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## Travel direction now limited along Court St.

Due to ongoing construction at the new Crittenden County Judicial Center, Court Street in downtown Marion has permanently transitioned to a one-way street this week. From now on, traffic will flow south to north. Signage will be installed. Striping of new angled parking layout will follow shortly after. City and county officials said the change is necessary to accommodate the new judicial center during construction and afterward. Motorists and property owners along Court Street are encouraged to prepare for the new traffic pattern and directional parking shift. City officials plan to notify affected property owners directly.



## \$30 per vote, that's the price we pay

A recent compilation of 2024 election expenses in Crittenden County illustrates the high cost to administer the very foundation of our democracy ... voting. Last year, local county government spent more than \$65,500 to carry out the primary and general elections, which included President of the United States. Expenses range from ballots to poll workers and include annual costs for election equipment and service contracts. The per-voter cost is somewhat shocking:

- For the May 2024 primary, when only 1,020 people voted in the county, the cost was \$30.17 per ballot cast, or \$30,768 total.
- In the November general election, the overall cost went up to \$34,774, but there were 4,041 voters, lowering the cost to \$8.61 per vote.

There are no scheduled elections in 2025.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion Code Enforcement Board meets at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 11 at city hall.
- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 11 at the board office.
- Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12 at the courthouse.
- Marion City Council meets Monday, Aug. 18 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 19 at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 19 at the Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court meets at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 21 at the county office complex.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Aug. 25 at the Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Livingston County Fiscal Court meets at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26 at the county office complex in Smithland.



Randy Book and Amy Cardwell sit at the kitchen table inside their home in Marion.

# With Every Beat

### Local carpenter examines life after heart transplant

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

At 66 years old, local carpenter Randy Book has swapped his old heart for a new lease on life, and his hometown is cheering him on with every beat. Book, a well-known craftsman and lifelong doer, lives just off the eighth fairway next to Marion's small country club. He's the kind of man who always showed up whether it was for his daughter Brandy's softball games, or neighbors needing a deck built. And, most recently, for a health battle that could have silenced him for good. Book moved to Crittenden County in 2003 from Hobart, Ind., where he had also worked as a carpenter. He raised his youngest daughter in Marion and developed many friendships through his profession and volunteer work.

His companion, Amy Cardwell, has worked in healthcare for decades and was quick to notice when something wasn't right with Book in the spring of 2024. Last July, while roofing their house, Amy saw a concerning change. "He always climbed ladders with no problem, but he stopped going up and down. He'd just stay up there and let the other guys bring him materials," she recalled. Short of breath, Book easily fatigued and was getting dizzy simply bending over to tie up his boots. By day's end, he said, "I was just gassed." Concerned, they went to see local nurse practitioner Marcie Ellington, who saw them

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## Three jailed in shooting case from February

STAFF REPORT

Three individuals are being held without bond in the Crittenden County Detention Center on attempted murder or conspiracy to commit murder and other charges following the conclusion of a months-long investigation into a winter shooting in the Mexico community of southern Crittenden County. The arrests stem from a Feb. 10 incident in which a male victim in his 30s was allegedly shot while driving along KY 70 near the intersection with Jackson School Road and County Road 1242 around 4 a.m. The victim sustained a gunshot wound to the left hip but was able to drive himself to Crittenden Community Hospital. The victim has recovered.

As a result of an investigation by the West Kentucky Violent Crime Task Force, Lyon County Sheriff's Department and Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head, arrests were made last Thursday after sealed indictments were handed down two days earlier by the Crittenden County Grand Jury.

Jailed are Allison Robinson, 25, of Marion, charged with a Class B felony conspiracy to commit murder; Travis Robinson, 47, of Marion, charged with a Class B felony conspiracy to commit murder, a Class D felony possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, a Class D felony tampering with physical evidence and for allegedly being a persistent felony offender (PFO); and Jonathan Chase York, 40, of Marion, charged with a Class B felony for attempted murder,

a Class D felony for possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, a Class D felony tampering with physical evidence and for allegedly being a persistent felony offender (PFO). The Class B felony charges against the two male suspects are enhanceable to Class A felonies under the PFO indictments. Based on the charges and grand jury indictment records, it appears that investigators believe York was the alleged shooter.

Travis Robinson was taken into custody in Kuttawa at 12:44 a.m., last Thursday by Lyon County Deputy Bobby Beeler. York and Allison Robinson were arrested later that evening in Crittenden County by Sheriff Head.

Back in February, author-

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T. Robinson

A. Robinson

York

## County plans same tax rate

As part of its next regularly-scheduled meeting, Crittenden County Fiscal Court will conduct a public hearing at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 21 at the county office complex to receive input on the proposed 2025 property tax rate.

The court plans to keep the real property rate at 11.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value, the same as 2024. Doing so would generate \$517,322 in additional revenue, about \$23,900 more than a compensating rate would yield.

Last year's rate of 0.114 produced \$493,414 in revenue. The 2025 compensating rate of 0.111 would bring in \$503,708.

Projected revenue includes \$23,908 from new property, \$99,735 from personal property, \$102,254 from motor vehicles and \$4,154 from watercraft. Additional revenue above last year's will go toward general government operations.

Other local taxing districts that have flexibility to set their rates will be proposing 2025 figures this month.

## Roads, bridges, capitol

You learn a lot about a place by the way it takes care of its old things, whether it be old folks, old buildings or old roads and bridges. In Kentucky, we claim to do things right, but judging by the shape of things, what we really mean is we love talking about it while we let everything fall down around us. Then, we act surprised.

For the past few years, I have driven through Lyon County on a stretch of I-24 that looks like images I see on TV from Gaza.

That stretch of interstate near just east of Eddyville shakes you down like a slot machine. Everyone's in the passing lane not to pass, but to survive because the right hand lane beats you to death with craters. You don't drive it, you endure it. Try it on a school bus!

Country roads are no better. Our counties are crying out for help, but what they get is less and less money to fix more and more roads that are dissolving like wet toilet paper. On July 1, the gas tax dropped again. By 1.4 cents a gallon this time. Doesn't sound like much till you realize that means millions of dollars gone from road budgets. That's fewer patches, fewer paving jobs, fewer loads of gravel and a lot more orange cones that stay up all year.

It puts us back to 2015 funding levels, they say. But nothing else costs what it did in 2015, not diesel, not asphalt, not wages and sure as heck not a road paver. Based on what the City of Marion just contracted Rogers Group to pave in town, it's costing about \$500,000 a mile.

Meanwhile, counties are responsible for half the road miles in Kentucky and a third of the bridges. Most of them are holding those roads together with borrowed time and baling wire. I can see creek rock rising through the chip and seal on my road. Counties like Crittenden don't have big budgets. They've got a half dozen guys, a couple of trucks, a track hoe and a lot of prayers.

And while our roads and bridges are falling apart, the state Capitol is being evacuated for a years-long, \$300 million renovation. Lawmakers and justices are moving into temporary buildings, the dome is being rebuilt with imported tile, and the wiring's being swapped out. It's needed work no doubt, but you can't help but wonder how the marbled halls in Frankfort can find a quarter-billion dollars while our counties can't get enough to fix a washed-out culvert. I guess it's the same Monopoly game that provides millions for a new courthouse, but less and less for the road department. States hold all of the cards when it comes to road funds, which are backed by the fuel tax (which just dropped).

In Kentucky, we have a maintenance problem. We wait for things to rot before we put on a coat of paint. Look at our water infrastructure. Same shape as the roads and bridges.

Our grandparents knew better. They fixed things

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Pictured are 4-H fair champions and sweepstakes winners from exhibits and entries (front from left) Aliza Maraman, Caroline Martin, London McCord, Emme Lynch, Dally Millikan, Katrina Scott, Briley Hackney, (middle) Aerie Suggs, Kallen Millikan, Raylee Wesley, Paige Tinsley, Bradie Hackney, Luke Binkley, Emma Guess, (back) Grayson Pritchett, Phillip Barnes, Russell Vince, Ellie Binkley, Gracie Freeman, Brooklyn Suggs. See a complete list of entry winners on page 9.



Crittenden County Lions Club Fair reached its final days and peak last weekend, part of which included the annual 4-H Fair Breakfast where awards, honors and recognitions were presented.

# Breakfast spotlights big gains for 4-H at county fair

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Lions Club Fair leaders and supporters along with community members gathered early last Friday morning for the annual 4-H Fair Breakfast. They celebrated a record-breaking year for youth development in 4-H and heard a high-energy pitch for the future of agriculture.

The breakfast, hosted at the fairgrounds, featured Kentucky Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Warren Beeler as keynote speaker. Beeler, a lifelong farmer and ag advocate, delivered a humorous but earnest challenge to young people: Agriculture needs you.

“There is only one essential industry and I work in it. People have to eat,” Beeler said. “We are past the stage of a farmer following a mule.”

Beeler praised Crittenden County’s commitment to 4-H, pointing out that the local program has produced four state officers in the last six years.

“You got it going on here,” he said.

This year’s standout is Emmie Lynch, a senior at Crittenden County High School and the current Kentucky 4-H State Reporter. She’s the latest in a streak of state-level leaders from the county, following Morgan Barnes, Maggie Blazina and Kaylin Stokes.

Lynch has come a long way since she first joined 4-H as a shy 9-year-old.

“Pretty much when I was in first grade, I did not talk to anybody,” she said. “I was very just artistic, I liked to draw, and didn’t talk to anyone.”

Now, she speaks publicly on behalf of Kentucky 4-H and runs the officer team’s statewide social media and outreach platforms.

“4-H is just such a loving community. When you’re in it, you’re in it for life. You make friends forever,” Lynch said. “It made me push myself... and eventually I was like, ‘I can talk to people.’ It let me become the best version of a leader that I think anybody can picture.”

She plans to study at either Murray State or the University of Kentucky to become a 4-H agent herself.



Pictured from left are Lion of the Year Danny Watson presented by Lions Club officer Natalie Parish; Cassie Polk, who was named Citizen of the Year as presented by Parish; and Ag Hall of Fame inductee Carol Hendrix, along with FFA presenter Presley Potter and Hendrix’s daughter Cindy Dillard, step-daughter Misty McDowell, step-grandson Lucian, and step-son Clarence Long.

Leslea Barnes, Crittenden County’s 4-H agent, said the local program is thriving, reaching children from Cloverbud ages (5–8) through high school. The culture of mentoring among older participants helps inspire the next generation.

“They see each other, they see what it takes to become a state officer, they mentor and encourage each other, and that really helps,” Barnes said. “We’re just a really good group of positive people. 4-H in general, across the state, is about positive youth development, and we are really seeing it here.”

Barnes announced that this year’s county fair saw 479 4-H exhibits, a record number by far. Thirty-five young people submitted projects ranging from photography to woodworking to baked goods. Nineteen of them entered 12 or more projects each, qualifying for sweepstakes awards.

Among the top exhibitors was London McCord, who entered 44 items and earned \$117 in premiums. McCord and Russell Vince are sending 13 entries each to the Kentucky State Fair later this month in Louisville. In total, 135 Crittenden County entries are headed to state competition.

Beeler, who has worked in livestock evaluation, 4-H and now state leadership, said agriculture needs young minds like these 4-Hers, not just in farming but in the entire farm-to-table chain.

“Only 2 percent of people

farm, but 17 percent work in the industry,” he said. “We need smart young people in ag, people in logistics, people in computer science who can track a steak from cow to consumer and then trace it back.”

Beeler highlighted how technology has revolutionized the business of agriculture from robotic milking systems that monitor milk temperature and diagnose illness, to computerized feeding programs for chickens and hogs.

“We take the sorriest ground and turn it into protein,” he said describing cattle farmers.

As he spoke, Beeler walked the crowd through the digital transformation of farming, from GPS-driven planting to data-based animal health monitoring.

“4-H kids make me drool,” he said. “They are smart and we want them in agriculture.”

The morning program also included annual recognitions from the Marion Lions Club. Danny Watson was named Lion of the Year. Cassie Polk was honored

as Citizen of the Year. And Dean Miller received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his longtime service to the community. Also, local farmer Carol Hendrix was in-

ducted into the Crittenden County Agriculture Hall of Fame.

As breakfast plates were cleared, the message was clear: in Crittenden County, 4-H isn’t

just a tradition, it’s a springboard.

“Crittenden County has definitely made its mark in 4-H,” Barnes said. “And it’s all about these kids.”



Miss Pre-Teen Crittenden County, crowned during pageants July 29 at Fohs Hall, is Kendall Brooke Buell-Belt (left). Other participants are fourth runner-up Audrey Smiley; second runner-up Anna Beth Blackburn; third runner-up Trinity Clifford; first runner-up Jaseley Guess; and fifth runner-up Brilee Gardner.

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\*\* = Class Champion (\*) = Department Champion

## 4-H Arts & Crafts

Reagan Stokes, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Acrylic, Blue\*\*  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Acrylic, Blue  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Acrylic, Blue\*\*  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Acrylic, Blue  
Dally Millikan, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Water Color, Blue\*\*  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Water Color, Blue  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Water Color, Blue  
Marlee Sosh, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Water Color, Blue\*\*  
Dally Millikan, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Abstract, Blue  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Abstract, Blue  
Zara Story, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Abstract, Blue\*\*  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Abstract, Blue  
Aerie Suggs, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Abstract, Blue  
Marlee Sosh, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Abstract, Blue\*\*,  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Self Portrait, Blue\*\*,  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Self Portrait, Blue  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Self Portrait, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Self Portrait, Blue  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Self Portrait, Blue\*\*  
Reagan Stokes, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Oil Painting, Blue\*\*  
Brooklyn Suggs, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Oil Painting, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Oil Painting, Blue  
Grayson Pritchett, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Oil Painting, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Oil Painting, Blue  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Oil Painting, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Oil Painting, Blue  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Oil Painting, Blue\*\*  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Oil Pastel, Blue\*\*  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Oil Pastel, Blue  
Russell Vince, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Blueprint Paper Print, Blue\*\*  
Dally Millikan, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. 5 color design, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. 5 color design, Blue\*\*  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. 5 color design, Blue  
Raylee Millikan, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. 5 color design, Blue  
Zara Story, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. 5 color design, Blue  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. 5 Color Design, Blue\*\*  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. 5 Color Design, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Black Pencil Drawing, Blue  
Russell Vince, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Black Pencil Drawing, Blue\*\*  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Two Point Perspective, Blue\*\*  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Circular Shape Object, Blue\*\*  
Dally Millikan, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Circular Shape Object, Blue  
Grayson Pritchett, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Circular Shape Object, Blue  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Circular Shape Object, Blue  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Circular Shape Object, Blue  
Marlee Sosh, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Circular Shape Object, Blue\*\*  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Color Pencil, Blue  
Russell Vince, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Color Pencil, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Color Pencil, Blue\*\*  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Color Pencil, Blue\*\*  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Pen & Ink, Blue  
Grayson Pritchett, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Pen & Ink, Blue\*\*  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Pen & Ink, Blue\*\*,  
Caroline Martin, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Pen & Ink, Blue  
Dally Millikan, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Hand Lettering, Blue\*\*  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Hand Lettering, Blue  
Raylee Millikan, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Hand Lettering, Blue  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Hand Lettering, Blue\*\*  
Caroline Martin, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Hand Lettering, Blue  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Black Pencil Drawing, Blue  
Caroline Martin, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Black Pencil Drawing, Blue\*\*  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Lap Loom Woven, Blue\*\*  
Emma Guess, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Lap Loom Woven Item, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Clay, Blue\*\*,  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Clay, Blue  
Annalese Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Clay, Blue  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Clay, Blue\*\*,  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Wire Sculpture, Blue\*\*  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Art Trends, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Art Trends, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Art Trends, Blue  
Russell Vince, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Art Trends, Blue\*\*,  
Zara Story, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Art Trends, Blue  
Annalese Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Art Trends, Blue  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Art Trends, Blue\*\*  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Jewelry, Blue  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Jewelry, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Jewelry, Blue\*\*,  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Jewelry, Blue\*\*,  
Caroline Martin, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Jewelry, Blue  
Marlee Sosh, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Jewelry, Blue  
Reagan Stokes, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Leather Craft, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Leather Craft, Blue  
Kallen Millikan, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr. Leather Craft, Blue\*\*  
Caroline Martin, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Leather Craft, Blue\*\*  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
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Paige Tinsley, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
Dally Millikan, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue\*\*  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
Kallen Millikan, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
Mac Johnson, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
Luke Binkley, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
Colt Hayes, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
Levi Spillman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
Aiden Spillman, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
Miley Hayes, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Jr Heritage Arts, Blue  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Heritage Arts, Blue\*\*(\*)  
Caroline Martin, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Heritage Arts, Blue  
Marlee Sosh, 4-H Arts & Crafts, Sr. Heritage Arts, Blue

## 4-H Educational Companion Animal Project Poster

Russell Vince, 4-H Educational Companion Animal Poster, Junior (9-13)  
General Dog, Blue\*\*(\*)

## 4-H Electric

Ellie Binkley, 4-H Electric, Battery Powered Series & Parallel Circuits, Blue  
Dally Millikan, 4-H Electric, Battery Powered Series & Parallel Circuits, Blue  
Grayson Pritchett, 4-H Electric, Battery Powered Series & Parallel Circuits, Blue  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Electric, Battery Powered Series & Parallel Circuits, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Electric, Battery Powered Series & Parallel Circuits, Blue  
Raylee Millikan, 4-H Electric, Battery Powered Series & Parallel Circuits, Blue  
Caroline Martin, 4-H Electric, Battery Powered Series & Parallel Circuits, Blue\*\*(\*)  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Electric, Battery Powered Series & Parallel Circuits, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Electric, Battery Powered Series & Parallel Circuits, Blue  
Zara Story, 4-H Electric, Battery Powered Series & Parallel Circuits, Blue

## 4-H Financial Education

Russell Vince, 4-H Financial Education, Poster-Decisions! Decisions! Decide!, Blue\*\*  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Financial Education, Level 2 Be the E, Blue\*\*(\*)

## 4-H Food

London McCord, 4-H Food, Three Scones, Blue\*\*,  
London McCord, 4-H Food, Three Chewy Granola Bars, Blue\*\*(\*)  
London McCord, 4-H Food, Three Snickerdoodle Cookies, Blue\*\*

## 4-H Food Preservation

London McCord, 4-H Food Preservation, Dill Pickles, Blue\*\*(\*)

## 4-H Geology

Russell Vince, 4-H Geology, Third Year Geology, Blue\*\*(\*)

## 4-H Home Enviroment

Katrina Scott, 4-H Home Enviroment, Color Collage, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Home Enviroment, Color Collage, Blue  
Gracie Freeman, 4-H Home Enviroment, Color Collage, Blue\*\*  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Home Enviroment, Texture Collage, Blue  
Reagan Stokes, 4-H Home Enviroment, Texture Collage, Blue  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Home Enviroment, Texture Collage, Blue  
Annalese Maraman, 4-H Home Enviroment, Texture Collage, Blue  
Briley Hackney, 4-H Home Enviroment, Texture Collage, Blue\*\*  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Home Enviroment, Transparent Finish applied to small wood project, Blue\*\*,  
L. McCord, 4-H Home Enviroment, Simple Cloth for Home, Blue\*\*  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Home Enviroment, Wastebasket, Blue\*\*  
Emma Guess, 4-H Home Enviroment, Wastebasket, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Home Enviroment, Bulletin Board, Blue  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Home Enviroment, Decorative item for home & photo, Blue  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Home, Decorative item for home & photo, Blue\*\*  
Dally Millikan, 4-H Home Enviroment, Decorative item for home & photo, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Home, Decorative item for home & photo, Blue  
Grayson Pritchett, 4-H Home, Decorative item for home & photo, Blue  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Home Enviroment, Decorative item for home & photo, Blue  
Raylee Millikan, 4-H Home Enviroment, Decorative item for home & photo, Blue  
Marlee Sosh, 4-H Home Enviroment, Decorative item for home & photo, Blue  
Gracie Freeman, 4-H Home, Decorative item for home & photo, Blue  
Briley Hackney, 4-H Home Enviroment, Decorative item for home & photo, Blue  
Bradie Hackney, 4-H Home Env., Simple wood item refinished, Blue\*\*  
Caroline Martin, 4-H Home Enviroment, Cloth item for home created using sewing machine, Blue  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Home Enviroment, Inv & Thank You letter/note, Blue\*\*  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Home Enviroment, Accessory for the home, Blue  
Brooklyn Suggs, 4-H Home Enviroment, Accessory for the home, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Home Enviroment, Accessory for the home, Blue\*\*  
Marlee Sosh, 4-H Home Enviroment, Accessory for the home, Blue  
Briley Hackney, 4-H Home Enviroment, Accessory for the home, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Home Enviroment, Individual place setting, Blue  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Home Enviroment, Individual place setting, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Home Enviroment, Individual place setting, Blue\*\*  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Home Enviroment, Old or discarded item, Blue  
Emme Lynch, 4-H Home Enviroment, Old or discarded item, Blue  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Home Enviroment, Old or discarded item, Blue  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Home Enviroment, Old or discarded item, Blue  
Aerie Suggs, 4-H Home Enviroment, Old or discarded item, Blue  
Brooklyn Suggs, 4-H Home Enviroment, Old or discarded item, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Home Enviroment, Old or discarded item, Blue  
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Emma Guess, 4-H Home Enviroment, Old or discarded item, Blue  
Marlee Sosh, 4-H Home Enviroment, Old or discarded item, Blue  
Gracie Freeman, 4-H Home Enviroment, Old or discarded item, Blue\*\*  
Kallen Millikan, 4-H Home Enviroment, Old or discarded item, Blue  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Home Enviroment, Accessory for the home, made with members original or adapted design, Blue  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Home Enviroment, Accessory for the home, made with members original or adapted design, Blue  
Dally Millikan, 4-H Home Enviroment, Accessory for the home, made with members original or adapted design, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Home Enviroment, Accessory for the home, made with members original or adapted design, Blue  
Grayson Pritchett, 4-H Home Enviroment, Accessory for the home, made with members original or adapted design, Blue  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Home Enviroment, Accessory for the home, made with members original or adapted design, Blue\*\*(\*)  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Home Enviroment, Purch. Article selected by 4-H member to solve a home decorating problem, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Home Enviroment, Purch. Article selected by 4-H member to solve a home decorating problem, Blue  
Gracie Freeman, 4-H Home Enviroment, Purch. Article selected by 4-H member to solve a home decorating problem, Blue\*\*,  
Bradie Hackney, 4-H Home Enviroment, Cloth article made by 4-her showing a major home improvement, Blue\*\*

## 4-H Horticulture & Plant Science

Gracie Freeman, Hort. & Plant Science, Tomato 5 per plate, Cherry Type, Blue  
Briley Hackney, Hort. & Plant Science, Tomato 5 per plate, Cherry Type, Blue\*\*  
Gracie Freeman, Hort. & Plant Science, Tomato 5 per plate Beef Steak, Blue  
Briley Hackney, Hort. & Plant Science, Tomato 5 per plate Beef Steak, Blue\*\*  
Bradie Hackney, Hort. & Plant Science, Tomato 5 per plate Heirloom, Blue  
Briley Hackney, Hort. & Plant Science, Tomato 5 per plate Heirloom, Blue\*\*  
Gracie Freeman, Hort. & Plant Science, Peppers Hot 5 per plate, Blue\*\*  
Briley Hackney, Hort. & Plant Science, Peppers Sweet 5 per plate, Blue\*\*  
Grayson Pritchett, Hort. & Plant Science, Cucumbers, Blue\*\*  
Caroline Martin, Hort. & Plant Science, Cucumbers,Blue  
Grayson Pritchett, Hort. & Plant Science, Cucumbers, Pickling Blue\*\*  
Caroline Martin, Hort. & Plant Science, Cucumbers, Pickling Blue  
Grayson Pritchett, Hort. & Plant Science, Squash, summer Blue\*\*(\*)  
Bradie Hackney, Hort. & Plant Science, Squash, summer, Blue

## 4-H Needlework

Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Needlework, Small crochet item made of medium weight yarn, Blue\*\*  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Needlework, Crocheted item made using granny square technique, Blue\*\*(\*)  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Needlework, Strip/String Quilt, Blue\*\*  
Dally Millikan, 4-H Needlework, Strip/String Quilt, Blue  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Needlework, Strip/String Quilt, Blue  
Emarie Cox, 4-H Needlework, Strip/String Quilt, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Needlework, Strip/String Quilt, Blue

## 4-H Photo

Briley Hackney, 4-H Photo, Forest, Blue\*\*  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Photo, Water, Blue  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Photo, Water, Blue\*\*  
London McCord, 4-H Photo, Water, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Photo, Wildlife, Blue  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Photo, Wildlife, Blue\*\*  
Emma Guess, 4-H Photo, Wildlife, Blue  
Reagan Stokes, 4-H Photo, Natural Scenic, Blue  
Brooklyn Suggs, 4-H Photo, Natural Scenic, Blue  
Russell Vince, 4-H Photo, Natural Scenic, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Photo, Natural Scenic, Blue\*\*  
Marlee Sosh, 4-H Photo, Natural Scenic, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Photo, Native Plants, Blue\*\*  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Photo, Insect, Blue  
Russell Vince, 4-H Photo, Insect, Blue\*\*  
Briley Hackney, 4-H Photo, Insect, Blue  
Reagan Stokes, 4-H Photo, Livestock, Blue  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Photo, Livestock, Blue  
Brooklyn Suggs, 4-H Photo, Livestock, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Photo, Livestock, Blue\*\*(\*)  
Raylee Millikan, 4-H Photo, Livestock, Blue  
Bradie Hackney, 4-H Photo, Livestock, Blue  
Marlee Sosh, 4-H Photo, Livestock, Blue  
Gracie Freeman, 4-H Photo, Livestock, Blue  
Kallen Millikan, 4-H Photo, Livestock, Blue  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Photo, Crops, Blue  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Photo, Crops, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Photo, Crops, Blue\*\*  
Emma Guess, 4-H Photo, Lifecycle, Blue\*\*

Gracie Freeman, 4-H Photo, Lifecycle, Blue  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Photo, Agriculture Scenic, Blue\*\*  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Photo, Agriculture Scenic, Blue  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Photo, Farm Eq/Implement, Blue\*\*  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Photo, Farm Eq/Implement, Blue  
Raylee Millikan, 4-H Photo, Farm Eq/Implement, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Photo, Farm Eq/Implement, Blue  
Gracie Freeman, 4-H Photo, Farm Eq/Implement, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Photo, Companion Animal, Blue\*\*  
Koltyn Woodall, 4-H Photo, Companion Animal, Blue  
Marlee Sosh, 4-H Photo, Companion Animal, Blue  
Dally Millikan, 4-H Photo, Formal/Candid Portrait, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Photo, Formal/Candid Portrait, Blue  
Kallen Millikan, 4-H Photo, Formal/Candid Portrait, Blue\*\*  
Aerie Suggs, 4-H Photo, Urban Scenic, Blue\*\*  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Photo, Event, Blue\*\*  
Bradie Hackney, 4-H Photo, Event, Blue  
Gracie Freeman, 4-H Photo, Event, Blue  
Briley Hackney, 4-H Photo, Event, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Photo, Event, Blue\*\*  
Aerie Suggs, 4-H Photo, Family Portrait/Candid, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Photo, Family Portrait/Candid, Blue  
Russell Vince, 4-H Photo, Family Portrait/Candid, Blue\*\*  
Russell Vince, 4-H Photo, Food Preparation, Blue\*\*  
London McCord, 4-H Photo, Culture, Blue  
Russell Vince, 4-H Photo, Culture, Blue\*\*  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Photo, Patterns/Design, Blue\*\*,  
Phillip Barnes, 4-H Photo, Patterns/Design, Blue\*\*,  
Bradie Hackney, 4-H Photo, Patterns/Design, Blue  
Aerie Suggs, 4-H Photo, Mechanics, Blue  
Brooklyn Suggs, 4-H Photo, Mechanics, Blue\*\*  
Russell Vince, 4-H Photo, Architecture, Blue\*\*  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Photo, Energy, Blue  
Gracie Freeman, 4-H Photo, Energy, Blue\*\*  
Bradie Hackney, 4-H Photo, Movement, Blue\*\*  
London McCord, 4-H Photo, Construction, Blue\*\*  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Photo, Machinery/Equipment, Blue\*\*  
London McCord, 4-H Photo, Machinery/Equipment, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Photo, Physical Activity, Blue\*\*  
London McCord, 4-H Photo, Competitive Sports, Blue  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Photo, Competitive Sports, Blue\*\*  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Photo, Healthy Foods, Blue\*\*  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Photo, Careers in Health, Blue\*\*  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Photo, Careers in Health, Blue  
Paige Tinsley, 4-H Photo, Dealing with Stress, Blue  
Gracie Freeman, 4-H Photo, Dealing with Stress, Blue\*\*  
Aliza Maraman, 4-H Photo, Music, Blue\*\*  
Russell Vince, 4-H Photo, Music, Blue  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Photo, Created Art in Your Community, Blue\*\*  
Emma Guess, 4-H Photo, Created Art in Your Community, Blue

## Horticultural Photography

Phillip Barnes, Horticultural Photo, Single B & W,Hort Subject or Activity, Blue  
Gracie Freeman, Horticultural Photo, Single B & W,Hort Subject or Activity, Blue  
Briley Hackney, Horticultural Photo, Single B & W,Hort Subject or Activity, Blue  
Reagan Stokes, Horticultural Photo, Single Color, Hort. Subject or Activity, Blue  
Aliza Maraman, Horticultural Photo, Single Color, Hort. Subject or Activity, Blue  
Brooklyn Suggs, Horticultural Photo, Single Color, Hort. Subject or Activity, Blue  
London McCord, Horticultural Photo, Single Color, Hort. Subject or Activity, Blue  
Katrina Scott, Horticultural Photo, Single Color, Hort. Subject or Activity, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, Horticultural Photo, Single Color, Hort. Subject or Activity, Blue  
Russell Vince, Horticultural Photo, Single Color, Hort. Subject or Activity, Blue\*\*  
Bradie Hackney, Horticultural Photo, Single Color, Hort. Subject or Activity, Blue  
Bradie Hackney, Horticultural Photo, Sequence of 4 Photos, Blue\*\*  
Briley Hackney, Horticultural Photo, Sequence of 4 Photos, Blue  
Aliza Maraman, Horticultural Photo, Hort. Collect B&W or Color, Blue\*\*(\*)  
London McCord, Horticultural Photo, Hort. Collect B&W or Color, Blue  
Gracie Freeman, Horticultural Photo, Hort. Collect B&W or Color, Blue  
Briley Hackney, Horticultural Photo, Hort. Collect B&W or Color, Blue

## 4-H Wood Science

Paige Tinsley, 4-H Wood Science, Lv 1, Made from a Kit, Blue  
Katrina Scott, 4-H Wood Science, Lv 1, Made from a Kit, Blue  
Emma Guess, 4-H Wood Science, Lv 1, Made from a Kit, Blue\*\*,  
Russell Vince, 4-H Wood Science, Level 1-Not a kit, Blue\*\*,  
Ellie Binkley, 4-H Wood Science, Level 2- Made from a kit, Blue  
Reagan Stokes, 4-H Wood Science, Level 2- Made from a kit, Blue  
London McCord, 4-H Wood Science, Level 2- Made from a kit, Blue  
Brooklyn Lovell, 4-H Wood Science, Level 2- Made from a kit, Blue\*\*(\*)  
Annalese Maraman, 4-H Wood Science, Level 2- Made from a kit, Blue  
Caroline Martin, 4-H Wood Science, Level 3- Not from a kit, Blue

## Poultry Show

Annalese Maraman, Pure Bred Hen, Standard, Blue  
Lila Hughes, Pure Bred Hen, Standard, Blue\*\*  
Presley Herrin, Pure Bred Rooster, Standard, Blue\*\*  
Koltyn Woodall, Pure Bred Rooster, Standard, Blue  
Presley Herrin, Mixed Breed Hen, Standard, Blue\*\*  
Lila Hughes, Mixed Breed Rooster, Standard, Blue\*\*  
Koltyn Woodall, Pure Bred Female, Other, Blue\*\*  
Koltyn Woodall, Pure Bred Male, Other, Blue\*\*  
Phillip Barnes, Pure Bred Hen, Bantam, Blue\*\*  
Aerie Suggs, Pure Bred Hen, Bantam, Blue  
Aerie Suggs, Pure Bred Hen, Bantam, Blue  
Adley Sutton, Pure Bred Hen, Bantam, Blue  
Cabot Sutton, Pure Bred Hen, Bantam, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, Pure Bred Rooster, Bantam, Blue  
Phillip Barnes, Pure Bred Rooster, Bantam, Blue\*\*(\*)  
Brooklyn Suggs, Pure Bred Rooster, Bantam, Blue  
Brooklyn Suggs, Pure Bred Rooster, Bantam, Blue  
Hunter Guess, Pure Bred Rooster, Bantam, Blue  
Adley Sutton, Pure Bred Rooster, Bantam, Blue

## Poultry Showmanship

Hunter Guess, 1st Place Cloverbuds  
Brooklyn Suggs, 1st Place Junior  
Cabot Sutton, 1st Place Senior

## Open Family Consumer Science

Nancy Lanham, Acrylic Painting, 1  
Matt Tinsley, B & W Photo, 1  
Brandi Potter, B & W Photo, 2  
Jerrel James, B & W Photo, 3  
Brandi Potter, Ceramic Piece, 1  
Matt Tinsley, Color Photo, 1  
Willa Suggs, Color Photo, 2  
Brandi Potter, Color Photo, 3  
Tracy Sutton, Crochet or Knit item, 1  
Nancy Lanham, Holiday Decoration-winter, 1  
Jerrel James, Holiday Decoration-winter, 2  
Nancy Lanham, Patriotic Article, 1  
Nancy Lanham, Quilt- Hand Quilted, 1  
Nancy Lanham, Wall Hanging-Fabric or other, 1  
Willa Suggs, Yeast Bread, 1

## Open Agriculture

Grayson Pritchett, Garden, Basket Display mixed veg., fruits & herbs, 1  
Koltyn Woodall, Open Garden Exhibits, Best Flower Arrangement, 1  
Layton Herrin, Open Garden Exhibits, Best Flower Arrangement, 2  
Presley Herrin, Open Garden Exhibits, Best Flower Arrangement, 3  
Presley Herrin, Open Garden Exhibits, Best Flower Bloom, 1  
Koltyn Woodall, Open Garden Exhibits, Best Flower Bloom, 2  
Grayson Pritchett, Open Garden Exhibits, Largest Veg. by weight, 1  
Caroline Martin, Open Garden Exhibits, Largest Veg. by weight, 2  
Willa Suggs, Garden Exhibits, Ten Blackberries, any variety, 1



## Recent heat hit some milestones

If it feels like it’s been hot and muggy for a long time, you’re right. According to the Kentucky Mesonet, a weather monitoring network based at Western Kentucky University, some areas in the state have recorded dew points of 70 degrees or higher every day since early June.

When the air temperature drops to the dew point, humidity hits 100%, meaning the air can’t cool off any further, which explains why overnight lows have rarely dipped below 70 for weeks. That may have you cranking the thermostat down at night.

The Mesonet says most areas in Kentucky have seen between 20 and nearly 50 straight days with dew points above 70. Crittenden saw 26 straight days as of July 31. In Caldwell County and Union County that figure is 46 days and 48 in Webster County.

## Seely’s death is mourned locally

Jeannie Seely, a Grand Ole Opry mainstay and Grammy-winning country artist who helped shape the sound of traditional country and bluegrass for decades, died Friday, Aug. 1, at Summit Medical Center in Hermitage, Tenn. She was 85.

According to her publicist, Seely died from complications related to an intestinal infection following a series of health setbacks in 2025, including multiple back surgeries, abdominal procedures and a bout with pneumonia. Her death follows that of her husband, Eugene Ward, who died of cancer in December.

Best known for her 1966 hit “Don’t Touch Me,” Seely went on to release a string of country chart-climbers including “A Wanderin’ Man,” “I’ll Love You More (Than You’ll Need),” and her 1969 duet with Jack Greene, “Wish I Didn’t Have to Miss You.” A member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1967, Seely performed on its stage more than 5,300 times.

In recent years, she developed a strong connection to Crittenden County through her mentorship and promotion of the local bluegrass band Cutter and Cash and the Kentucky Grass. Seely has helped produce the group’s singles and spoke at Crittenden County High School’s graduation when band member Cutter Singleton graduated just over a year ago.

Born in Titusville, Pa., and raised in nearby Townville, Seely grew up listening to the Opry on Saturday nights with her family. That early love would blossom into a lifetime of music that left a permanent mark on American country and bluegrass. Marion and Crittenden joins the chorus of mourners across the country.

## Library restrooms are on the blink

Public restrooms at the Crittenden County Public Library are closed until further notice due to ongoing plumbing issues that have persisted since the spring.

Library Director Regina Merrick said the problem coincided with nearby construction but no direct connection has been found. Despite repeated efforts, including a city sewer clean-out, in-house snaking and hiring a plumber, the issue remains unresolved. The plumbing backs up through the floor drains shortly after being flushed.

The facility, built in 1974 and renovated in the 1980s, may require major repairs. “We assume it could involve jackhammering floors, but we just don’t know yet,” Merrick said.

In the meantime, the library has been directing patrons to portable toilets and some at nearby convenience stores. Merrick said she’s keeping both city and county officials informed and plans to reengage a plumber now that the



city has completed its latest round of sewer maintenance.

## Solar power facility coming to W. KY

A new solar power facility has cleared a major regulatory hurdle in western Kentucky.

The Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting has conditionally approved Lost City Renewables LLC’s application to build a 250-megawatt ground-mounted solar facility on about 1,413 acres in Muhlenberg County.

The project will include around 400,000 solar panels and connect to the Tennessee Valley Authority substation in Lewisburg via a 10.8-mile, 161-kilovolt transmission line.

As part of its approval, the board, an entity created by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC), imposed several conditions on construction. These include:

- A minimum 150-foot setback from homes, churches and schools for panels and string inverters
- A 450-foot setback for central inverters or energy storage units
- A 25-foot buffer from non-participating parcels and 50 feet from roads
- A 1,000-foot buffer from residential neighborhoods, based on a PSC-defined standard
- A final site layout must be submitted before construction begins

The siting board includes members of the PSC, representatives from the state’s Energy and Economic Development Cabinets, and local officials. The PSC oversees more than 1,100 utility operations in Kentucky.

## KY Fair kicks off next week in L’ville

The 2025 Kentucky State Fair runs Aug. 14–24 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville.

The Texas Roadhouse Concert Series features nightly shows at 8 p.m., with headliners like Sawyer Brown (Aug. 14), Sister Sledge (Aug. 15), Blue Öyster Cult (Aug. 16), Roots & Boots (Aug. 17), and more through Aug. 24.

Other highlights include the World’s Championship Horse Show (Aug. 16–23), more than 30 bands in entertainment tents, and popular acts like BMX Pros, Lady Houdini, and Circus Fantasy.

Special days include: Military Sunday (Aug. 17): Free for military and families \$5 Monday (Aug. 18): Admission and parking Senior Day (Aug. 19): Free for 55+

Sensory Awareness Day (Aug. 20): Free admission, ride discounts

Thrill Ville wristbands are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the gate.

## UFO event coming to Hopkinsville

The Hopkinsville Visitor’s Bureau is launching a new extraterrestrial-themed event this fall – GoblinCon UFO and Paranormal Expo – marking 70 years since one of Kentucky’s most curious encounters.

The inaugural expo will take place Oct. 17–18 at the Bruce Convention Center and celebrate the legendary Kelly Alien Encounter of 1955, one of the most well-documented and bizarre close encounters in American history. That incident, in rural Christian County, involved the Sutton family who claimed their farmhouse was besieged by small, glowing-eyed creatures from another world.

Over the decades, the tale

has inspired documentaries, books, podcasts and even pop culture references. Now, it will be the centerpiece of a wide-ranging event expected to draw believers, skeptics, and curiosity-seekers alike.

GoblinCon will host more than 80 vendors and a lineup of speakers, panels and educational workshops. Topics will span the paranormal and unexplained, from UFO sightings and cryptids to haunted history and conspiracy theories.

The two-day expo aims to both educate and entertain, offering attendees a chance to explore the folklore and science behind mysterious phenomena. Organizers say they hope it becomes a staple attraction for western Kentucky’s tourism calendar.

For more information, visit VisitHopkinsville.com or follow the Hopkinsville Visitor’s Bureau on social media.

## 60th Fredonia Fest Friday, Saturday

Fredonia’s 60th annual festival and parade will be this weekend. The parade, led by grand marshals Matt and Angie Prowell, will begin at 6 p.m., Friday along Cassidy Avenue. On Saturday, the festival will be held at Buddy Rogers Park with freshly-cooked pit barbecue, various activities and giveaways. Little league baseball games will played in the morning and there will be FFA tractor pull, a petting zoo, washer pitching tournament, water balloon games, cake walk, split the pot bingo, \$60 per hour giveaways, raffle drawings, inflatables for kids, and several other vendors.

## Press phasing out current online edition, email still available

The Crittenden Press is phasing out its current online full-version subscription option as it prepares to roll out a new digital offering that will include access to the newspaper’s archives via Newspapers.com later this year. While the full online version is no longer available for new subscribers, current users will continue to receive it for the time being. Meanwhile, the ePress email edition remains available and is the most cost-effective option for readers. Subscribers can now choose from two formats:

•ePress – A PDF version of the full newspaper emailed each Wednesday for \$32 per year. This edition renews automatically through PayPal unless canceled.

•Traditional Print Edition – Delivered weekly via USPS. Rates vary by location: \$45 per year for Crittenden and bordering counties; \$60 for other Kentucky addresses; or \$86 for out-of-state delivery (which may take up to 10 days)

All subscriptions, both print and digital, are nonrefundable and subject to Kentucky sales tax.

## Marion Post Office lobby is closed due to ceiling damage

The lobby of the Marion Post Office closed last Thursday due to ceiling damage. It is closed indefinitely until work can be completed.

Post office patrons may conduct business through the back door of the building on East Carlisle Street by ringing the buzzer near the loading dock.

Post office box access, stamp purchases and package drop-off will

be handled by staff through the back entrance.

Postmaster Adam Graham said a timeline for repairs should be known in the coming days.

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**Fifty years ago these young women gathered in hopes of being crowned Crittenden County Fair Queen. From 1975, pictured are (front from left) Debbie Fritts, Lynda Woodside, Debbie Dreihaupt (middle) Tina Travis, Sandy Brown, Marilyn Hunt, Jeannie Beard, Debra Collins, Judy Templeton, (back) Jennye Nunn, Lucinda Belt, Michele Ramage, Shannon Thomas, Cindy Brookshire and Teresa Winders. Also entered but not pictured were Teresa Brown, Janet Conrad, Vickie Brookshire, Robin Hamilton, Pam Head, Phyllis Lacy and Vickie Perryman.**

## 10 YEARS AGO

### Aug. 6, 2015

■ Chloe McKenzie was crowned Miss Crittenden County following the Lions Club Fair pageant. First runner-up was Lauren Beavers; second runner-up Brittany Buell; third runner-up Bailey Barnes; and fourth runner-up Hannah Renfro. Renfro was chosen Miss Photogenic and Beavers Miss Congeniality.

■ Younger division winners of the Crittenden County Fair pageant were Ellie Jo McKnight, Baby Miss Crittenden County; Raelynn Berry, Wee Miss Crittenden County; Isabella Bailey, Tiny Miss Crittenden County; Lacey Boone, Little Miss Crittenden County; Harper Cash Lucas, Little Mister Crittenden County; Mauri Collins, Miss Teen Crittenden County; and Cassidy Crabtree, Miss Pre-Teen Crittenden County.

■ The City of Marion Tourism Commission announced its purchase of a lot on North Main Street where it planned to develop a farmers market.

■ Larry York and Ted Feagan were selected to lead the annual Fredonia Lions Club Summer Festival parade.

■ Rocket baseball alumni Adam Driver, Brenden Phillips and Travis Gilbert were preparing for collegiate careers. Driver signed to play at Campbellsville; Phillips at Brescia; and Gilbert at Capital University.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### August 3, 2000

■ Fifteen teenagers were preparing to compete in the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair pageant, including Ashley Myers, Amy West, Jodi Martin, Brodi Travis, Leigh Browning, Angela Crowell, Sheena Berry, Miranda Smiley, Channa McCormick, Dani Harrison, Natalie Fletcher, Darci Holeman, Sheena Weldon, Sara Long and Patti Johnson.

■ Turner & Conyer Lumber Co., and its owners Bobby and Patty Martin broke ground on a \$2.5 million sawmill, including a 30,000 square foot building on its property on U.S. 60 West.

■ Marion Baptist Church unveiled plans for its 16,500 square foot family life center, an estimated \$1.2 million project designed for church activities, basketball and volleyball leagues and a walking track.

■ David Maddux of Marion finished in the top 40 at the National High School Rodeo finals in steer wrestling.

■ George Malcom of Salem shared plans with the community for Deer Lakes Golf Course set to open in October.

■ Crittenden County graduates David Beverly and Joey Rich finished their season with the semi-pro Tradewater Pirates. Beverly, a centerfielder, had a .354 batting average and Rich, a catcher, hit .285.

## 50 YEARS AGO

### August 7, 1975

■ Construction began on the skating rink behind Darben Plaza, developed by Darben Developers. In addition, construction was expected to begin within the month on 10 retail spaces with 15 motel units beneath them.

■ Entering the Miss Crittenden County Fair pageant were Debbie Fritts, Lynda Woodside, Debbie Dreihaupt, Tina Travis, Sandy Brown, Marilyn Hunt, Jeannie Beard, Debra Collins, Judy Templeton, Jenny Nunn, Lucinda Belt, Michele Ramage, Shannon Thomas, Cindy Brookshire, Teresa Winders, Vickie Brookshire, Janet Conrad, Robin Hamilton, Pam Head, Phyllis Lacey and Vickie Perryman.

■ The Yankees claimed the Marion Rotary Little League championship. Team members were Craig Dossett, Donnie Fritts, Robert Blake, Porter Gibson, Michael Coleman, William McDaniel, Gilbert Connor, Jeff Brantley, Grant Gibson, Mike Belt, Donnie Conyer and Tyrone Hobbs. Team manager was Red Benton and assistant manager was Ronnie Fritts.

## ROADS

Continued from page 1 when they broke, patched things when they leaked, and greased the tractor before it squealed. They didn’t wait for the whole barn to collapse before they patched the roof. But that’s what we’re doing now. We wait on the next bridge to close, the next road to give out or the next water line

to crack. If we keep ignoring what’s broken, it’ll all fall apart. And when it does, no gas tax gimmick or marble renovation will fix what we’ve lost.

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# Making sense of violence in the Bible

One of the great criticisms of those who have trouble with the Bible is the violence that is recorded there; especially in the Old Testament, they say. There is no denying the violence in the Bible, it is there from Cain and Abel to the judgment meted out in Revelation. In between are stories recording the worst that humans do to each other and God's efforts to teach humanity through it all.

If one reads the Bible and accepts it on its own terms, which is what any honest approach will do, it becomes clear that the initial source of violence is not from the Creator. Most people will agree that unprovoked violence should not go unchecked. It also makes sense that once violence was introduced into the world there came a necessity to have some guidance to keep it from spinning out of control. It also makes sense that some guidance is needed to check those things that ultimately lead to violence.

The Law in the Old Testament allows for punishment for those who hurt another person or proper-

ty. Those laws limit what can be done to prevent the offenses from escalating. There are summaries of these laws that restrict what we do to each other and how we are to view God; as in the Ten Commandments. We have a choice as to whether we will keep them. We also have penchant for discussing just what God meant when he said what he said. Much of the rest of the Bible is stories about what happens when we choose not to treat each other according to how we are instructed. The books of poetry (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs) help us navigate this world.

For example, we can read "Do not commit adultery"; but to read the story of David and Bathsheba lets us know that when that restriction is violated, there is a lot of damage done to innocent people. The lives of David and his children and grandchildren were altered because of it. Innocent people died. There was infighting within his family.

We can read, "Do not kill"; but to absorb the

story of Cain and Abel and wrestle with it quickly teaches us why we should not take another innocent life. We can read, "Do not covet"; but to read about the violence and damage caused by Ahab's sulking because he could not get Naboth's vineyard lets us know that covetousness respects no boundaries.

We still, however, have the problem of vengeance, which is another degree of dealing with violence. Vengeance moves us into the realm of eliminating people or systems that refuse to stop violating the lives of others. Deuteronomy 32:35 tells us that this is the realm of God.

"Vengeance is mine, and recompense, for the time when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and their doom comes swiftly."

The list of reasons for God's vengeance in the Bible is full of violations that we are familiar with today: Holding captives, corruption of the judicial system, shedding innocent blood, using faulty weights to gain economic advantage, stealing land (moving stone markers), turning back justice, suppressing the truth, children (human sacrifice), and turning one's back on the law of God. When any of the commandments from "Honor your father and your mother" to "You

shall not covet" are broken, there will eventually be violence. God will only allow such violence to continue for so long before he acts.

Anyone who has ever had to discipline another person (as a parent, a teacher, a judge, or a jury) knows how challenging it can be to get the balance right. In the case of our justice system, once a person has harmed another person, we understand that something should be done to make things as right as they can be. There is often a fine line between justice and vengeance – sometimes it is only in attitude.

The apostle Paul gives us some guidance to keep this balance. This does not preclude action. It does preclude vengeance. We are not wise enough for that. He writes, "Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals

upon his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:16-21).

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Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist  
Guest Columnist

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AND PUBLIC FORUM

The Crittenden County Schools' Local Planning Committee will conduct a public forum and meeting of the Crittenden County Local Planning Committee on Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m. CT at the Rocket Arena Conference Room, in the arena directly behind the high school at 519 ½ West Gum Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064.

The local planning meeting will be preceded by and start immediately after a PUBLIC FORUM. These meetings are informal gatherings to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the development of a proposed District Facility Plan for the Crittenden County Schools.

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# The story of Sarah and Mary: A bond across time

This interesting article was written many years ago by Mr. Albert L. Wheeler, grandson of John Wheeler. The John Wheeler family was among the early pioneer settlers of Crittenden County. They settled in the area of the late B. C. McNeely home place on Just-A-Mere Road and on land where the late Rodney Paris’s survey of office was located on Hwy. 506. In fact, their two family cemeteries are located on these farms, the James Wheeler Cemetery on Just-A-Mere Road and the John Wheeler Cemetery on the Paris farm land.

### Mr. Wheeler Tells His Story

When 10 or 11 years old in the year 1880 or '81, I was often required to ride an old mule and carry a turn of corn to the mill. Most often it was to the Marion Mill owned by Dan Bigham and his partner and situated on the Princeton road at the then outskirts of town. (the mill sat where Conrad’s Grocery and parking lot were located).

A strong running spring was near and within the enclosure, which supplied water for the boiler. Between the mill and spring, the ground was covered with what appeared to be sawdust (later I understood it to be refuse tanbark. Previously a tan yard had been there). It was a good place for a boy to play while waiting for his corn to be ground, which might take a half day or all day, according to the amount of grist ahead of yours.

Negroes lived across the road to the east and got water from the mill spring. When they came, I stood well back. Perhaps I was over timid, but no Negroes lived within the confines of the Copperas Spring School District, all but the confines of my then world.

Once a very old Negro woman came to get water. Her form was bent from disease or age until her body was horizontal, her neck bent acutely up to see ahead, her face deeply set with wrinkles. Several times she came, always carrying a small tin bucket, perhaps too old and feeble to carry a big one. One day as she crossed the road with water, she started singing; her voice was strong,

sweet and melodious. Such melody from an old woman seemed incongruous.

When I returned home, I told Ma (Elvira Crider Wheeler) about the old Negro and the spring. She said, “Why that is old Aunt Sarah Mayes, if she had known who you were, she would have taken on over you!”

### The Tradition of Sarah

Later my elder sister, Theresa Wheeler Woodside, told the history, or rather tradition, of Sarah. Sarah was born a slave of William Elder near Spartanburg, SC and given by him to his daughter Mary. In 1796, William Elder, together with his brothers James, John and one or two others, joined a party of emigrants bound for Kentucky. Sarah’s father did not belong to the Elders but to a neighbor staying in South Carolina. He followed the party for a half day, trotting by Sarah’s horse continually repeating in a doleful tone, “Goodbye Sarah, Goodbye Sarah.” At noon he stopped his journey and he returned home. In giving me the story above, Theresa imitated the Negro’s doleful tone as he bade his daughter Sarah his final farewell.

Theresa had been told this story from our grandmother Mary Elder Wheeler, daughter of John Elder, above mentioned, and who was 10 or 11 years old when they left South Carolina.

### Party moves on to Kentucky

The party headed for Kentucky traveled east to Cowpens, SC, where 15 years before an army of 1,100 British under the intrepid Tarleton had been vanquished and all but annihilated by 1,000 Americans under General Morgan. They (the party of emigrants) there awaited a contingent of emigrants coming up from the South. Together they crossed the mountains, how many in the party I do not know, but there must have been a considerable cavalcade.

At Campbell’s Station, 15 miles west of Knoxville, they heard of Indian depredations to the west and stopped there. While the main caravan stayed there, seven of the men in the group, including

David Hill, George Mayes and five of the Elder brothers (early settlers of then Livingston County) immediately resumed the journey to Kentucky.

When they reached their destination, they cleared 10 acres of what was afterward known as the Mayes Pond, which was about 2 ½ miles southeast from where Marion now is. They grew a crop, harvested and stored it and then returned to Campbell’s Station to get the rest of their party.

In 1798, the party headed for Kentucky, built a boat and launched it on Holston River, loaded the household goods, women and children, with enough men to navigate the boat, and floated it down the river. The balance traveled by land to bring the stock and rest of the supplies. The boat being small and crowded, they would land at night and camp on shore. The tradition is that they ran the 30 miles down Mussel Shoals in 30 minutes. In rounding the Horse-Shoe-Bend the men turned the bow of the boat toward mid-stream and rowed with all their might to keep off the rocks on the outer curve. They floated to the mouth of the Tennessee, poled the boat up the

Ohio and Cumberland to where Dycusburg now is and camped there until the men with the stock brought teams to carry them to their new homes.

### Mary and Sarah Friends Till Death

Sarah and her owner’s cousin, John Elder’s daughter, Mary Elder, were closely associated in their early childhood during the post-Revolutionary years in western South Carolina. They traveled together with the emigrants across the mountains to Campbell’s Station and sojourned there for two years. And from there, together, Sarah and Mary, traversed the entire length of the Tennessee River as it meandered through primeval forest, infested with savage Indians and wild beasts. When they reached their new home in Kentucky they were neighbors that endured the rigors of pioneer life, and they contributed their quota to the development of the civilization and culture of Crittenden County.

Though one fair and free, the other black and in bondage, the friendship formed endured ‘til death.

### Mr. Albert L. Wheeler

Albert L. Wheeler, ho

wrote this article, was a grandson of Mary Elder Wheeler, who was the good friend of Sarah, the Negro slave.

Mary Elder married James Wheeler and they are buried in the James Wheeler Cemetery on Just-A-Mere Road. Mary died Nov. 12, 1876.

Sarah Mayes, Mary’s friend, was listed as 100 years old in the 1880 Crittenden County Census, and she was living with her daughter and husband, Lewis and George Ann Wilson, in the area of what today in the old Piney Road. Sarah is most likely buried in the old Black cemetery at the end of N. Weldon Street, as her daughter, George Ann, and son-in-law Lewis Wilson, are buried there in unmarked graves. If her grave is marked, it is only with a sandstone rock, for no written monument marks her grave, and no history about her early days or her death here in Crittenden County are known.

Mr. Wheeler, who shared this story, was the eighth in a family of 10 children, seven of whom were school teachers. He taught school for a number of years in Crittenden County before going West. He attended the Marion Academy and was a classmate of Ollie M. James. Mr. Wheeler died in Lufkin, Texas and is buried there.

We are fortunate to be able to have some of these early stories that were handed down from generation to generation to tell us about the very early days of our county and in the lives of people who lived back then.

(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).



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• WITS Workout will be at 1 p.m. at the Crittenden County Public Library.  
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### Wednesday, Aug. 13

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### Thursday, Aug. 14

•The Virgil Jones VFW in Marion will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW building located at 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.

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Crittenden District Court  
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I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of

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COFFER STORES, INC., ET AL DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale and to satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 3 p.m., Friday, August 15, 2025, at public auction to the highest bidder. The auction of property shall be at the location of the property to be sold at 221 and 223 Sturgis Road, Marion, Kentucky. A viewing of the premises shall be held August 15, 2025 from Noon to 2 p.m.

The property is described as follows:  
**Property Address:**  
223 Sturgis Road and 221 Sturgis Road,  
Marion KY 42064

**PARCELS:** 1, 2, and 3  
Being the same property acquired by Mortgagor by deed dated February 7, 2022, of record in the Office of the Clerk of Crittenden County, Kentucky, in Deed Book 245, Page 1. Further being the same property acquired by Mortgagor by deed dated October 17, 1995, of record in the Office of the Clerk of Crittenden County, Kentucky, in Deed Book 172, Page 581. And further being the same property acquired by Mortgagor by deed dated April 22, 1998, of record in the Office of the Clerk of Crittenden County, Kentucky, in Deed Book 180, Page 162.

**Parcel One:**  
Purported Address: 223 Sturgis Road, Marion, Kentucky 42064. A certain tract or parcel of land, in Crittenden County, Kentucky, near the corporate limits of Marion, Kentucky, and being lots Nos. 37 and 38, in Block No. B-2 Sec. of Flynn Addition to the town of Marion, Kentucky, as shown by plat of record in Deed Book No. 61, Page 429, Clerk's Office, Crittenden County Court.

AND BEING the same property conveyed to Sherman Wendell Coffey, from Ima D. Walker, a widow, by Deed dated June 3, 1981, in Deed Book 136, Page 510, in the Office of the Crittenden County Clerk. Sherman Wendell Coffey died testate April 6, 2014, and pursuant to his Last Will and Testament of record in Will Book 17, Page 385, he devised the subject property to Connie Ruth Gabehart, as Trustee of the Testamentary Trust under the Will of Wendell Coffey.

Lots 31 and 32 in Section No. B-2 Flynn property addition to the town of Marion, Kentucky. The plat of same being of record in Deed Book 61, Page 429, Clerk's Office, Marion, Kentucky.

Also Lots 33 and 34 in Section No. B-2 Flynn property addition of the town of Marion, Kentucky. The plat of same being of record in Deed Book 61, Page 429, Clerk's Office, Marion, Kentucky.

The above described four lots is a parcel of land running on U.S. Highway No. 60 100 feet and extending back from the highway (north) 200 feet, between parallel lines.

A certain tract, parcel, lot or boundary of real estate being Lot No. 35-36 in Sec. No. B-2 Flynn Property Addition as shown by plat of record in Plat Book No. 61, Page 429, Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

A certain tract or parcel of land near Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, and being a part of the Flynn Addition to the City of Marion, Kentucky and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of Central Avenue, and Hamilton Drive and running North with t he West line of Hamilton Drive for a distance of 190 feet to

a stake or stone, an agreed corner; running thence west or nearly so for a distance of 216 feet to an elm on the east bank of the branch running thence south-east with the east bank of the branch to the north line of Central A venue, to a stake or stone, an agreed corner; running thence east with the north line of Central A venue, to the point of beginning, containing about 2 acres, more or less.

AND BEING the same property conveyed to Sherman Wendell Coffey, from J. W. Lingang, a widower, by Deed dated September 22, 1976, of record in Deed Book 122, Page 588, in the Office of the Crittenden County Clerk. Sherman Wendell Coffey died testate April 6, 2014, and pursuant to his Last Will and Testament of record in Will Book 17, Page 385, he devised the subject property to Connie Ruth Gabehart, at Trustee, of the Testamentary Trust under the Will of Wendell Coffey.

AND BEING the same property conveyed to Coffey Stores, Inc., a Kentucky corporation, by deed from Connie Ruth Gabehart, Trustee of the Testamentary Trust established pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of Sherman Wendell Coffey, said deed dated February 7, 2022, of record in Deed Book 245, Page 1, in the Office of the Crittenden County Clerk.

**Parcel Two:**  
Purported Address: 221 Sturgis Road (House and Lumber Yard), Marion, Kentucky 42064. A certain tract or parcel of land in Crittenden County, Kentucky, near the corporate limits of Marion, Kentucky, and being lots Nos. 37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48 and 49 in Block B-2 Sec. of Flynn Addition to the town of Marion, Kentucky, as shown by plat of record in Deed Book No. 61, Page 429, Clerk's Office, Crittenden County Court.

ALSO a certain tract or parcel of land in Crittenden County, Kentucky, near the corporate limits of Marion, Kentucky, and being lots Nos. 28, 29 and 30 in Section B-2 of Flynn

Addition as shown by plat of record in Deed Book No. 61, Page 429, aforesaid Clerk's Office.

LESS AND EXCEPT: That certain tract or parcel of land in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and being Lots No. 37 and 38 in Block B-2 Sec. of Flynn Addition to the town of Marion, Kentucky, as shown by plat of record in Deed Book No. 61, Page 429, which was conveyed by Ima D.

Walker, a widow, to Sherman Wendell Coffey, On June 3, 1981, of record in Deed Book 136, Page 510, all references herein are to the Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

AND BEING the same property conveyed to Coffey Stores, Inc., from James H. Walker and Janet M. Walker, husband and wife, and James H. Walker, Trustee of the Winford Walker Living Trust, by Deed dated October 17, 1995, of record in Deed Book 172, page 581, in the Office of the Crittenden County Clerk.

**Parcel Three:**  
BEGINNING at an P.K. nail in concrete in the center of ditch, being 301.34 feet from the center of U.S. 60, along Coffey's line, a new division corner; thence with original lines N. 28 deg. 55 min. W. 158.66 ft. to an iron pin, N. 25 deg. 06 min. W. 751.81 ft. to an iron pin and N. 11 deg.

36 min. W. 200.00 ft. to an iron pin in Frye's line; thence with his line S. 78 deg. 37 min. E. 500.00 ft. to an iron pin corner to Wright; thence with their lines S. 14 deg. 56 min. E. 832.83 ft. to an iron pin, and N. 74 deg. 59 min. E. 58.28 ft. to an iron pin in the center of branch; thence

with the center of the branch S. 01 deg. 54 min. E. 34.41 ft. and S. 14 deg. 17 min. W. 26.10 ft. to an iron pin in the center of a branch at the mouth of a ditch; thence with the meanders of the center of the ditch N. 11 deg. 04 min. W. 10.81 ft., N. 67 deg. 02 min. W. 21.02 ft., S. 81 deg. 31 min. W. 33.20 ft., S. 73 deg. 55 min. W. 56.10 ft. S. 71 deg. 00 min. W. 136.48 ft, S 70 deg. 02 min. W., 61.62 ft. and S. 88 deg. 46 min. W. 24.80 ft. to the

beginning containing 8.736 acres by survey. Survey by Billy J. May, finished April 14, 1998.

See plat of record attached in Deed Book 180 at Page 164. AND BEING the same property conveyed to Coffey Stores, Inc., from James E. Riley and Rita G. Riley, husband and wife, by Deed dated April 22, 1998, of record in Deed Book 180, Page 162, in the Office of the Crittenden County Clerk.

**THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS. IN ADDITION THE MASTER COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN ORDERED TO SELL WITH THE REAL PROPERTY ALL INVENTORY AND EQUIPMENT DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT AND ABANDONED IN THE BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING CONCERNING SAME.**

Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above:

At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid

balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is one of the parties, they shall be allowed a credit against the purchase price of their pro rata interest and pay over to the Master Commissioner the balance and any costs of sale apportioned to their interest in the property. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes for the year 2025 and subsequent years. No written bids are allowed and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. The Master Commissioner does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale of the Crittenden Circuit Court. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2025,  
Rebecca J. Johnson  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2025 PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Crittenden County Fiscal Court will have a public hearing during the Regular Session of Crittenden County Fiscal Court held at the Crittenden County Office Complex on Aug. 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate.

The tax rate levied last year was 0.114 and produced revenues in the amount of \$ 493,414. This year's compensating rate is 0.111 and will produce revenues in the amount of \$503,708. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court proposes a tax rate of 0.114. which will produce a total of \$517,322 in revenues.

Revenue expected from new property is \$23,908.  
Revenue expected from personal property is \$99,735.  
Revenue expected from motor vehicle is \$102,254.  
And revenue expected from watercraft is \$4,154.

Revenue received in excess of last year's revenue will be used for General government expenditures.

The Kentucky General Assembly requires that the Crittenden County Fiscal Court publish this notice with the above information contained herein.



BASEBALL  
**Belt headed to Marshall**

Crittenden County High School baseball and golf coach Devin Belt has resigned to take the head baseball coaching position at Marshall County. Belt has been head coach or assistant baseball coach at CCHS for the past 8 seasons. His high school teams have been a Class A Tournament finalist 3 times, a regional and sectional champion once and district runnerup 4 times.

OUTDOORS  
**Duck blind drawing**

The annual Lake Barkley Duck Blind Drawing will be held Monday, Sept. 15 at the Right Bank Recreation Area below the powerhouse. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with the drawing to follow at 8. Hunters must present a valid hunting license, a signed Federal Duck Stamp and a completed HIP survey number to participate. For more information, contact Ranger Ben Clark at 270-362-4236.

SOFTBALL  
**CCMS opens season**

The Lady Rockets middle school softball team opened their season with a split in four games Saturday, beating Caldwell County and Todd Central Saturday and losing to Lyon and Trigg counties in the Lyon County Invitational Tournament. Here is the remainder of the team's schedule for this fall.

CCMS Softball Schedule	
Aug 12	Webster County 6pm
Aug 14	Trigg County 530
Aug 18	at Livingston County
Aug 21	at Caldwell County
Aug 25	Dawson Springs
Aug 28	Caldwell County
Sept 4	at Trigg County
Sept 8	Livingston County
Sept 9	Lyon County
Sept 11	at Webster County

DISTANCE RUNNING  
**5K to benefit cemetery**

A "Say Goodbye to Summer" 5K to benefit the Marion Cemetery Association will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 27 at Marion City-County Park. Entry fee is \$20. A one-mile fun run will be offered for a \$10. Top 3 males and top 3 female finishers were be awarded. Entry forms are available at The Crittenden Press.

HALL OF FAME  
**UK honors all-time greats**

Six former University of Kentucky standouts will be inducted into the UK Athletics Hall of Fame this fall. The 2025 class includes men's basketball star Karl-Anthony Towns, football All-American Josh Allen, women's basketball standout Makayla Epps, Major League Baseball veteran Doug Flynn, softball slugger Abbey Cheek-Ramsey and tennis champion Sonia Hahn. The new members will be formally inducted during Hall of Fame Weekend set for Sept. 12-13.

FOOTBALL  
**Scrimmage at home**

While Crittenden County's football team will be on the road at Murray for a scrimmage Friday, its second pre-season game will be at home. The warmup contest against Madisonville was originally scheduled on the road. The Rockets will open their regular season Aug. 22 at Marshall County.

GOLF  
**QB fundraising event**

The annual Ronnie Myers and Pippi Hardin Crittenden County QB Club Tournament will be held at noon, Wednesday, Aug. 13 at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. To register, call Darrick Myers at (270) 704-1225. Cost is \$300 which includes meal, cart and mulligans.

OUTDOORS  
**Hunting Seasons**

Here are some of the most common hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up:	
Bullfrog	May 16 - Oct 31
Coyote night, no lights	July 1 - Nov 30
Squirrel	Aug 16 - Nov 7
Dove	Sept 1 - Oct 26
Crow	Sept 1 - Nov 9
Canada goose	Sept 1 - Sept 15
Deer archery	Sept 6 - Jan 19
Turkey archery	Sept 6 - Jan 19



**CCHS Golfers**

The Crittenden County's golf team is kicking off its season with some familiar faces and a couple of newcomers. Pictured (front from left) are Georgia Holeman, Cutler Hunt, Abby Korzenborn, (back) coach Devin Belt, Levi Quertermous, Hudson Stokes, Jaxton Duncan, Bentley Rushing, Mitchell Brown and assistant coaches Aaron Brown and Shawn Holeman. Not pictured are Cash Singleton and Dawson Johnson.

**Holeman is team's lone senior golfer**

STAFF REPORT

With every golfer from last year's squad returning, Crittenden County High School's team enters the 2025 season with confidence and continuity, something it lacked just a year ago. "We should be better this year," said head coach Devin Belt. "Last year was the first time a lot of them played in our top five because we had several seniors ahead of them. Now, they're back and more experienced." Leading the way is senior Georgia Holeman, now in her sixth year with the program. A steady competitor, she's come painfully close to qualifying for the All "A" Classic State Tournament the past two seasons, missing by only a stroke or two each time. This fall, she'll once again lead the girls' side of the scorecard. The girls are coached by Shawn Holeman.

**Golf Schedule**

Aug 8 at Union County  
Aug 11 at Drake Creek  
Aug 12 at Pennyrile GC  
Aug 14 at Deer Lakes GC  
Aug 18 at Princeton CC  
Aug 21 at The Cullen GC/All A  
Aug 25 at Shawnee Hills CC  
Aug 26 at Deer Lakes GC  
Aug 28 at The Cullen GC  
Sept 2 at Deer Lakes GC  
Sept 4 at Breckinridge GC  
Sept 8 at Deer Lakes GC  
Sept 11 at Deer Lakes GC  
Sept 15 at Deer Lakes GC  
Sept 18 at Providence GC  
Sept 23 at Deer Lakes GC

"Georgia has a good chance to make a run in the All 'A' as an individual," said the coach. "She's been building toward this." Holeman is joined by sophomore Abby Korzenborn, who continues to show steady improvement.

On the boys' side, the Rockets bring back a core group of juniors: Levi Quertermous, Jaxton Duncan and Cash Singleton, along with sophomore Mitchell Brown, who has emerged as one of the team's top performers. Brown generally shoots bogey golf or better but has the ability to dip into the high 30s and low 40s. Duncan is another one capable of posting a low number but needs to work on becoming a more consistent scorer. Singleton, Bentley Rushing and Quertermous are all in the mix to shoot in the low 40s, providing depth and potential for breakout rounds. Rushing, an eighth grader, turned heads last season and already figures into the Rockets' top five. He had a strong year as a seventh grader and is trending upward, said Belt.

New to the team are Dawson Johnson and Hudson Stokes. Though still gaining varsity experience, Belt believes Stokes has the potential to become a reliable contributor as the season unfolds. Though too young to compete officially, Cutler Hunt has been practicing regularly with the squad, gaining valuable early experience for future seasons. With a full roster of returning players and some fresh talent in the pipeline, the Rockets are eyeing improvement across the board this fall. Crittenden opened the season last week and will be back in action throughout August and September as they prepare for postseason tournaments and another shot at the All A Classic, which is coming up in a couple of weeks.



The Force Feeders won the American League championship of the JHF Wiffle Ball Tournament. Pictured are (front from left) Max Wadlington, Caleb Ehling, Gabe East, Easton Thompson, Reese Oakley, (back) Devin Belt, Oliver Parker, Jacob Ehling, John Bingham and Gunnar Bingham.



The Bomb Squad won the National League championship of the Jake Hodge Foundation Wiffle Ball Tournament last weekend in Princeton. The event raised more than \$55,000 that will be used to pay scholarships for area college, vocational and trade school students. Pictured are the winners along with the Parker and Hodge families (from left) Oliver Parker, Luke Parker, Ken Parter, Katie Parker, Zack Rustin, Jacob Embrey, Eli Herrin, Drake Young, Hudson Stokes, Emmitt Ellington, Haley Moore, Brodi Rich, Jordyn Hodge, Judah, Jolie and Jax Sigler, Shannon Hodge, Jessi Sigler and Denis Hodge.

**JHF Wiffle ballers raise over half a million dollars**

The annual Jake Hodge Foundation Wiffle Ball Tournament last week in Princeton raised more than \$58,000 for area scholarships. The 13th year of the event saw the foundation eclipsed

the \$500,000 mark in funds raised. For more than a decade the foundation has handed out thousands of dollars each year to deserving high school seniors headed to college or trade school. Scholarships range

from \$500 to \$1,000 and are doled out among students from Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties. Since its inception, the event multi-day event has been hosted by Ken and

Katie Parker at the home in Caldwell County. This was the final time it will be held there, as the Parkers have moved. Denis Hodge said plans are to find a location for the Wiffle Ball Tournament.

**Hunter safety is focus of area classes**

STAFF REPORT

With Kentucky's fall hunting seasons set to begin in the coming days, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) is launching a statewide effort to equip new hunters with the training they need to be safe, legal and responsible in the field. This month, KDFWR hosted its "Hunter Education Day," and is offering in-person classes and live-fire range days at more than 20 locations across the state, including nearby sites in Sturgis and Paducah. Participants may complete the required hunter education course and range testing during these scheduled events, which are timed to coincide with National Shooting Sports Month. Ken-

**Area Safety Courses**

- God's Backwood Deciple Ministry Farm in Sturgis offering a full student course and range day on Aug. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. Participants should look for signage near the one-mile marker on State Route 492..
- Paducah Shooters Supply in McCracken County with upcoming range days scheduled for Oct. 4, Oct. 23 and Nov. 1, each from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

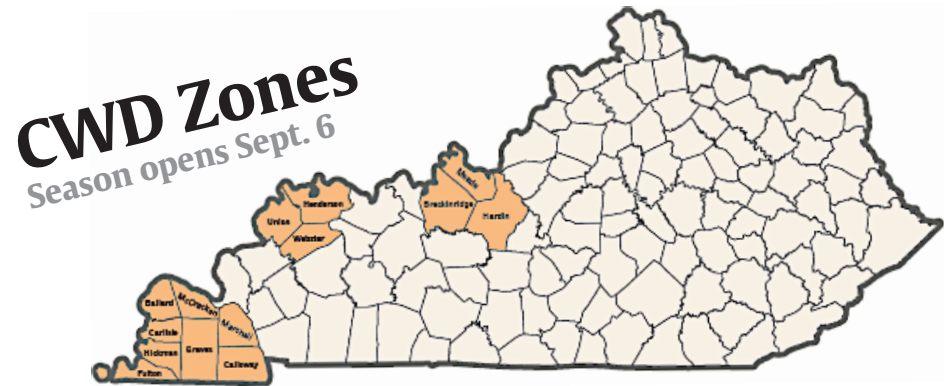
tucky Fish and Wildlife says the goal is to make education more accessible and convenient for new and young hunters before opening day. Under Kentucky law, anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1975 and age 12 or older must carry a valid hunter education completion card and an appropriate

hunting license while hunting. In addition to general licenses, special permits are required for specific species such as deer, turkey, bear, bobcats and sandhill cranes. Youth may take the course beginning at age nine and certifications issued by other states are honored in Kentucky. The course curriculum covers hunter ethics, wildlife conservation and identification, field care of game, first aid, firearm safety, archery and muzzleloading. Those attending an in-person class will complete a written exam and a live-fire test at the conclusion of instruction. Hunters who take the online course must also register for a live-fire range day. All materials, firearms and ammunition are provided at no cost.



In the 13U Division, the West KY All-Stars emerged victorious after posting a one-over-par round and winning a scorecard playoff tiebreaker in the PGA Jr. League Championship. They played at Owl Creek Country Club in Louisville and now advance to Regionals in September where they will compete against Northern Ohio, Southern Ohio and Michigan. Pictured are (from left) are Maggie Estadt, Tommy Estate, Mason Brown, Peyton Courtney, Kylie Miller, Will Burden, Paisley Miller and Salem's Collin Barnes.





# With CWD Zones nearby, hunters should understand all procedures

STAFF REPORT

As archery deer season approaches area hunters should take note, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is now knocking on the county’s doorstep.

As part of an ongoing effort to monitor and contain the spread of the deadly neurological disease in deer, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has designated a CWD Surveillance Zone that includes neighboring counties Union, Webster and Henderson, along with a dozen others in western and central Kentucky.

The most immediate impact for local hunters will be a special antlerless deer season on Sept. 27-28 in all counties within the Surveillance Zone. During that weekend, any legally harvested and telechecked antlerless deer must have its head (with at least five inches of neck attached) dropped off at a designated CWD Sample Drop-off site. Only drop-off sites located within the Surveillance Zone may be used for deer harvested within those counties. Hunters must also provide a harvest location using the Know Before You Go map grid, GPS coordinates or a physical address.

Later in the season, during the opening weekend of modern gun season (Nov. 8-10), mandatory CWD sampling will be enforced for all hunters in Union, Webster and Henderson counties. Hunters in those areas must take

deer to either a staffed CWD check station or a drop-off site.

Staffed check stations in the tri-county area will include:

Union County: Higginson-Henry WMA and Union Co. Extension Office, both in Morganfield

Webster County: Southern States in Sebree, the county extension office in Dixon, and S&S Salvage in Providence

Henderson County: Sloughs WMA in Corydon and the county extension office on Zion Road

Drop-off sites are available 24/7 across the Surveillance Zone and offer bags, instructions, and tags. CWD testing is free, and results are typically available in 2–3 weeks.

Even hunters exempt from licensing, including those under 12 or landowners hunting their own property, must comply with mandatory sampling during the specified dates. Hunters gifting deer to others during those periods must also ensure proper drop-off and documentation.

Additional rules for the 2025–26 season in Surveillance Zone counties include strict carcass movement restrictions and a modified policy on baiting and feeding. Whole carcasses and high-risk parts may not be brought into Kentucky from out of state, and only deboned meat, clean skulls, antlers, hides, clean teeth and finished taxidermy mounts may leave the zone.

## HEART

Continued from page 1

weekly for about a month. At the time, Book weighed 249 pounds, far above his normal 210. Doctors thought it might be a blockage causing him to retain fluid, and sent him for a heart workup.

By August, he had a diagnosis: Amyloidosis, a rare and serious disease caused by abnormal protein buildup in the organs, particularly his heart. Bloodwork and biopsies also revealed multiple myeloma, a cancer of plasma cells. It was affecting his heart and compromising its function.

With the condition beyond what local doctors could treat, he was referred to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. There, he underwent a heart catheterization and biopsy in late September. The diagnosis came back: Stage IV amyloidosis.

Amy recalled the moment clearly.

“They told us there was no cure, but there was treatment. They wanted to start chemotherapy immediately to put it into remission and possibly do a stem cell transplant.”

Book began chemotherapy on Oct. 16, 2024. Despite the gravity of his condition, he tried to maintain normalcy. But even that became impossible. One day, while visiting the driver’s license center in Paducah, he passed out. Later that same day, he lost consciousness again while doing laundry at home. Then again, at a rest stop on the way to Vanderbilt. That day, Oct. 18, marked his first-ever overnight hospital stay.

Doctors implanted a loop recorder to monitor his heart and adjusted his medications. By late October, Book was accepted into a national study that aimed to avoid stem cell transplants. He was the first Vanderbilt patient enrolled. But within two months, the study was discontinued.

By December, fluid retention worsened. Doctors removed 15 pounds of fluid before releasing him to spend the holidays at home. But his breathlessness lingered.

In January, he passed out again after clearing

snow off the satellite dish. In February, fluid build-up sent him back to the hospital. In March, doctors implanted a CardioMEMS device to monitor internal pressures. During a two-week stay at Vanderbilt, he shed 53 pounds of fluid. Nurses were stunned.

“They said they’d never seen that before,” Book explained.

When he left, he weighed 176, the same as he did in high school.

It was around that time that doctors began seriously talking transplant. On April 8, Book’s cardiologist, Dr. Uasan Siddiqui, told him, “Your heart is worn out. It’s time to consider a transplant.”

“We both left the office that day with a heaviness. What do we do now?” Amy remembered thinking.

By mid-April, Vanderbilt doctors decided Book wouldn’t survive much longer without a new heart. He was admitted directly into the hospital on April 17 and placed under evaluation. Nutritionists, social workers and psychiatrists all had to sign off before he could be added to the transplant list. The couple even had to prove they could rent a place in Nashville post-surgery for six weeks for required follow-up care. He needed to be closer to the hospital.

On April 22, following a heart catheterization, the transplant committee approved him. The next day, Book was added to the national registry. Within 24 hours, a matching donor heart became available.

“Then I really started sweating,” he said. “I’m glad it happened that fast. I didn’t have time to think about it.”

The transplant surgery was performed on Friday, April 25. His old heart was removed at 7 p.m., the new heart was in and pumping by 8. By 9:45 p.m., surgeon Dr. John Mantzouranis Trahanas told Amy, “I have nothing but good news.”

By the next morning at 7:30, Book was sitting in a chair and asking for Amy. He remained in ICU until May 1, was moved to a step-down unit, and discharged on May 6.

“I still don’t feel right, but much better than I was,” Book said.

Within a couple weeks he could shower and

walk around the house. But they told him it would take up to a year to regain something akin to normalcy.

“I’m not super patient,” he said, pointing out that his friends and family would agree with that personal assessment. He’s always been on the go, and taking it slow isn’t in his nature.

By Memorial Day, he was moving more freely and even cooked a little. While doctors advised against mowing grass, he was back in the kitchen and keeping up with some household chores.

Because the transplanted heart isn’t connected to his nervous system, Book’s body has to retrain it. Medication will be part of his life indefinitely, and he must never miss a dose.

“The nurse said it bluntly: If you don’t take your meds, you will die,” he remembers.

Though he doesn’t know who the donor was, Book can write a letter to the registry after six months, and the family may contact him if they choose. He suspects the donor was taller than average, given the fit, and shares his rare blood type. It could have even been a female.

Today, Book is back behind the wheel driving locally, making steady gains and still undergoing chemotherapy to prevent the cancer (Amyloidosis and Myeloma) from attacking his new heart. Recent tests show his cancer markers have already dropped 50%.

Early on, he questioned whether a transplant would be the right decision. His doctors advised by suggesting that he could, “Spend a year getting sicker” with the old heart, or “a year getting better” with a new heart.

He chose to get better, and in doing so, became one of the most talked-about transplant cases Vanderbilt saw this year, and they do a lot of them.

“They told us they did 186 this year,” Book said.

“You couldn’t be in a better place,” he added. “I had excellent medical people. And if they said something, I trusted them.”

Now, with children, grandkids and Amy by his side, he’s looking forward to many more years and might even consider a few more remodeling projects.

# Mitchell joins Gilbert Funeral Home

Gilbert Funeral Home has announced the addition of Chase Mitchell to its staff, extending a warm welcome as he begins serving families in Marion and the greater Crittenden County area.

Mitchell, a licensed funeral director, is a native of Caldwell County and a 2014 graduate of Caldwell County High School. He and his wife, Nicole Faughn Mitchell, have two children, Brinley, 10, and Noah, 3.

With deep roots in ministry and mission work, Mitchell brings a compassionate heart and service-minded approach to funeral care. He has participated in 17 mission trips, including service projects across the southern United States and seven medical missions to Haiti. His outreach has included work in soup kitchens,



Mitchell

recovery centers, disaster relief and programs for children.

His journey into funeral service began in 2019 after he was asked to officiate the funeral of a close friend. Following that service, he was approached by the owners of Morgan’s Funeral Home in Princeton and later joined their team. He said it quickly became clear that this was the profession where he was

meant to serve.

“This spring, God started opening doors for the transition to join the family of Gilbert Funeral Home,” Mitchell said. “I can’t begin to say how thankful I am to have the opportunity to serve the families of Marion and Crittenden County. I look forward to getting to know everyone and being involved in the community more.”

In just six years in the profession, Mitchell has served hundreds of families, always striving to treat each one as his own, providing dignified, professional care.

Outside of work, Mitchell enjoys fishing with his wife, spending time on the lake, golfing and enjoying time with family. He also serves on the board of directors for Pennyroyal Hospice.

## Public dove options in Crittenden, Union

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will again offer quota dove hunts this fall, including two opportunities at Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Crittenden County and a special mentor/youth hunt at Higginson-Henry WMA in Union County.

Dove season opens on Labor Day, Sept. 1, and Big Rivers WMA will host quota hunts that day and again on Saturday, Sept. 6. These hunts will run from noon to 5 p.m. Participation is limited to 25 hunters per day, selected by random draw. Hunters must check in before the hunt, check out after, and are restricted to 50 shotshells.

Big Rivers’ fields will be

closed to hunting between the two quota dates and will open to all dove hunters on Sept. 7.

Also, a mentor/youth quota hunt will be offered at Higginson-Henry WMA on Sept. 1. That hunt is part of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s effort to encourage youth participation and will follow

the same application window and procedures as the adult quota hunts.

Applications for all dove quota hunts will be accepted online at fw.ky.gov until Aug. 15. Draw results will be posted by Aug. 22, and hunters must print and carry a copy of their selection page in the field.



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## Family Fun Night

Crittenden County Lions Club's annual fair wrapped up last weekend with a new attraction, Family Night, on Friday and the ever-popular Demolition Derby on Saturday. Family Night brought out plenty of youngsters to enjoy all sorts of activities. Pictured are (from left) Jase Hurley trying his hand at roping, young Palmer and Adam Beavers enjoying some ring-toss fun and Darin Morries showing off his football-throwing form.



## Cumberland River Grand Opening

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday at Cumberland River Homes' new Marion residence. The home on Chapel Hill Road was recently renovated and converted into a duplex that will house five residents. Pictured holding the ribbon are Chamber Director Dana Hayes, Cumberland River Homes President and CEO Jim Wring, Marketing Manager Braden Locke and Chamber President Rebecca Woodall. Also pictured are employees of Cumberland River Homes who provided tours throughout the open house period Monday and Chamber and community members. Individuals attending the open house learned about Cumberland River Homes' mission and made decisions to become monthly supporters. Cumberland River Homes is a non-profit organization based in Salem that provides services to individuals with disabilities through Kentucky's SCL and Michelle P waiver (MPW) programs. Nineteen adults live in five additional homes in Livingston County staffed three shifts a day by Cumberland River Homes employees. This is the first home put into service in Crittenden County.

# Crittenden gets first tuition-paying student from across Ohio River

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County School District has enrolled its first out-of-state, tuition-paying student. Southern Illinois resident Lori Gregory said high academic standards and the availability of extracurricular activities were attractive to her daughter, Erica, who attended middle school in Hardin County near Cave-In-Rock last year. Erica will be a freshman this fall at Crittenden

County High School. The Crittenden County Board of Education has approved an annual tuition fee of \$4,000 for out-of-state students. Tuition is required since Crittenden County Schools would not receive SEEK (Support Education Excellence in Kentucky) funding for an out-of-state student. The tuition rate approved by the board is consistent with the amount per pupil provided in SEEK funding.

Gregory considers it an investment in her daughter's education. "You invest in a lot of things, and there are no private schools in our area, so I found the best investment across the river," she said. "My daughter is elated, and I am so excited for her to start this journey."

The Gregorlys are hoping to eventually relocate to Crittenden County, which would eliminate the need to pay tuition.

## SHOOTING

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ities said the shooting involved a small-caliber handgun, likely larger than a .22, and the bullet entered through the driver's side door of the victim's Ford Mustang. The investigation revealed enough evidence to warrant multiple felony charges against the three suspects, each of whom will be arraigned in Crittenden Circuit Court on Thursday, Aug. 14.  
In seeking the grand jury indictment, investigators presented evidence they believe indicates that the Robinsons and York hatched a plan to "facilitate the murder of" the alleged victim, and lured him to an address at 2299 KY 70.  
Authorities believe the male suspects later tried to cover up evidence of the alleged crime by cutting up a handgun the investigators believe was used in the shooting.  
Deputy Beeler was initially involved in the investigation while he was briefly working for Crittenden County Sheriff's Department. He later transferred to the Lyon County Sheriff's Department, but continued the investigation with help from the other agencies and the blessing of Lyon County Sheriff Brent White.  
A report from the Lyon County Sheriff's Department said that, "Investigators were able to develop leads after

months of careful work, allowing suspects to grow comfortable and begin talking about the incident."  
At this time, a motive behind the shooting has not been publicly disclosed.  
All three suspects have criminal records involving drugs and other crimes.  
Three weeks ago, Allison Robinson was convicted in Crittenden Circuit Court of being in possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of second-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was given a probation three-year sentence. Those charges were raised during the shooting investigation when authorities were questioning her. Authorities charged her with carrying illegal drugs and for having syringes hidden in her bra.  
Travis Robinson is facing a firearms charge in Hopkins County, with formal sentencing set for Aug. 25. He also has previous trafficking convictions in Crittenden County and other felony convictions on his record. York has previous drug convictions in Crittenden and Caldwell counties and is currently on parole from at least one conviction.  
All three suspects are scheduled to be arraigned in Crittenden Circuit Court on Aug. 14.

# School will begin on Aug. 26

STAFF REPORT

Assuming construction continues progressing as planned, Crittenden County Schools will be ready to begin classes Tuesday, Aug. 26.  
A General Energy Savings Contract (GESC) project to renovate four restrooms at Crittenden County Elementary School is continuing, and contractors remain on site at the new Crittenden County Middle School addition. Replacement flooring is also being installed in the Crittenden County Middle School gymnasium.

Superintendent Tonya Driver said she is asked daily whether school will start on time, as local folks traveling on Gum Street in Marion watch work continue on the middle school campus.  
Since the 1947-built west wing of the middle school was razed earlier this summer, contractor MP Lawson and a host of subcontractors have been working to finalize interior and exterior work — most noticeably, a corridor connecting the new addition to the remaining middle school.  
Aside from being a passageway from the new two-story building, the connector hallway — which ties in near the middle school office suites — carries wiring for internet and fire suppression systems.  
Student lockers and new furniture had not been delivered as of late



New gym flooring was going down last week.

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Driver reported to the Crittenden County Board of Education on July 29 that furniture may not arrive prior to the start of school; however, she said alternate seating arrangements will be made to prevent a delay to the start of school.  
The board on July 29 approved a \$50,893 change order to the middle school project that will result in new flooring in the six sixth-grade classrooms in the old portion of the middle school, as well as the hallway and office suite.  
All sixth-grade classrooms have been freshly painted and will be furnished with new teacher desks and chairs. New floor-to-ceiling heating and air units have also been installed in the sixth-grade classrooms.  
In other action:  
•The Board of Education approved a \$17,670.44 service contract with the West Kentucky Educational Cooperative for profes-

sional development for the 2025-26 school year.  
•Approved the continuation of a welding program for high school students through collaboration with Saturn Machine in Sturgis and Riley Tool & Machine.  
•Approved a change order to ongoing construction to re-roof the CCHS band room and apply new shingled roofs to the central office and FRYSC building.  
•Approved disbursement of \$22,253 from the Vince Clark Rocket Foundation for three years' worth of dual credit scholarships. The district pays approximately \$7,500 annually for dual credit courses offered by Madisonville Community College.  
•Approved funding one dual credit course from the Vince Clark Rocket Foundation each school year and 50 percent of additional tuition costs after all other scholarships are applied for the junior and senior academy.

# Cell phone policy will remove devices from classroom time

STAFF REPORT

Restrictions for cell phone usage at Crittenden County Schools are now backed by Kentucky law.  
One policy pertains to traceable communication among school officials and students; the other deals with student phone use during instruction.  
The Crittenden County Board of Education on July 29 approved the second reading of policy updates, one of which is related to cell phone use and guidance from HB 208.  
Superintendent Tonya Driver said teachers will be required to keep student devices in designated areas during instruction. Students may elect to leave their phones in their lockers; however, many will choose to take them to class. Driver said teachers must hold students accountable.  
"If it doesn't work, I'll change the policy to say students will put them in their locker in the morning and not get them out until the afternoon, and I know that's not what parents want done," Driver said. "Kids will have to pay attention and teachers will have to enforce it."  
Driver said historically cell phones have caused few distractions at the elementary school; however, policies for cell phone use have been approved by the site-based councils at each school.  
Crittenden County Middle and High

School phone policy states the following:  
•Students may access their phones/smartwatches between classes and at lunch, but not during instructional time.  
•If students choose to bring devices into the classroom, devices are to be placed in the designated classroom pouch each period before the bell rings to start class.  
•All phones and smartwatches are to be turned off or placed in Do Not Disturb mode.  
Violators will receive the following punishment:  
1st Offense: Phone sent to office for remainder of day  
2nd Offense: Phone remains in office, all day for 3 days, drop-off upon arrival and pick-up after 3 p.m.  
3rd Offense: Phone remains in office each day for the remainder of the semester; one day In-School Detention (ISD) assigned  
4th Offense and Beyond: Phone remains in office each day for the remainder of the year; each offense equals three days ISD  
Any student caught placing a "burner phone" in the pouch while keeping their working phone will receive consequences for Dishonesty/Lying Level 3 as outlined in the Code of Conduct.