall of the vein, and will require drilling and blasting with dynamite.

In many of the deposits the ore requires only log washing to bring it up to standard grade; where mined with rock or other impurities, or where there is much lead, it has be to concentrated, which is done by the use of jigs and other machinery of the same types as used in the Joplin, Mo., field for the concentration of zinc ore.

A flotation process has also been tried in at least one mill with considerable success in making a very high-grade spar 97 percent pure or better, from low-grade ore.

During the last few years, while the manufacture of steel and other commodities in which fluorspar is used, has been at such a low ebb, mining in the district has been almost suspended.

However, with the increase in steel production and other manufacturing, the demand for spar is once more on the upgrade and shipments during the past three months have been heavier than at any time since 1929. Mines are being opened, trucks are speeding over the paved roads of the county loaded with ore for shipment, and the businessmen of

Marion and other communities of the district are rejoicing over the prospects of payrolls once more assuming something like old time proportions.

Prices of fluorspar have risen quite a little over the minimum of last winter, when they sunk dangerously near the all-time lows. A recent meeting of the operators of the district made great progress toward the formation of a code for the

industry which will bring it in line with the “New Deal,” and all signs point to a return, within a few months, of at least moderate prosperity to the communities of this mining district.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP



Lady Rocket Lizzie Campbell (6) scored four goals Monday as CCHS blanked Webster County.



Crittenden County's Kylie Bloodworth outraces a Webster County defender to loose a ball Monday night.



CCHS volleyball player Brooke Winstead (12) blocks a shot at Livingston Central last week.

LADY ROCKET SOCCER

Lyon County beat Crittenden County 10-4 in a Fifth District matchup Tuesday at Eddyville. The Lady Lyons improved to 4-2-1 overall and 1-1 in league play while CCHS is now 4-2 overall and 0-1 in the district.

Lizzie Campbell scored a hat trick and Ella Geary netted the other point. Campbell had an assist, Geary two and Karsyn Potter one. Goalie Hannah Long had 11 saves.

On Monday, Campbell scored four goals as Crittenden County wiped out Webster County 6-0 at Marion.

Crittenden dominated play, threatening the Lady Trojans' goal for nearly every minute of the contest. Ella Geary had a goal and an assist for the Lady Rockets and Bailey Williams had an assist. CCHS keeper Hannah Long had six saves.

Crittenden will host Trigg County for another district showdown on Thursday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The Lady Wildcats are 6-1 on the season and widely considered the district favorite.

MS GIRLS SOFTBALL

The Crittenden County Middle School girls' softball team lost 10-1 to Webster County Monday at Lady Rocket Field. The Trojan girls scored five runs in the first inning after two outs and never looked back. Crittenden is 4-7 on the season, its first ever for a middle school softball team.

CCMS loaded the bases with no outs in the home half of the first frame, but managed just one run.

Brodi Rich had two hits, including a triple, and scored the team's only run. Abigail Champion had CCMS's only other hit.

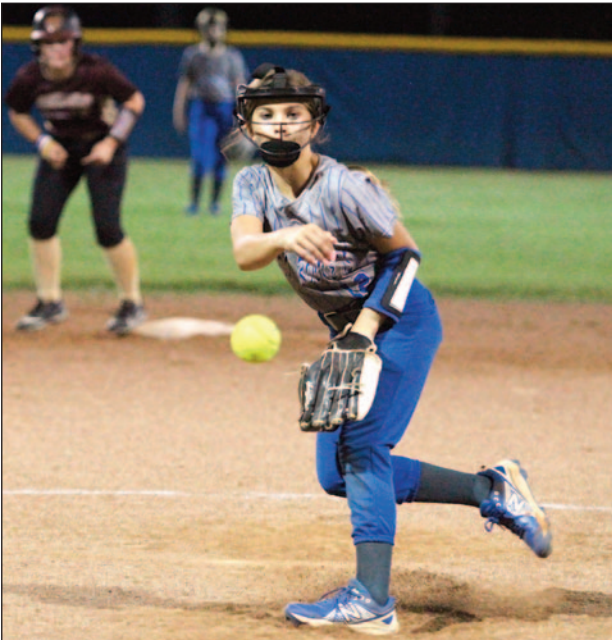
Brenna Kemmer pitched the first three innings, allowing nine runs, six earned and striking out two

while walking four. Rich pitched the final inning, allowing one earned run on two hits. She struck out three.

CCHS VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Rockets volleyball team scored a district win late last week, but lost a regional showdown against University Heights in the All A Classic on Saturday.

Under recently-named interim head coach Savannah Tays the Lady Rockets kept their string of suc-



Crittenden County's Karlie Jent delivers a pitch during Monday's JV middle school game against Webster.

cess rolling in Fifth District action last Thursday by beating Livingston Central on the road 25-18, 25-18, 25-19. CCHS has won the last five district championships and has not lost a set over that span.

Against UHA, widely considered the best team in the Second Region, CCHS fell 25-16, 25-23 and took an early-out from the small-school tournament.

Crittenden is 4-7 on the season and will play at Muhlenberg County on Thursday.

ROCKET GOLF

Rocket seniors Jeremiah Foster and Avery Belt tied for medalist honors with Lyon County's Brady Shoulders Monday during a three-way high school golf match between Crittenden, Lyon and Hardin County, Ill. The three top scorers shot 38. It was Belt's first medalist round of the season.

Jaxon Hatfield shot 45 and Turner Sharp 48 to round out the CCHS scoring at 169. Lyon won the match at 165 as Jack Reddick and Travis Perry carded 41s and Cooper Collins a 45. Hardin's Zac Watson had his team's low score at 48.

For the Lady Rockets, Georgia Holeman shot 58 and Abby Korzenborn had a 69. Lyon County's Gracen Wynn led her team with a 56 and was medalist. Jenna Corsey and Brenna Bietrick shot 61s and Lilly Perry a 63.

Crittenden County's regional champion Class A golf team will be playing in the state tournament at Richmond on Saturday, Sept. 9.

MS ROCKET FOOTBALL

Crittenden County Middle School won 25-14 at Union County Tuesday as quarterback Connor Poindexter passed for three touchdowns.

Ethan Sosh rushed for just over 100 yards and caught one scoring pass. Cadence Hackney and Eli Lovell also caught scoring passes. The team is now 1-1 on the season.



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Magistrates seek forensic study of tax accounts

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County magistrates last Thursday during their regular monthly fiscal court meeting moved to take a closer look at Crittenden County Sheriff's Department's financial records for 2022 and 2023.

In light of some questions raised during recent settlements of tax accounts which are handled by the sheriff's office, the fiscal court decided that an outside auditor should take a look. The period of examination will include times under both Evan Head, the current sheriff, and Wayne Agent, his predecessor.

The move came shortly after the fiscal court went into executive session behind closed doors to discuss what Sheriff Head presented as "possible litigation." Magistrates and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom met privately with Head for about 20 minutes before emerging and reopening

Fiscal Court

the public meeting.

Magistrate Scott Belt made a motion to "order a third-party forensic audit" on sheriff's department records for the periods of Jan. 1 2022 to Dec. 31 2022 and Jan. 1 2023 to present due to "the appearance of funds mishandled between calendar tax years."

The motion was seconded by Magistrate Travis Perryman and passed 6-0.

There was no further public discussion on the matter.

After the meeting, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom provided some details. He said there is no indication of illegal activity; however, a reconciliation of the tax fund accounts is necessary. He said it would be at least a couple of years before state auditors could take a look at the books and a forensic

study would perhaps provide even greater details than a state audit.

There appears to have been some incorrect handling of transactions during a 15-day period early this year when tax payments should not have been accepted.

"There were some collections in that period when there shouldn't have been any," the judge said.

Because tax accounts are closely scrutinized and each sheriff is responsible for balancing those accounts during their term, Newcom said it was best to get the matter cleared up right away.

"The court felt it was prudent for them to request a forensic audit on both sides to see exactly what transpired and when," the judge said. "We need to see what is in each account and how and why it got there."

The judge said it's only fair to clear the books through a thorough rec-

onciliation of accounts. He doesn't believe any money is missing, but some transaction could have been incorrectly posted.

Contacted later, former Sheriff Agent said he was unaware of any issues with accounts when he left office at the end of December. He said auditors have told him that his books were okay.

"My end-of-the-year 2022 audit had no shortages," Agent said.

In other fiscal court matters:

- Magistrates approved purchasing a used 2013 ambulance for \$53,500 to replace one its four aging ambulances.

Com-Care, the company that manages on contract the ambulance service for Crittenden County, asked local government to replace at least one unit in the local fleet and to begin the process to find another.

Jim Duke, president of Com-Care, Inc., provided details about a used am-

bulance from Syracuse, N.Y., with 125,000 miles. The company had already purchased the rig and it's virtually ready for the road.

Duke said Crittenden's fleet is in need of further updating. One of the ambulances is out of service at this time and the other three need to be replaced or remounted with a new chassis and refurbished.

"Getting this used one buys us some time," Duke said, but he wants the court to be prepared to either buy a new or used vehicle next year, or perhaps refurbish an existing unit or lease one.

Duke also said the company is actively looking for paramedics. He said there is only one paramedic currently on staff from Crittenden County. He said the pay is comparable to a full-time nurse.

Newcom said the county's contract with Com-Care requires it to provide four ambulances. Ambulances are capable

of treating only one or two patients at a time. At times, with multiple calls and multiple-injury accidents, the four-unit fleet is barely enough, according to discussions at the meeting.

The used ambulance will be purchased with America Rescue Plan Act money.

- Magistrates accepted the lowest of three bids to replace a 10-ton HVAC unit for the gymnasium of the former National Guard Armory. Adamson HVAC Electrical of Morganfield had the lowest bid at \$17,307.
- The fiscal court accepted a bid from Fowler Seal Coat for \$5,616 to fill cracks and seal the parking lot at the new office complex in Industrial Park North. Price wise it was the middle of three bids. Magistrates had questions regarding the other two bids that could not be immediately answered and Danny Fowler was in attendance at the meeting.

Recent moves putting water issues on long-term course

STAFF REPORT

Recent moves by local government agencies are providing initial steps toward solving Marion's long-term water crisis and preparing Crittenden-Livingston Water District for an expansion project that will allow it to meet future demands of its customers in the two counties.

Crittenden County Fiscal Court last Thursday issued its formal support for Crittenden-Livingston Water District to seek \$1.5 million through a Community Development Block Grant. Kyle Cunningham of the Pennyryle Area Development District was at the fiscal court meeting to discuss plans for the money. He said it will be used for beginning updates at the water treatment plant at Pinckneyville south of Salem on the Cumberland River. The upgrades will be part of a multi-phase project to double the size of the plant and eventually include construction of a new water main from Salem to Marion.

Livingston County Fiscal Court has already approved a similar

resolution seeking an equal amount of state funds. Kentucky CDBG grants typically require a 20 percent local match.

Simultaneously, the water district is pursuing a congressional earmark in the amount of \$1.75 million. U.S. Rep. James Comer is assisting with that request.

Tim Thomas, who has been hired by the City of Marion to help solve its water issues, said both state and federal dollars are being requested in order to strengthen the community's position in getting money for the project. If both sources come through, some of the money could perhaps be diverted for the next phase, Thomas said.

Thomas has also been working closely with the county water district, which is producing water at daily capacity right now and wants to double its output to four million gallons per day.

CLWD is also submitting an application to the Kentucky Association of Counties for \$300,000 to finance preliminary design work for its expansion project.


Marion also requested

\$1.5 million in state CDBG funds as part of a project to shore up its drinking water distribution system and make some much-needed upgrades to its water plant on Chapel Hill Road.

Marion is also working on its short-term response to its water woes, which began a year ago last spring with a deliberate breach of Lake George's levee to prevent a catastrophic failure once a sink hole was discovered in the dam. Lake George is one of the city's two raw water sources and its crippling has created big problems for the town, forcing it to rely heavily on the county water district to meet demand.

In the short term, engineers hope to begin shoring up Lake George by building a coffer dam, which is basically a protection wall, to surround the comprised areas of the levee. By doing that, state regulators will feel more comfortable about Lake George holding water, at least enough to hopefully prevent further emergency situations in Marion.

Crittenden County Detention Center



DETENTION CENTER REPORT

AUGUST 24, 2023

JAIL CENSUS	August 24, 2023	July 20, 2023	Monthly Average 2022
State Inmates	101	106	99
Federal Inmates	53	54	57.875
Other County Inmates	16	12	13.5
Crittenden County Inmates	13	13	14.5
TOTAL INMATES	183	185	184.875
Weekenders	2	2	3.5
Work release	0	0	0
Out to Court	1	6	2
Actual Inmate Bed Count	186	193	190.375

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.

Last Month	REVENUE	JULY 2023	JUNE 2023	Monthly Average 2022
	State Housing Payments	\$118,282.98	\$106,055.34	\$104,906.79
	Federal Housing Payments	\$81,340.00	\$80,948.00	\$156,092.22
	Federal Transport Payments	\$5,735.36	\$6,230.20	\$8,503.91
	Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$11,088.00	\$12,312.00	\$15,507.00
	Other County Housing Payments	\$992.00	\$32.00	\$808.00
	Weekend/Work Release	\$128.00	\$352.00	\$280.00
	TOTAL HOUSING	\$211,830.98	\$199,699.34	\$209,303.64

Last Month	ANALYSIS			
	Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$13,408.00	\$12,352.00	\$16,128.00
	Numbers of Co. Housing Days	419	386	504
	County Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
	Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	13.52	12.87	16.64

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- Lyon County Inmates \$36.00
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