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CHILD SUPPORT OFFICE MOVING ACROSS TOWN

Crittenden County Child Support office will close Dec. 23 at its current location in the law office of Rebecca Johnson, and will re-open Jan. 3 at the new Crittenden County Administrative Building (former Marion Ed-Tech Center) in Industrial Park South.

Kelly Wesmolan is the new case worker, and assistant county attorneys Wes Hunt and Jonathan James will be coordinating the service. County Attorney-elect Bart Frazer said aggressive prosecution of child support matters will be a priority for his office beginning in 2023.

During the transition between offices, anyone with questions regarding child support can call the regional office at 270-889-6532.

COUNTY TAXES MUST BE PAID BY END OF MONTH

Crittenden County property taxes are due by the end of the year. The last day to pay in person without penalty is Thursday, Jan. 29. Any payment mailed and postmarked by Jan. 31 will be accepted without penalty. Taxes can be paid at the sheriff's department in the courthouse. Payments made in January will incur a 5 percent penalty. The penalty goes up to 21 percent in February. The sheriff's department will be closed Dec. 23, 24 and 26 for the Christmas holiday.

THINGS TO KNOW....

- Salem's Lighted Christmas Parade will be held starting at 5 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 17.
- Marion-Crittenden County 911 Board's Appeals Committee will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 19 at Marion City Hall to hear taxpayer appeal requests with regard to a 911 tax imposed in 2021 by county ordinance. For more information about presenting a case at the hearing, call the county judge-executive's office.

BY THE NUMBERS

Crittenden High School ENROLLMENT

- November: 429
- October: 431
- September: 432

ATTENDANCE RATE

- November: 89.49%
- October: 92.39%
- September: 92.97%

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 15 at the courthouse.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19 at city hall.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission meets at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the Welcome Center.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19 at city hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 20 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

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Decking with Jolliness

Christmas spirit takes a variety of forms whether you're adult or child. Whether its excitement of seeing Santa or the charm of decorating halls, the season strikes a certain passion in many.

Pictured at top, Lindsay Morrison, who has served as a deputy in the Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk's office for 15 years, is a self-described Christmas enthusiast.

"I just love snow," she said.

Typically, Morrison trims snowflake decorations from white paper to adorn windows of the clerk's office. This year, she painted them, but she's also hung various other flakes from the ceiling, creating a Christmas wonderland in an aged courthouse that's been riddled this month with problems from no heat to busted pipes.

Even though the courthouse, which will soon be razed to make new for a new justice center, has had its troubles, "the seasonal spirit is warm," said Judge-Executive Perry



Newcom.

Morrison did much of the work on her own time. Christmas is special. Last year, she spent four months putting together a customized doll house for her daughter's gift.

Christmas is a busy time around Marion and many businesses dive into the spirit. Vicki Jo Reed (also pictured above) of Benton brightened up South Main Street late last week, applying festive sceneries to the windows of Williams, Faughn and Associates.

Community Christmas distribution is another way locals find joy in giving. Distribution is from 9 a.m., until noon Friday at Marion Baptist Church. Check in on Thursday if you want to volunteer with setup.

Almost 200 attended Sunday's performance of the Paducah Symphony Orchestra at Fohs Hall as notes of the season dominated the show. Local opera singer Corey Crider also performed with the symphony and he and his wife, Michelle, also a professional singer, entertained premium ticket purchasers with more Christmas songs at an after-party, accompanied by punch and holiday treats.



Home power exempt from new utility tax

STAFF REPORT

Parts of Kentucky House Bill 8 go into effect Jan. 1, affecting how various services, including utilities, are taxed. You will also now have to pay a tax to have your laundry done by someone else.

In fact, chances are that every Kentuckian will be affected in some way by this expansion of the six-percent state sales and use tax. The tradeoff, say lawmakers who passed the legislation, is that it will eventually trigger a reduction, and perhaps eventual elimination, of the Kentucky income tax.

Almost three dozen service categories will become subject to taxation in the new year, including rental space for short-term events such as weddings or parties, marketing services, residential and non-residential security monitoring services, ride-share companies and short-term rental services, like Airbnb.

Although your home will be excluded from the utility tax, secondary locations such as commercial operations you own

Other Newly Taxable Services

A few of the other types of services that will be taxed beginning in January when part of House Bill 8 takes effect:

- Web site hosting services.
- Telemarketing services.
- Public opinion and research polling services.
- Lobbying services.
- Executive employee recruitment services.
- Social event planning and coordination services.
- Pet care services, including but not limited to grooming and boarding services, pet sitting services, and pet obedience training services.
- Indoor tanning services, including spray tanning.
- Non-medical diet and weight reducing services.
- Photography and photo finishing services.

could be subject to taxation. If you have two utility accounts that serve one residence, such as for home and secondary outbuilding, barn or shed, both can be exempt, if

1 man's water is another man's carrot

There's a running joke between folks in Crittenden and Livingston counties who recall the 2009 ice storm that wiped out daily routines and basic necessities for about two weeks in some areas. Electricity, phone service and in some cases water were all stymied by the storm's wrath. At some point in the relief effort, Crittenden-Livingston Water District's leaders were told to standby because primary relief was being targeted upon "life-sustaining" utilities. The water makers took issue with the comment and it's becoming something of a rallying cry for water's real place in our lives.

Remember in school we were taught that water, food and shelter were the only things humans truly need to live. The rest is, well, top dressing.

In today's culture, it seems as though cell service is tantamount to electricity, at least until we need a charge. Ask my daughter what one item she'd take to a deserted island, and I bet it's her phone. In about a day, that once smartphone becomes a dumb toy that's out of juice. We don't really need electricity either, but it sure makes life more tolerable. Man survived for generations upon generations – depending on who's writing the history, either around 6,000 to 7 million years without KU or Kenergy. Widespread use of home power didn't come to this region of the country until fewer than 100 years ago. Prior to that, we burned wood for heat and cooking and got our water from a well, spring or creek if we were lucky. Mother used her apron to drain the wiggle worms out of the water before the children could drink it.

We forget how important modern conveniences like utilities are to a high-quality existence. Marion is learning to live with a little less water than it might prefer, but truth is we're all at a tipping point when it comes to H2O. The town's crisis has brought more clearly into focus how vulnerable we are when it comes to assurances of reliable, clean water. The risk of being without it, or having to pay handsomely more for it, is always lurking at our fringe.

Last week, the Pennyryle Area Development District released a priority list of drinking water projects for its nine-county area. There at the top was Marion, just ahead of nearly 100 more critical projects from Muhlenberg to Livingston counties. All of those communities will be tugging at funding from state and federal sources. The same scenario will play out all across the commonwealth from Columbus to Whitesburg and it will not stop there. Water is essential and in some places – like California, Arizona and now Marion – it's tougher to get.

Potable water isn't just for drinking. It's for bathing, cooking, brushing, washing, recreation, manufacturing, nursing and more. Having it provides a foundation for personal health and hygiene, which provides a barrier between us and illness. Wash your hands! How many times did mom tell you that?

At a time when Marion is struggling to find a reliable, long-term source of water, we're finding out that others need more, too. Fredonia recently received tens of thousands of dollars to help it tie into the Caldwell County Water District. Crittenden-Livingston Water District (CLWD) has also recently gotten grant money for



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About Town

Deaths

Huddlestun

Funeral services for Evelyn Ruth Huddlestun, 79, of Ashland were held Monday, Dec. 12, 2022 at Benefield Funeral Home with Pastor Keith Jones officiating. Burial was in Springhill Baptist Church cemetery.

Huddlestun was born in Kentucky and raised in Gary, Ind. She then moved to Clay County in 1990 and lived there most of her life. She was a skilled beautician. She loved working outdoors with her flowers and her garden. She also loved taking walks and being around nature. She was an avid Alabama fan and loved to play bingo in her spare time.

Surviving are two sons, Barry Jenkins of Elberta, Ala., and Mark Jenkins of Phoenix, Ariz.; a grandson, Steven (Ashland) Jenkins; a sister, Louise (Cleve) Bryant of Ashland; three brothers, Billy Williamson of Salem, David Williamson of San Marcos, Cali., and Larry Williamson of Ashland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Larry Huddlestun; and two brothers, Ronnie Williamson and Gilbert Williamson.

Pallbearers will be Matt Campbell, Stetson Cooper, Wes Campbell, Mike Creed, Ed Gilliland and Paul Bryant.

Benefield Funeral Home of Ashland was in charge of arrangements.

Paid obituary

Walton

Marilyn Sue (Smith) Walton, 66, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2022 at her home in Salem.

She enjoyed reading historical novels and dancing, and was the life of the party. She loved her grandkids and great-grandkids. She attended Salem Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Harold Wayne Walton Jr. of Salem; a daughter, Jayna Walton of Marion; four sisters, Wanda Swan of Marion, Brenda (Thomas) Jones of Marion, Martha "Janie" Miller of Marion and Virginia



Hodge of Illinois; three brothers, Steven Smith of Marion, Glen Smith of Marion and Jamie Richardson of Morganfield; five grandchildren, Kimberly Mason, Maria Hayes, RheaVynn Tabor, Ryleigh Tabor and Rien Tabor; and three great-grandchildren, Carter Hayes, Sophia Hayes and Jude Hayes.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, who she married when she was 14 years of age, Harold Walton, Sr; her parents, Moxie Smith and Mary Alice (Agent) Richardson; and a brother, Kenneth Smith.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Gary Hardesty will officiate. Burial will follow in Salem Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Paid obituary

Konstanty

Anthony Frank Philip "Tony" Konstanty, also known for his art-

ist name "The Cave-man," and in the small town of Marion, Ky., often called "The Englishman," died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022 at his home in Marion. He was 70 years old.

Konstanty's passion was his wife and family, creating art and teaching others, reading to his grandchildren and building things with his hands. He was a professional artist with a degree from Bristol Art College in England. He came to the United States after seeing the Beatles on the TV exploring the States. He



travelled to the U.S. in 1976 and hitchhiked until he came across his first job in America painting fair rides for a traveling amusement park, which brought him to meet his wife Marilyn. Some time after his visit to Kentucky and meeting his future wife he returned from England to pursue a life with her.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Marilyn Konstanty; a daughter, Anna-Marie (Ryan) Meives of Barneveld, Wisc.; a son, Max (Vivian) Konstanty of Boston, Mass.; a step-son, Kirk (Emily) Laird of Lexington; a sister, Maria Jacobs of Whales; a brother, Jan (Pat) Konstanty of Phoenix, Ariz.; and four grandchildren,

Kaiya Meives, Kingston Meives, Phillip Konstanty and Katherine Konstanty.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jan and Bernadette Memering Konstanty; and a brother, Stephen Konstanty.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 10 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in the Konstanty Family Cemetery. Bro. Frank Van Der Palen officiated.

Paid obituary

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Shown with buzzers ready during recent competition are (from left) Crittenden County High School academic team members Aaron Adams, Aria Kirk, Jacob Hoover and Marley Phelps. The team is coached by Kathleen Guess.

LBL eagle tours in January

Winter is peak season for bald eagle viewing in Land Between the Lakes. Both our year-round resident eagles and visiting winter "snowbirds" are out looking for fish around the lakes.

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Cost of van tours is \$15 per person. These are offered each Saturday and Sunday in January.

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Greetings



The holiday season is upon us and for those who have lost a loved one, it is not an easy time of year. For those grieving, what used to be a joyous, festive and happy time may now be extremely straining and it might be difficult to get into the "mood" of Christmas.

Here at Boyd Funeral Directors, Cremation Services, and Monuments we are very aware of the pain and sadness the holiday season can bring to those who have lost a loved one. The void is great.

As a token of remembrance, we have specially designed Christmas ornaments with loved one's names that have passed away in the year 2021. We will be MAILING THESE ORNAMENTS to our families. There will be one ornament per family provided at NO COST, but additional ornaments may be purchased, with proceeds divided between both Livingston and Crittenden County food banks. Additional ornaments are \$25 each, and may be ordered by calling the funeral home, or emailing andy@boydfuneraldirectors.com.

As always, we deeply appreciate the confidence and trust families have placed in us over the past 120 years. We believe we serve the best families in the world and are honored that they chose Boyd Funeral Directors, Cremation Services, and Monuments for their needs.

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The ‘Lucy’ Device

Crittenden County Rescue Squad used a donation left to it by the estate of the late Rev. Lucy Tedrick to purchase a \$13,000 Jaws Combi unit, which is a combination spreader and cutter typically used for extractions at serious automobile accidents. Rescue Chief Donnie Arflack said Sister Lucy left the squad almost \$10,800 in her will so members decided to name the tool “Lucy” out of respect and in honor of her memory. “She always helped us financially year after year,” Arflack said. The tool was christened with its new name last Thursday during the squad’s regular meeting. Pictured are rescue squad members (from left) Barb Arflack, squad secretary; Larry Brown, vice president; Bob Wilkenson, Chief Arflack, Ashley Farmer and daughter Haisley, and Mark Farmer, squad president. The device will complete the squad’s replacement of its aging hydraulic Jaws of Life equipment with a new set of battery-operated tools.

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Patience on autos can save taxes

December remains a popular time for vehicle purchases, but patience can save buyers possibly hundreds of dollars in property taxes, points out Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

Kentucky assesses ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles and boats owned as of Jan. 1 each year, meaning that one purchased this month will have property taxes come due upon registration renewal in 2023. However, if you wait until Jan. 2 to purchase a vehicle, as the new owner you will not owe property tax until you renew in 2024.

“But it should be noted, that ‘ownership’ starts on date you sign the paperwork for the purchase - whether at the dealer or with an individual - not when you registered the vehicle for the first time,” explains Tabor. “Just because you may buy in late December but not come in to license the vehicle until after the first of the year does not mean ownership starts with registration in January.”

At the time of purchase, buyers pay a one-time, six-percent usage tax on vehicles and boats, which is effectively a state sales tax. Property taxes are a separate levy collected annually to generate revenue for taxing districts like state and county governments, schools and special taxing districts like libraries and Extension services. That tax is assessed to owners as of Jan. 1 of each year.

Christmas Eve Communion

Rev. James Laiben and the Marion United Methodist Church invite you to Open Communion on Christmas Eve at the church sanctuary located at 112 S. College St.

For a True Christmas Blessing
There will be a blessing of the sacraments service at 5 p.m. followed by the traditional come-and-go communion until 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 24. Please join us at any time during the evening.

We also invite you to our regular Sunday Services, weekly at 10:45 a.m.

NOVEMBER 2022 Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp
17.1
Sat, Nov 19

Warmest Temp
79.5
Wed, Nov 9

Wettest Day
0.42
Sat, Nov 5

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	47.1	44.6	51.4	41.9	41.1
Coldest Temp	17.1	20.1	25.8	7.7	14.1
Hottest Temp	79.5	70	79.1	66.7	64.1
Precipitation	1.3	1.7	2.66	6.33	4.42
Wettest Day	0.42	0.44	1.44	1.59	2.17

DRIEST FALL IN OVER A DECADE

September, October and November were the driest they’ve been in more than 10 years. With just 4.9 inches of rainfall for the three-month period, there has hardly been a fall like it. The closest in recent memory was in 2016 when Crittenden County got just 5.5 inches of rainfall. Another potential rival might have been 2012 had in not been for a very wet November that left a three-month total of 7.5 inches.

At the Kentucky Mesonet Weather Station near Mattoon, instruments measured 2 inches of rain in September, 1.6 inches in October and 1.3 inches in November. Otherwise, the average monthly total for precipitation during 2022 has been four inches.

In the late 1980s there was a very dry fall. It was so dry the state canceled archery deer season in order keep people from being in the dry woods and potentially starting a forest fire.

The county has already gotten some relief from the arid conditions now that December has arrived. At Marion’s water plant, where water superintendent Jeff Black keeps a close eye on the rain gauge, he measured almost an inch and half last week during a three-day period. Other parts of the county got a bit more. The rain and its runoff in town brought Old City Lake up about 4.5 inches.

November was a warm month, with an average temperature slightly above the last norm for the past seven years.

THIS IS AN ADVERTISEMENT

Hospital announces state-of-the-art Nuclear Med System

Crittenden Community Hospital’s Radiology Department is proud to announce the addition of a new state-of-the-art Siemens Nuclear Medicine System.

Dr. Sanjay Bose, cardiologist at Crittenden Hospital, performs nuclear medicine cardiac stress testing which can determine if future interventions are needed such as a heart catheterization.

Patients may not be familiar with nuclear medicine but may see similarities to having a CT scan. Patients receive an injection of radioactive tracer that allows the technologist to image the organ of interest. This modality is not only used for cardiac stress testing but can also be used to scan the gallbladder, bones, kidneys and other major organs. Jessica Moss, Director of Radiology, says “It is big city technology that can keep patients from traveling.”

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HUNT RETIRES FROM MARION POST OFFICE

Marion Postmaster Rhonda Hunt retired a couple of weeks ago after four years canceling stamps here.

She began her career in Marion and ended at the same post office. She originally worked under former Postmaster Mike Gilkey as a substitute carrier, but took a job with the postal service in Benton a short time later.

She also spent tours in Princeton, Murray and Morton’s Gap, where she was postmaster for 14 years before coming back to Marion. She spent more than 28 years working for the U.S. Postal Service and became only the second woman in history to serve as Marion’s postmaster.

Her retirement was officially effective Nov. 30. Adam Graham of Owensboro is now the Marion postmaster.



Hunt

CLERK’S HOLIDAYS

Crittenden County Circuit Court Clerk Melissa Guill has announced that her office will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 through Jan. 2

for the holidays. The office will reopen in the new year at 8 a.m., Jan. 3.



Pictured are Amanda Davenport, Renee Shaw and Haley McCoy, executive director of Kentucky Association of Economic Development.

LOCAL EXECUTIVE IS PANELIST ON KET ECONOMIC DEV. SHOW

Local economic development specialist Amanda Davenport appeared as a panelist earlier this week in an on-air Kentucky Educational Television (KET) forum, hosted by Renee Shaw.

The program explored how Kentucky’s cities and counties are strengthening communities through economic development. Building Opportunities: A KET Forum was broadcast Monday on cable channels, but it is also available for streaming at KET.org and on the PBS Video app.

Davenport, who is executive director of the Lake Barkley Partnership – a four-county group serving Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Caldwell counties – was among nine guests, including panelists from

the Kentucky League of Cities, LG&E and KU and economic professionals from Lexington, Louisville, Paducah and other areas. The one-hour program covered a variety of issues facing economic development groups across the commonwealth.

FLU RAGING ACROSS STATE, VACCINE BEST WAY TO FIGHT DISEASE

Kentucky’s latest flu report showed a smaller jump in cases than in previous weeks, but the jump in deaths was the biggest yet this season, showing the disease’s worst possible outcome.

While cases in Crittenden and Livingston counties remain low, 29 Kentuckians (27 adults and two people under 18) have died from the flu this season, according to a report by Melissa Patrick of Kentucky Health News. Fifteen of those deaths (14 adults and one child) were reported in a one-week period ahead of the latest report, which shows that flu activity in Kentucky continues to increase. In the week ending Dec. 3, the state confirmed 7,192 new cases, up from 6,378 the week before. So far, the total of confirmed cases this season is 23,101.

In western Kentucky, McCracken, Graves, Hopkins, Muhlenberg and Daviess are showing the highest figures, between 151 and 250 cases in each county.

Most of the cases continue to be in Kentuckians under the age of 20. It’s important to remember that the state surveillance system only includes lab-confirmed cases and does not require providers to report results from rapid-flu tests, which means that the numbers are likely much higher than reflected in the state report.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone 6 months and older get vaccinated every flu season. It can take weeks for protection to develop after getting the vaccine, so the sooner the better.

RSV and COVID-19 also remain health threats, particularly for the very young and old.



CLASSY & GRASSY’S LATEST ON-AIR GIG

Local entertainers Classy and Grassy made an appearance on the Ernest Tubb Record Shop’s Midnite Jamboree at Music Valley Village’s The Troubadour in Nashville. The band, featuring Marion artists Cash and Cutter Singleton and Brennan Cruce, continues to play famous venues, this being one of the most historic. The program dates back to the 1940s.



McGee, Mixon, Frazer

BARBECUE SCHOOL IS BACKYARD BLESSING

A couple of local residents recently completed Barbecue School in Unadilla, Ga., with famous barbecuer Myron Mixon, of television fame and commonly known as the world’s greatest pitmaster.

Bart Frazer of Marion and Raymond McGee of Grand Rivers spent a couple of days last weekend learning the secrets that helped Mixon become a three-time world champion barbecuer.

The two plan on using their newfound cooking skills at backyard barbecues.

HOWELL WILL CHAIR KY AG COMMITTEE

State Sen. Jason Howell (R-Murray) has been named chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee. Howell serves as senator for Crittenden and other western Kentucky counties.

Howell has been serving as vice chair of both the Senate Licensing and Occupations Committee since January 2021 and vice chair of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee since May 2021. Howell has been co-chair of Capital Projects, having served in that capacity since July 2022. He has also been the co-chair of the County Clerk Office Modernization Task Force during the 2021 Interim and the Benefits Cliff Task Force during the 2022 Interim.

“Agriculture is part of the very fabric of Kentucky and I am excited to create policy to pro-

tect the backbone of the commonwealth,” Howell said. “Having grown up in a farming family, I understand both the needs of our farmers and the importance of our agricultural industry to the Kentucky economy. I look forward to having the opportunity to craft policy to address the future needs of agriculture producers, supporting businesses, and our rural communities.”

LIVINGSTON MAN IN MORE TROUBLE AFTER CHASE IN ILLINOIS

A Livingston County man is facing attempted murder charges in Hardin County, Ill., following a confrontation with the law last weekend.

Jerrad Wilson, 31, of Salem is charged with attempted murder of two police officers and aggravated fleeing after allegedly leading deputies on a high speed chase through two southern Illinois counties.

The events began to unfold when Hardin County deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Wilson. He allegedly fled at speeds of 105 mph in a 25 mph zone in Elizabethtown. The charges allege that Wilson at one point, accelerated toward police vehicles during the chase that reached speeds of 110 mph on county roads.

The chase ended when Wilson’s vehicle crashed into a utility pole. He fled on foot, but a Saline County police dog later found him.

Wilson currently is out on bond for felony charges in Livingston County for wanton endangerment, sodomy and unlawful imprisonment from a 2021 case.

In that case he is scheduled to appear for a pretrial hearing in January.

WATER

Continued from page 1 upgrades, but it needs much more. Now is an opportunity for the district to stoke fires of greatest need. It serves customers and sells wholesale water that flows from taps in Grand Rivers, Ledbetter, Lyon County, Mattoon, Shady Grove, Tolu, Smithland, Burna and many points in between. Its footprint is one of the largest for water manufacturers in western Kentucky. Troubling is that CLWD is close to being tapped out. It’s making just about all it can and there’s hardly wiggle room for a region desperate for growth in the coming decades.

According to Division of Water data, the Crittenden-Livingston plant at Pinckneyville on the Cumberland River in Livingston County is designed for a maximum daily output of 1.96 million gallons. In July, its maximum daily production was 1.89 million gallons, and it averaged making 1.78 million every day for the month.

Additionally, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has in the last six months issued new drinking water health advisories for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). These microplastics, if you will, along with other emerging contaminants will soon need to be filtered out of drinking water.

The EPA is inviting states and territories to apply for \$1 billion – the first of \$5 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grant funding – to address these imminent drinking water standards, particularly in small or disadvantaged communities.

If Marion and CLWD pool resources, highlighting these clear longterm needs, a real window of opportunity exists to meet multiple challenges and others beyond. CLWD can continue to aid Marion’s emergence from the water crisis, which will bode favorably for the two-county water system in the eyes of Kentucky grant givers and politicians who sign off on money for big projects. Such a plan might

be just the carrot CLWD needs to attract significant financial help to meet broader future needs, and to save Marion – a central hub in its dominion.

By teaming up, Marion and CLWD might just find their collective position in the front of the line when it comes to money, resources and timing. With Marion’s Emergency Declaration from the governor, any benefactor would almost certainly find advantages and expeditious assistance from regulators and funding agencies. Timing of this Marion crisis might turn out to be a real opportunity for an enterprising water district headquartered just down the road.

well at point guard during recent outings and had a big game against Fort Campbell scoring 11 points where all his points came from the foul line.

50 YEARS AGO

December 21, 1972

■ City Treasurer Isabel Watson deposits the city’s first revenue-sharing check for \$18,082.00 with Doug Sullenger, president at the Farmers Bank. The check represented the city’s share for the first half of 1972. A check for the second half of 1972 was expected to be issued after the first of the year.

■ The Kentucky Utilities Company announced two big promotions. Larry Todd, manager at Harford and Beaver Dam, was promoted to district manager of KU’s Dawson Spring district succeeding J. D. Hunt who became the Greenville district manager.

■ Chester Brown of Route 2, Marion, killed two young wolves near Emmaus Church. The wolves were identified by conservation authorities as the Mississippi Valley Red Wolf and were about four months old. Lonnie Tabor was hunting with Brown when they spotted the two young wolves.

■ An organizational meeting to form a chapter of the International Reading Association was held recently in Crittenden County. The officers selected to head the group were Miss Catherine Beard, Ralph V. Stalion, Kay Stubblefield, Helen Robinson and Judy Easley.

Read Brenda Underdown’s online Forgotten Passages column between issues.



10 YEARS AGO

December 20, 2012

■ A strong show of support and force greeted Crittenden County Elementary School students who returned to class after perhaps the worst school-related tragedy in history in Connecticut. Superintendent Dr. Rachel Yarbrough and administrators Al Starnes and Vince Clark were among staff members standing in front of the elementary school on the first day back following the news of New England’s school shooting.

■ Crittenden County’s eighth-grade basketball team finished second in the district after losing to Livingston in the championship game. On the team were Cassidy Moss, Meredith Evans, Mauri Collins, Amanda Lynch, Francesca Pierce, Regan Frazer, Courtney Beverly, Kianna Nesbit and Madison Champion.

■ Seven-year-old Seth Guess wrote to Santa from Mrs. Mandy Hunt’s second-grade class. Seth said his favorite thing to do during Christmas is to open presents and this year he would like to get an iPad, flat screen TV and an airplane because he doesn’t have any of them already.

25 YEARS AGO

December 24, 1997

■ An accident destroyed Martin’s

Grocery Store and owners said they would not rebuild. It was the fifth time in 17 years that a motorist failed to negotiate a sharp curve in Dycusburg and crashed into Martin’s Grocery. This time would be the last. According to Crittenden County Sheriff Deputy Darron Hollamon, an automobile was traveling between 50 and 60 mph when it approached the 90-degree turn in front of Martin’s Store and crashed. The wreck immediately caused a fire and the Dycusburg grocery went up in flames.

■ Crittenden County elementary students were entertained last week by a few of their teachers and classmates during a sing-along at CCES. Frances and Tolu students also participated in activities. Tolu principal, Becky Tyner-Belt, Frances principal Kay Branch, CCES assistant principal Janie Tomek and CCES principal, Sylvia Thurman joined together to sing their rendition of “I’m Getting’ Nothin’ For Christmas.”

■ CCMS Beta Club members collected 3,275 cans of fruit, soup and vegetables for the annual Radiothon. The goods would later be distributed to underprivileged families in Crittenden County. Marilyn Iddings’s seventh-grade homeroom collected 775 cans alone and earned a pizza party as a reward.

■ Crittenden County’s Chad Kemper earned himself the reputation of being the “trigger man” for the Rockets’ basketball team. Kemper played

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Laws can change quickly between generations

There will always be tension between legality and morality. I was in a class for future missionaries several years ago in which we discussed law. The professor suggested to all of us that laws are nothing more than levers that are used to ensure those with wealth and political power can maintain their advantage. They are also used to either bless or thwart the efforts of those trying to make changes for the better. His point to us, especially to those going to what we call less developed places, was that we would never be totally outside the reach of “the law” if we offended the wrong person.

In more liberal governments, we generally have less to fear from our leaders, but not always. What we do have is laws that are passed to encourage some behaviors and discourage others. We have laws that move money from one group of people to another – taxes, the lottery and subsidies are examples.

On the side of morality, laws can change quickly from one generation to another. Sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse, and sometimes both. There was a time when it was illegal to speak Irish in Ireland. In various parts of the United States in the past, murder, rape and land theft were all le-

gal. And in the Jim Crowe South, it is clear to see how laws were used as levers. What we would call assault today was legal between husband and wife and parents and children. The laws concerning abortion are unsettling today. Laws around divorce, adoption, inheritance, retirement savings, health insurance and property change frequently.

In my lifetime smoking has moved from being everywhere to almost nowhere in public. In the early 1960s homosexuality was illegal in all 50 states. Today, one is more likely to be fined, sued or arrested for refusing service to a married gay couple.

It is a reality that if one were to show compassion through helping, speaking for, or defending any of the victims who fell on the wrong side of the law in some times and places, things would not go well for that person. Laws do not make us moral – they reflect the morality of those who make the laws.

In the New Testament,

The Gospel of John tells us that Jesus healed a man by a pool called Bethzatha (Bethsaida) who had been there for thirty-eight years. He did this on the sabbath day, which was against the religious law of the day. This set in motion a conflict that led the authorities to look for a way to kill him. They wanted to kill him because he healed someone! In chapter seven Jesus says. “Are you angry with me because on the sabbath I made a man’s whole body well? Do not judge by appearances, but judge with righteous judgment.”

We need more righteous judgment today. I understand that those two words are not popular, but the alternative is much, much worse. We are left to the capricious nature of laws based on how things appear, or how we feel, or the dangerous whims of a popular majority.

Righteous, peaceful and spiritual people are not threats to society. There may be times when they are threats to government or power (I don’t think we

are there because there is still a lot of good the world). The laws of state may limit the damage we do to each other most of the time, but they are just as likely to legalize harm.

W.B. Yeats’ poem, “The Second Coming,” is a reflection on the trouble in Ireland in the early 20th century. All of which was “legal.”

Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.

This is the season of advent. Here is a reading from Isaiah for us to consider. Let’s be people of good judgment.

“A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.” (Isaiah 11:1-4)

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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Our attitude on giving reflects what’s in our hearts

Question: I’m not going back to church anymore. Every time I attend, the pastor is asking for money. Am I wrong to stop attending because the pastor talks about money too much?

Answer: Yes, you are wrong to stop attending church because the pastor talks about money a lot. Matter of fact, Jesus talked a lot about money, too. Why? Because what you spend your money on says a lot about your heart.

ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison




Jesus asked us to lay up treasures in heaven not on earth. He taught, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Mt. 6:21). Notice, He didn’t say, “For where your heart is, there your treasure will be also.” He knew that one’s treasure is what a person’s mind and

heart is focused on.

Our attitude in giving reflects what is in our hearts. The Bible teaches us to give joyfully and generously to support God’s work through the church and to help others as we can. “Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7).

I hasten to mention that God is not so much interested in our giving dollars to His work as He is interested in our giving all of ourselves to Him. He loves us so much that He gave His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross to pay our sin-debt. If He loves us that much, shouldn’t we give Him all of ourself, all the time?

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com



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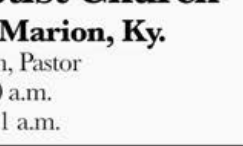
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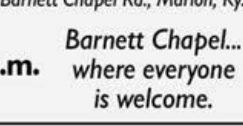
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Memories of Shady Grove community

In 1976, Earl McChesney shared some of his memories of his hometown community of Shady Grove with The Crittenden Press. He would have been 84 years old at the time of this article. It gives a wonderful view of what the town used to be like.

My name is Earl McChesney. My father, J. M. McChesney, married Sarah Elder and to that union were born two boys.

I will start with a memory that was handed down to me by my parents. My grandparents, on my father's side, came from Raleigh, Ill., and located near Shady Grove. At that time, they crossed the river on the ice in wagons. He purchased a farm and it cost him the sum of \$3 per acre. They resided on that farm for years.

That brings me up to the point that I want to speak of some things from memory that serve me well of Shady Grove in my early days. At that age, I remember very distinctive things that occurred. I would like to speak of the churches in Shady Grove. We had one Methodist church, and it was a nice building with a parsonage. The Baptist church that existed there until this day went by the name of Clear Springs, later it was called Shady Grove Baptist Church. From that it seems like the starting of Shady Grove was the cemetery. The first burial in that old cemetery was one colored man, name not known. The oldest known stone is for Mary Nash Jordon, who died Feb. 1854.

That cemetery consisted of two acres, and it has been increased in later years to five acres. We have incorporated, I being one of the incorporators out of eight, (three already have passed on). We until this day are proud of our incorporation.

Shady Grove was founded in the early 1800s and incorporated in 1904 with 65 citizens, and our courts were held once a month. Dennie Hubbard was city judge and John A. Moore attorney. If there was anyone to be prosecuted at these court meetings they would be held before the day in what they called a caboose. It was made of 2-by-10 boards, 12x15 size, and it had one window and was covered with iron.

In my early days, Shady Grove consisted of five stores, grocery, hardware and clothing stores. At that time we had one merchant named Sheck Towery who lived in the town, and he disappeared one whole year. When he finally came back from Texas,



W. H. Towery's Department Store was most likely the only department store in Crittenden County. He carried dry goods and notions, clothing, furniture, hardware and fresh groceries.



The old Hubbard's Store that greeted you as you entered Shady Grove was torn down in February 2011. This picture was made in 1985 a couple of years after Mrs. Hubbard sold the store in 1983.

he had \$10,000 cash in his pockets. At that time, he was the most wealthy man known. He went into the mercantile business and he spent his sum of money there. He credited everyone that wanted credit. In those days, the merchants only had to pay for his merchandise once a year, so that was the limit on his creditors. In that day things were very normal.

Coffee sold for 12 pounds for \$1, many other articles just like it, and that's what old people called the good old days.

Hubbard's Grocery at the corner of Main St. and owned by Dennis Hubbard, was the largest of the general merchandise stores. Then you will find Mayes & Company selling all kinds of

goods, and on the same street is Willie Tudor, handling a fine line of goods. He is also postmaster, and is very kind and polite.

Wm. H. Towery kept a nice assortment of coffins and caskets on hand at his store. You could get any size or style that you would want. He also carried dry goods, clothing, furniture, hardware and fresh groceries.

At that time, we had a man who owned a hearse, he was our burial director. It was pulled by two white horses. The hearse was followed by horseback riders and wagons to its last resting place.

We also had a Masonic Hall, which was once occupied by our schools. The Masonic Hall was well noted, and we at that time had a bell on that Masonic property. Every funeral we'd have, it would ring at 7 o'clock in the morning. The folks had no way of knowing who it was, but according to my memory, my father would say, "Well, I've got to go help dig that grave."

We also had a livery shop and two blacksmith shops. One was owned by Jesse McDowell and the other James Lamb. They were great rivals in doing their horse shoeing, sharpening plow points and many other jobs.

Shady Grove also had a barbershop first owned by Thomas C. Land. He charged 10 cents a shave, and 15 cents for a hair cut. At his death, Frank Easley bought the barbershop and Robert Hardwick was the barber. Mr. Easley also operated it as an eating place, which served homemade vegetable soup, candy, bananas and other small items.

Mrs. Bracy C. Birchfield was owner of a store that was a favorite with the women folk. She carried a line of fashionable hats, and a good supply of sewing notions and material.

There was also a large stemming factory. They would put this tobacco in hogsheads, load two hogsheads on a wagon pulled by four old mules, sometimes by oxen, and take it to the Ohio River at Weston and put it on a barge to be shipped to Evansville. Farmers would also pool their hogs together and drive them to Weston to put on the boat along with the tobacco.

Another memory serves me later in years, that one time at Shady Grove when Fred Lemon, a merchant, bought a considerable amount of turkeys. He

drove them from Shady Grove to Marion, a distance of 12 miles. Just as he landed in Marion, it was their roost time. The turkeys began to fly up on buildings to roost for the night. He had to leave them there and the next day early, he employed many to chase them down and get them in the coops.

In 1940, Mr. McChesney left Shady Grove to enter the city of Marion. Here he took an active part in the county and city business. He was county judge from 1957 to 1961, Marion Police Court Judge seven and one half years, and city policeman four years.

McChesney died May 9, 1979 and is buried in his hometown cemetery of Shady Grove.

The only one of the business buildings mentioned in the article above that is still standing is the little white lodge building on the left as you come to the entrance of Shady Grove. It is definitely a landmark of the area.

Here is an interesting article that appeared in The Crittenden Press on Jan. 21, 1909 telling about Shady Grove's Modern Woodmen of America Camp No. 92422.

Friday, Jan. 1, 1909 was a great banner day in the history of Shady Grove Camp No. 92422 Modern Woodmen of America. Our camp No. 92422 was organized Aug. 26, 1908 has more than 50 members and is rapidly increasing in membership.

The past year has been a most prosperous one, and the ensuing year promises to be a more prosperous one. Following are the officers elected: Samuel D. Asher, Consul; Wm. F. Brown, adviser; C. M. Drennen, banker; Kelley Simpson, clerk; S. W. Towery, escort; Jim C. Skelton, watchman; Thomas Travis, secretary; Bert Woods, chief forester; Rev. Eman Bosster,

Chaplain; Dr. R. O. Davis, Camp physician; T. B. Kemp, Henry and Johnnie Birchfield, board of managers.

They went on with the good work until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, then they marched through the village of Shady Grove and back to W. H. Birchfield's residence, where they found a sumptuous supper awaiting them.

Through these old articles written many years ago, we can learn of the

history of our early towns and communities and the people that lived and worked there and made the communities their home. In doing so, they helped contribute to the wonderful past history of our county.

(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).

Crittenden County Board of Education

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Community Events & News

■ The VFW in Marion has Bingo starting at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Closed in case of rain.

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday each month.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday each month.

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.



On behalf of the board of Fohs Hall Inc., we would like to thank the members, volunteers and sponsors for supporting the successful Christmas performance of the Paducah Sympathy Orchestra accompanied by Corey Crider Sunday. Thanks to all the patrons who attended the outstanding show.

Alan Stout, president Fohs Hall, Inc.



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Although I am retiring as your sheriff, I hope to continue some type of involvement in community affairs and look forward to continuing to serve Crittenden County's wonderful people.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in a December 15, 2022, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky of an adjustment of Demand-Side Management ("DSM") Cost Recovery Component ("DSMRC") charges proposed to become effective on and after January 14, 2023. Because KU anticipates the Commission will suspend the proposed changes in the DSMRC to conduct an investigation of the proposed changes, KU will ask the Commission to approve the proposed changes to the DSMRC to be effective on January 1, 2024.

The proposed changes, if approved, will result in changes to the DSMRC rates calculated per kWh under the DSM tariff for all affected electric rate classes as follows:

Rates:	Current	Proposed
RS, RTOD-Energy, RTOD-Demand, VFD	\$ 0.00074	\$ 0.00120
GS, GTOD-Energy, GTOD-Demand	\$ 0.00062	\$ 0.00156
AES	\$ 0.00363	\$ 0.00849
PS, TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS, OSL	\$ 0.00079	\$ 0.00198

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed DSMRC charges will apply for each affected electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class*	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
Residential	1,193	2,855,046	49.6	0.55
Residential TOD-E	1,233			0.57
Residential TOD-D	2,042			0.94
VFD	1,504	1,570,334	129.3	0.69
General Service	1,656			1.56
GTOD-Energy	No customers on this rate			NA
GTOD-Demand	No customers on this rate	5,011,989	147.8	NA
All Electric School	26,890			130.69
Power Service	31,096			37.00
TODS (Secondary)	188,237			224.00
TODP (Primary)	627,130			746.28
Retail Transmission	1,678,706			1,997.66
Fluctuating Load	All customers opted out	6,954		NA
Outdoor Sports Lighting Service				8.28

* The information in the above table does not include industrial customers that have elected to not participate in the DSM program.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing proposed rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department at P.O. Box 32010, Louisville, Kentucky, 40232, or by visiting KU's website at www.lge-ku.com/our-company/regulatory.

A person may examine this application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, and at KU's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or through the commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>. All comments should reference Case No. 2022-00402.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

Get free testing for soybean roundworm

The soybean cyst nematode, a microscopic roundworm that feeds on soybean roots, is responsible for more yield and monetary losses each year than any other pathogen in Kentucky. It is also a pathogen that hides in fields, with growers possibly never seeing the signs of its existence.



Dee Brasher
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CRITTENDEN COUNTY
UK EXTENSION

Preliminary findings from an ongoing survey that began in 2019 show that the soybean cyst nematode is present in 84% of Kentucky soybean fields. While some producers will see signs of yellowing or stunted growth in their soybeans, most do not. Soybeans that appear healthy but are in a soybean cyst nematode-infested field will have as much as a 30% yield loss.

Management of the nematode has become more complicated recently, because the worms are developing resistance against the most commonly used form of genetic resistance that is present in at least 90% of resistant varieties available to Kentucky farmers. However, you can take steps to better manage the pathogen.

Since it is hard to predict whether your field is infested with the nematode, you need to sample your fields anytime between the end of harvest until spring. However, fall is the ideal time for sampling, because nematode field populations will be higher from feeding on the recently harvested soybean crop. It also gives you more time to make adjustments to your production plan if nematodes are found. Prioritize sampling fields where you plan to put soybeans in 2022. When sampling, make sure to include areas of the field that had poor growth and/or lower yields in the past.

Kentucky does not have a soybean cyst nematode diagnostic lab, but producers can submit samples to the University of Illinois Plant Clinic or the University of Missouri SCN Diagnostic Lab. The Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board sponsors a

limited number of free soybean cyst nematode tests in each Kentucky county. Contact Crittenden County Extension Office for more information about the limited free testing.

If soybean cyst nematodes are found in your fields, you can take measures to lower the populations. Rotate resistant varieties. While many Kentucky varieties use the same form of resistance, rotating those varieties will help control nematode populations. Since soybean cyst nematodes mainly feed on soybeans, you can rotate away from soybeans to lower their numbers. Corn, grain sorghum or wheat are all good options. You also may consider using a variety with a nematode-protectant seed treatment. While their effectiveness is spotty, it can help reduce populations along with rotation and resistant varieties.

Ag Resource Guide

If you are new to agriculture or been around a few years it can be hard to keep up with the abbreviations, what farm number you need, which agency to go to for different programs and the various other information that is needed to continue your operation. To help with the confusion the Crittenden County Extension has developed an agriculture resource guide that is available for free at the office. The guide has descriptions and contact information for government agencies and their popular programs, loan and grants specific to agriculture, regulatory agencies, and commodity groups.

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Dee Brasher Heimgartner is the Crittenden County agent for Agriculture & Natural Resources.



Rocket Football Awards

Crittenden County High School's football team held its annual awards ceremony Sunday on campus. Among those honored were (front from left) Briley Berry, Most Valuable Defensive Player, Crittenden Press Paul E. Mick Leadership Award and Tackling Points Leader; Case Gobin, Most Valuable Defensive Player, Marion Feed Mill Grit Iron Award and Roach Award; Kaleb Nesbitt, Most Valuable Player and Hitman Award; Sammy Impastato, Greg "Dozer" Belt Award and RBI Leader; (back) Camron Belcher, JV Most Valuable Offensive Player; Seth Guess, Solid Rocket Award; Tyler Belt, Most Improved Offensive Player; Zach Counts, Most Valuable Lineman; Preston Morgeson, Most Valuable Special Teams Player; Gattin Travis, Most Improved Offensive Player; Bennett McDaniel, Most Improved Defensive Player; Micah Newcom, Most Valuable Offensive Player; Casey Cates, Coach's 100 Percent Award; Rowen Perkins, Most Improved Special Teams Player; Blake French, Most Valuable JV Defensive Player; and Hurst Miniard, Selfless Rocket Award.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY'S ALL WEST KENTUCKY CONFERENCE SELECTIONS



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Micah Newcom
Quarterback



Case Gobin
Defensive End



Preston Morgeson
DB/WR

As champion of the Class A First District, Crittenden County earned 11 spots on the All Western Kentucky Conference team. The banquet was held last week to honor each All WKC member. Crittenden County quarterback Micah Newcom was the district player of the year and Gaige Courtney was coach of the year.

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Library planning big anniversary celebration

Crittenden County Public Library is turning 70 years old on April 6 and the library wants the community to join the celebration.

The staff along with the Friends of the Library are planning a year of events in 2023 including a big kickoff during the week of April 10-15, 2023 featuring exhibits

and programs from the 1950s when early organizers advocated for library service.

Friends of the Library is a group of library supporters who volunteer to organize events and raise funds. Past events have included book sales, fundraising for the annual summer reading program, and special

open houses. All funding is used to pay for library supplies and materials that benefit literacy programs for all ages.

The library is looking for volunteers to help plan the celebration. Friends of the Library is also looking for stories about how the library has made a difference in the lives of people.

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Holiday tourney action

Crittenden County's girls and boys basketball teams will be on the road for holiday tournaments late next week. The girls will be at Owensboro and open against a team from New York. The Rockets will be at the Logan County Tournament.

CCMS game summaries

GIRLS
District Championship
Crittenden 25, Livingston 12
Jordyn Hodge 8, Abigail Champion 8, Sarah Grau 5, Lex Smith 2, Brodi Rich 2.
BOYS
John Paul 42, Crittenden 30
Coby Larue 16, Colt Bailey 7, Hudson Stokes 2, Drake Young 10, Jacob Embrey 5, Jack Porter 2.
Union Co. 49, Crittenden 40
Coby Larue 5, Colt Bailey 6, Hudson Stokes 5, Drake Young 8, Jacob Embrey 10, Jack Porter 6.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Deer Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Turkey Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 17 - Jan. 16
Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Fall Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Quail, Rabbit	Nov. 14 - Feb. 10
Bobcat	Nov. 19 - Feb. 28
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 10-18
Dove	Dec. 24 - Jan. 15
Deer Free Youth	Dec. 31 - Jan. 1
Furbearers Free Youth	Dec. 31- Jan. 6
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round

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Lady Rockets win 5th straight

STAFF REPORT
In an interesting Second Region matchup, Crittenden County led from start to finish Tuesday at home, beating Union County 49-41.
The Lady Rockets held off a late flurry of offense and defensive pressure from the Bravettes, who are now 5-2.
CCHS senior Taylor Guess scored 30 points to lead the Lady Rockets to their fifth straight win and a 5-1 mark overall.
Crittenden and Union are among the region's better teams, and the Bravettes had already beaten Madisonville this season.
The Lady Rockets were ahead by a dozen in the first half before Union County drew within a point late in the third period. Some key takeaways and rebounds helped the Rocket girls recover and win by eight.
CCHS was 15-of-25 from the floor, making 5-of-15 from long range, and shot 50 percent on two-point fielders. Union was 17-for-38 from the floor, but couldn't keep pace at the line where CCHS rang up 14 points to the Bravettes' three.
Guess gets 40 at Lyon County
Senior Taylor Guess scored a career-high 40 points as the Lady Rockets improved to 2-0 in Fifth District action on Friday, beating Lyon County 63-40.
Crittenden County's defense set the tone early as the Rocket girls raced out to a 14-4 lead only to have it disappear just before the half when Lyon County found some offensive rhythm in its half-court game.
Guess shredded the Lyons with pinpointing shooting across the board. She scored 10 at the line and hit 14 fielders, including a pair of threes.



Crittenden County guards Elliot Evans and Elle McDaniel (41) put double pressure on the ball and Lyon's guard Piper Cotham.

CCHS, which has now defeated the Lady Lyons in 10 of the 11 tries, improved to 4-1 overall. Lyon fell to 2-2 and 0-1 in the district.

Union County	12	22	32	41
Crittenden County	18	28	33	49

UNION - Goodloe 3, Morris 16, Steward 10, Beaven, Hagan 8, Hibbs., Gough 2, Curry 2. FG 17. 3-pointers 4 (Goodloe, Morris, Steward, Hagan). FT 3-4.
CRITTENDEN - Guess 30, N.Boone 5, A.Boone 3, Evans 8, Hatfield 3, Federico. FG 15. 3-pointers 5 (Guess 4, N.Boone). FT 14-22.

One-two punch caps CCHS win

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County's Travis Champion and Preston Morgeson delivered the knockout blow Tuesday, playing a spirited second half as the Rockets came from behind to beat Union County 65-63 on the road.
Champion had 19 of his game-high 29 points in the second half and Morgeson had nine in the pivotal third period when the Rockets took the lead for good after trailing by 11 in the first period.
CCHS snapped a three-game losing streak and improved to 3-4 by beating the Braves for just the fifth time in the last 20 meetings.
It was a physical contest that went down to the wire.
Champion got nine of his points at the foul as CCHS scored 17 from the stripe compared to Union's nine. The Braves are now 1-3.
Lyon too much for Rockets
Lyon County beat Crittenden County for the ninth

straight time Friday, and as expected, it wasn't close.
The defending Second Region champion Lyons are the odds on favorite to win the region again and they're also among the top teams in Kentucky with one of the hottest recruits in the nation.
Junior Travis Perry, who's being courted by several high-profile college teams from the SEC, Big 10 and beyond, scored five threes en route to a 27-point game. Perry's mother and father are both Crittenden County graduates.
A second-half running clock helped ease the pain after the Lyon's led 32-7 after the first period and by 37 points at intermission.
Crittenden fell to 1-1 in Fifth District action. Lyon chipped up to 4-1 overall and 1-0 in league play. Elsewhere in the district Trigg County beat Livingston Central 78-53.
Crittenden plays at Trigg County Friday to complete the



Crittenden County guard Jaxon Hatfield works against the defense of Lyon freshman Carson Collins.

first round of district action.

Crittenden County	7	16	27	38
Lyon County	32	53	76	85

CRITTENDEN - Morgeson 10, Champion 13, Walker, Hatfield, Suddoth 2, Sharp 5, Keller, McLean, Gobin 2, Belt, Guess 2, Travis 2, Poindexter 2, Counts. FG 16. 3-pointers 4 (Morgeson 2, Champion, Sharp). FT 2-9
LYON - Perry 27, Shoulders 20, Ja.Reddick 18, Kirk 12, Breedlove, Sutor, Collins 2, Co.Collins 2, Burchett, Downing, Crawford, Defew 2, Jo.Reddick, FG 30. 3-pointers 9 (Perry 5, Shoulders, Reddick 3). FT 16-22.



Undefeated District Champ

Crittenden County Middle School's seventh-grade girls' basketball team had a stellar season, wrapping an undefeated record with a 25-12 win over Livingston County Middle School Saturday in the district championship at Princeton. Pictured are (from left) Kylie Hunt, Caroline Martin, Jordyn Hodge, Alex Smith, Alexis Mattingly, Brodi Rich, Brooklyn Lovell, Brenna Kemmer, Sarah Grau and Abigail Champion.



Sunday will be the last day of deer hunting with a muzzleloader. The nine-day final blackpowder segment draws to an end adult opportunities to harvest a buck with a gun. Now only the youngsters have one more chance with a rifle during the free youth weekend Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Pictured above is Tucker Owen, 8, of Calvert City, who took this 8-point buck opening weekend of the modern firearm season in Crittenden County. This county currently ranks 8th in the state in harvest totals for the season with 2,467 whitetails taken. That figure remains lower than normal.

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High school baseball is needing ump

The KHSAA's 2nd Region is looking for new umpires. Anyone interested in becoming a paid high school baseball umpire can contact Matt Bell, who is the assigning secretary for the region, at matthewamybell@gmail.com. There will be a meeting for anyone interested in umpiring at 2:30 p.m., Jan. 22 at a location to be announced later.



At top are Tessa and Benjamin Potter. Pictured at the grave site are Troop 3030 Scouts along with adult supervisors and other volunteers.

Project Turns Into Pledge for More Sharp awareness brings gravestone back to life

STAFF REPORT

An awareness of military sacrifices by a local brother and sister and their combined efforts with Boy Scouts and Woodman Life Chapter 92 is bringing new life to grave-stones of area veterans.

Together they've created a Legacy to Honor program that provides willing volunteers to restore headstones of military veterans buried in Crittenden County or other nearby ceme-teries. Anyone with sugges-tions of stones or graves that need attention can email legac2honor@gmail.com and the group will respond.

The plan started coming to-gether when Benjamin Potter was encouraged by his great-great-aunt Betty June Young to take a look at a deteriorated headstone in the Caldwell Springs Cemetery.

Young, who is more than 90 years old, grew up in the Dy-cusburg area and has family buried at the Caldwell Springs Church graveyard.

Even as a child, Young was captivated by the gravestone of a World War I soldier who died in action in France in 1918. As the years passed, Young con-tinued to visit the cemetery where her family was interred,

but she was also drawn to the grave of that soldier, Oscar W. Green. Weathered from more than 100 years of marking the final resting place for Green, who was a private in the 6th Infantry 5th Division, the stone was hardly even legible last summer.

Young expressed to her 12-year-old great-great-nephew that she'd like for the Boy Scouts to take a look at the gravestone and see what could be done with regard to restora-tion. Potter's older sister, Tessa, 17, also got involved and they began researching methods for restoring the gran-ite headstone, which was a standard grave marker pro-vided by the military.

Their investigation found that the agent used to clean those old stones was expen-sive, so they approached Woodman of the World about helping out financially. Wood-man Life presented them with more than enough money to fund the project, but also is-sued a challenge for the brother-sister team and Scouts to broaden their service and make it available to others.

Because Pvt. Green's grave plot itself had subsided a bit, Boy Scout Troop 3030 head-quartered at Marion United Methodist Church provided additional manpower to bring new dirt onto the burial site and dress it up just like new.

Bringing the old stone to life took some time. The detergent that helps clean the grave maker has to be applied multi-ple times over a couple of weeks and the stone is scrubbed following each appli-cation. Eventually, the marker appears much like it did the day it was set more than a cen-tury ago as a lasting monu-ment to a local soldier who gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

TAX

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the barn is for residential use only and not a commercial enterprise.

Utility companies are responsible for record keeping that ensures their customers have only one exemption and some are sending out forms for customers to complete and return. Others plan to incorporate the exclusion form with your monthly bill.

Landlords who provide utilities as part of their rental or lease agree-ments will be able to qualify for multi-unit residential facilities exemp-tion, or collect and submit a Declaration of Domicile, Form 51A380, on behalf of their resi-dential renters.

In most cases, a home-owner will not need to file a Declaration of Domicile with a utility if they have only one account with that company. However, Crittenden-Livingston Water District posted a message on its social media site asking all of its customers to com-plete an exemption form and send it to them. Ken-tucky Utilities and Ken-ergy both have a link on their websites where customers can file the Decla-ration of Domicile form.

The City of Marion has announced that water and sewer customers need only to fill out an exemption form if the customer has more than one meter. If you have only one meter, there is no need to complete and file the form. Also, if you

have a secondary water meter at the same ad-dress as your home, like in your garage or garden, you still do not have to file a form.


Deadline to file the form ahead of the tax im-plementation is Dec. 15.

Kentucky has been gradually changing its sales and use tax system to a service-economy that has evolved in the com-monwealth and beyond. The first tax reformation laws were implanted by legislation in 2018 that affected such things as fitness memberships and automobile repair. This new round of tax reform aims to add sales tax to other high-growth, high-consumption services which will allow the state income tax to be reduced to four percent.



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