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## Back to School

Back to School events for Crittenden County School District are as follows next month:

- Preschool event is 4 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6 at CCES.
- Kindergarten Carnival is 5 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6 at CCES.
- Crittenden County Middle School event is 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6 at CCMS.
- Crittenden County High School event is 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday Aug. 6 at CCHS.
- Crittenden County Elementary School's event for grades 1-5 is 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13.

## By The Numbers

### Farm subsidy figures

Here are governmental farm commodity subsidies paid in selected Kentucky counties for 2023 with state rank and a cumulative total of all commodity subsidies in selected counties from 1995 to 2023. Farm subsidies are designed to help farmers and keep prices low. They include direct payments, commodity purchases and disaster payments.

#### 2023

##### TOP 5 IN KENTUCKY

1. Barren	\$1.9 million
2. Adair	\$1.7 million
3. Logan	\$1.1 million
4. Russell	\$745,135
5. Metcalfe	\$664,411

##### OTHER AREA COUNTIES

37. Caldwell	\$166,825
54. Webster	\$74,937
65. Crittenden	\$41,546
83. Livingston	\$18,340
92. Lyon	\$10,084

#### 1995 to 2023

##### TOP 5 IN KENTUCKY

Christian	\$187.8 million
Logan	\$160.9 million
Daviess	\$152.5 million
Union	\$149.6 million
Graves	\$148.1 million

##### OTHER AREA COUNTIES

McLean	\$91.6 million
Webster	\$75.9 million
Caldwell	\$54.6 million
Livingston	\$23.5 million
Crittenden	\$23.3 million
Lyon	\$14.1 million

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, July 15 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, July 15 at city hall.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 16 at Marion Welcome Center.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 16 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 16 at Rocket Arena conference room.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, July 18 at the county office complex.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 18 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, July 22 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

## Mr. Bear makes holiday run through area around 4th

#### STAFF REPORT

A black bear, or perhaps more, has apparently made a pilgrimage through the area, stirring conversation and prompting posts on social media.

Several residents have reported sightings over the past week in Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties, particularly around the Fourth of July.

Eighteen-year-old archer Jeremiah Foster was bow fishing near Pinckneyville boat ramp last week in Livingston County when he had close encounter with a black bear.

Foster had parked near

the Cumberland River landing and had walked along the bank up river toward Warren Paving. July 3 was only the second time he'd ever gone bow fishing at that spot, but he says it might be the last.

"I had just shot a fish and heard something behind me. I thought it was a squirrel, but it was a bear about 20 yards behind me.

"I threw the fish down and ran the other way," Foster said. "By the time I got back to the boat ramp there was either another one in the bushes or that one had followed me," he said.

Some nearby workers

from the rock quarry had seen the bear about that time and were taking photographs of it with their smartphones, Foster said.

Local wildlife biologist John Zimmer said Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife officials are pretty confident that the bear roaming around here last week was the same one that had been seen in Daviess, Hopkins and Caldwell counties a week earlier.

"It's common for young male bears to branch out and explore new territory looking for mates and suit-

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This is a screen shot from a video posted on social media of a bear roaming near the river landing pavilion at Pinckneyville south of Salem about the time Jeremiah Foster was bow fishing.



Vegetables and fruits of various types are available at the Victory Garden off Old Morganfield Road in Marion, next to Marion-Crittenden County Park.

## Community gardens bearing great reward

#### STAFF REPORT

Daily distribution at the Community Victory Garden continues each Monday through Friday this summer. Garden distribution is 9 to 11 a.m., weekdays. It is located off Old Morganfield Road near Marion-Crittenden County Park and is an outreach program of the Crittenden County Detention Center. Fresh fruit and vegetables are available for free.

The Victory Garden,

which is actually a series of gardens, was first started by a local church and then spread to city property where it is now next to Marion-Crittenden County Park. Jailer Rick Riley helped start the first inmate labor program for the Victory Garden. Inmates learn valuable skills and a sense of giving and hard work.

"I have witnessed so many inmates that the Victory Gardens have had

such a great impact on their lives," said Robbie Kirk, a former jailer who was instrumental in getting the gardens going.

"We still see pastors and congregation members from churches that come out to witness and talk to the men at the Victory Gardens," adds Kirk.

The gardens have been serving Crittenden County for 13 years this growing season.

## Belt hired to manage Heritage

#### STAFF REPORT

Devin Belt grew up playing golf at Marion Country Club and now he wants to bring back its glory.

The 27-year-old high school coach and former Crittenden County High School golfer has been hired as general manager and course superintendent at the former Marion Country Club, which has for the past nine years been a privately-owned semi-private club open to the public.

Eddie King, owner of the Heritage Golf & Pool and Mulligan's Bar & Restaurant, announced this week that Belt will bring a strong golfing background and energy to the facility.

The club had previously been listed for sale and had almost sold before the deal fell through.

Belt is a paraprofessional golf and baseball coach for Crittenden County High School, and he has a long legacy in local sports. He was a decorated high school golfer and baseball and basketball player. For the past seven years, Belt has worked at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem as assistant to club pro Ric Hughes.

"This is where I started playing," Belt said Monday on his first day at Marion. "My main focus is to revitalize the greens. The course itself is looking pretty good, but there is still some work to be done to improve the greens. I want to get people back out here and get it back to what it once was. There

See **CLUB**/page 9



Tia Belt, 10, of Marion steers her modified lawn tractor down the track during last week's mini-tractor pull for children at Fredonia's Thunder in the Valley celebration and fireworks show. Belt won two divisions during the pull. This issue of The Press has more information about similar upcoming events, including the Livingston County Fair this week (page 4) and the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair later this month (page 3).

## Dempsey, Dunn among leadership grads



Dunn



Dempsey

Crittenden County's Rose Dempsey and Rebecca Dunn are among 2024 graduates from Leadership West Kentucky.

The program, sponsored by West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance (WKRCA), recently had 29 west Kentucky professionals to be part of the second annual graduating class.

Participants in Leadership West Kentucky live or work in the counties represented by the WKRCA including Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken and Trigg. All 14 counties had representation in the program, which was created to promote re-

gionalism and build a network of informed citizens across community lines. The desired outcome is to instill pride in the region and encourage participants to be active in their region and community.

Dempsey is an employee at Farmers Bank and Trust in Marion and Dunn is an employee of Atrium Living Centers, which operates Salem Springlake and Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center.

The program's curriculum included leadership development, education on issues facing the region, relationship-building, and awareness of the attributes and uniqueness of each county. TVA is the presenting sponsor of the program.

The class had a two-day orientation in Paducah in January and met monthly through June in locations throughout the region. Each one-day session focused on a featured community and regional topics such as transportation, education, economic development, quality of life, advocacy, agriculture and tourism. Graduation was held on June 26 at the Alhambra Theatre in Hopkinsville.

For more information about Leadership West Kentucky and the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance, visit [wkrca.org](http://wkrca.org). Applications for the third class of the leadership program will be available in November on the website.

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Deaths

Morrow

Susan English Morrow, 70, of Marion, died Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah. Susan was a member of Union Baptist Church in Marion.

Surviving are a daughter, Melissa (David) Bock of Marion; two sons, Jason (Emily) Morrow of Paducah and Rev. Ben (Beth) Morrow of Nashville; a sister, Beth Huff; three brothers, John, Bryan and Tim English; and nine grandchildren, Silas, Rowan, Jesse, Tyler, Scarlett, Sawyer, Joseph, Nathaniel and Zoe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Michael Morrow; and her parents, David and Gatha Mahaffey English.

Services were Tuesday, July 9 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial services at the cemetery will be private.



Hrapeck

A memorial service for Dennis James Hrapeck, 65, of Marion, will be held at 1 p.m., July 22, 2024 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Hrapeck died June 23 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. Family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time July 22 at the funeral home.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Hrapeck of Marion; two sons, Jason (Kacey) Nesbitt and Tommy (Amelia) Hrapeck; a grandchild, Cameron Nesbitt; two sisters, Denise Wilder and Cindy Hrapeck; a brother, Mike (Tammy) Hrapeck; a sister-in-law, Linda McKinney; a brother-in-law, Bill Nesbitt; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mickey and Margaret Hrapek; and a brother, Tommy Hrapeck.



Community Calendar

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

**Thursday, July 11**

- Virgil Jones VFW will meet at 6:30 p.m., at its building at 412 N. College St. Refreshments will be served.

**Friday, July 12**

- Laugh & Learn Playdate sponsored by Crittenden County Extension Service is from 11 a.m.-noon at the Crittenden County Public Library. Stories, songs, gross and fine motor activities will be presented to pre-school age children.

**Monday, July 15**

- Food, stories, games and more will be shared during Family Fun Day Veterans Memorial Park. Time and details coming soon.
- 4-H Shooting sports meets every Monday at the Extension Park (former gun club on KY 91 North). Rifle is at 5:30 p.m., and Trap is at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 16**

- Crittenden County Elementary School SBDM will meet at 2 p.m., in the school library
- Health Literacy class meets at 5:30 p.m., at Crittenden Community Hospital. This class counts toward Community Christmas credit. Please call the Crittenden County Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.

**Thursday, July 18**

- Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library meets at 6 p.m., in the library meeting room.

**Saturday, July 20**

- All-you-can-eat breakfast is served from 7-10 a.m. at Salem Masonic Lodge #81. The lodge is located at 237 W. Main St., Salem. Cost is \$6.

**Tuesday, July 23**

- Hooks and Needles will meet at 1 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.



**LOST TINKERBELL**

Female white toy poodle about 9 lb. missing since Saturday, July 6 in Aunt Jane Tabernacle area off Ky. 91 North.

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Hospital plans 80th celebration

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Community Hospital is commemorating its 80th anniversary with a celebration designed for youth and adults July 19.

Inflatables and games, face painting, snow cones, hot dogs, popcorn, cupcakes and prizes will be offered from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., on the hospital campus.

Prizes also will be awarded to former employees and adults with knowledge of the hospital's history.


A gift will be given to the oldest adult born at Crittenden County Hos-

pital's first Walker Street location. Individuals who think they could be the oldest person born at hospital should stop by the hospital or call to submit their name and birthdate.

The hospital will honor a former or current employee with the most years of service. Individuals should stop by or call to submit their name.

Similar recognition will be given to the former or current employee who worked in the most departments.

Finally, a trivia award is being offered to the



person who can name the most physicians who have practiced at the hospital. The person who submits the longest list at noon July 19 will receive a gift.

The frist Crittenden County Hospital opened in 1944, fulfilling the dream of a medical facility in Marion. A year prior in 1943, Dr. T. A. Frazer, president of the Kiwanis Club, received a \$10,000 donation toward

the new hospital. The building across from Fohs Hall, which had served as Marion High School, was purchased from the board of education and utilized until the current building on U.S. 60 West was constructed in 1972.

In case of inclement weather July 19, the event will be postponed until July 26.

*Celebrating*

**80**

*Years* of Providing Care to our Community

**Friday, June 19 • 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**

*We are celebrating*

- Oldest living person born at Crittenden County Hospital.
- Former or current employee with most years of employment.
- Former or current employee who worked in the most departments.

(Check in or call in with your name and birthdate and receive a gift.)

- Name the most physicians who have supported the hospital, and submit your list at noon on July 19 at our Anniversary Celebration. Longest list receives a gift.



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KENTUCKY HISTORICAL MARKERS - SIGNS OF HISTORY

### Kentucky Historical Marker Program

The Historical Marker Program is one of Kentucky Historical Society’s (KHS) most visible projects. More than 2,400 historical markers, including 16 in Crittenden County, dot Kentucky’s roadsides and town squares with reminders of historic people, places and events. KHS dedicated more than two dozen last year.

Each marker represents a local story, engaged Kentuckians and a bridge between the past and the future. Each one started with a desire to preserve local history and an application.

“The best thing about the marker program is that it is community driven. Instead of the Kentucky Historical Society determining what is important, local communities decide what matters to them and then work with KHS to commemorate it,” said Amanda Higgins, community engagement administrator.

Anyone can apply for a historical marker. Start the process by identifying a marker topic. Next, conduct research, interpret your findings and submit an application. Find more information about marker criteria and step-by-step instructions in the Historical Marker Application, downloadable as a PDF at <https://goo.gl/8KJKQh>. A review committee selects new markers twice a year. Application deadlines are Sept. 1 and March 1.


KHS administers the Kentucky Historical Marker Program in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and in collaboration with local sponsors. Read more about the program at <https://goo.gl/F3hbYB>.

Origins

#### COUNTY NAMED, 1842

**Location:** Marion, Courthouse lawn, Main Street

**Description:** For John Jordan Crittenden, 1787-1863, one of Kentucky's great statesmen. 15th Governor of state. Attorney General under three Presidents. United States Senator five times. Noted for Crittenden Compromise, 1860, futile effort to avert Civil War and preserve the Union. Crittenden, the 91st county established in state, was formed out of eastern part of Livingston.



Frontier Days

#### A PIONEER ROUTE

**Location:** Mattoon, 4.5 miles northeast of Marion on U.S. 60 East

**Description:** The "Chickasaw Road," part of the old Saline Trace, used by Indians in pursuit of the vast herds of bison, deer, elk which came this way to the salt licks in Illinois. Flynn's Ferry began operating at the Ohio crossing of this trail in 1803, making it an important route of migration and commerce. Movement of Civil War troops was the last major use of this road.

#### CENTERVILLE

**Location:** U.S. 641 at Caldwell County line

**Description:** County seat, 1804, of the original Livingston County. A Presbyterian Church was started, 1797, by the Rev. Terah Templin. County seat moved to Salem, 1809. U.S. Army used earlier buildings as supply depot on the "Trail of Tears," Cherokee relocation, 1834 to '38. By Civil War days little remained of the town. Landmarks today are only the foundations and earth depressions.

#### WESTON

**Location:** At the intersection of Ky. 654 North and U.S. 60 East

**Description:** West-town, as early name implies, was most important river port for western Kentucky pioneers before Jackson Purchase opened in 1820s. Incorporated as a town in 1854. It developed around Flynn's Ferry at Ohio River crossing of the old Saline Trace. With the passing of the golden age of river trade, the town's prosperity faded. Site of Weston, 10 mi. north.

**(Reverse) Vital Junction:** George Flynn improved the north-south trace, previously used by animals on way to salt licks, into a wagon road. This intersection of the two main roads of that day, Weston to

Princeton and Caseyville to Marion, was vital to the free movement of troops during Civil War. Hotly contested by Confederate raiding parties and Union occupation forces until war's end.

Civil War

#### COURTHOUSE BURNED

**Location:** Marion, Courthouse lawn, Main Street

**Description:** Twenty-two Kentucky courthouses were burned during Civil War, nineteen in last fifteen months: twelve by Confederates, eight by guerrillas, two by Union accident. (See map on reverse side.) The courthouse at Marion was burned by guerrillas in January, 1865. Building a total loss, though walls stood. County records lost. Courthouse again burned in 1870.

#### FORREST RECONNOITERED

**Location:** 1 mile northeast of Marion on U.S. 60

**Description:** Returning from reconnaissance and foraging mission to Ohio River, CSA Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest with cavalry here Dec. 1, 1861, learned of threats to and arrests of Southern sympathizers. While capturing a few instigators, regimental Surgeon S. M. VanWyck was killed. Forrest stayed here another day before returning to Hopkinsville. See map other side.



Statesmen

#### FAMILY OF JUDGES


**Location:** 251 W. Bellville St., Marion

**Description:** T.J. Nunn, 1846-1917, represented Crittenden and Livingston counties in 1890 Convention which framed present constitution of Kentucky. He was Judge of Kentucky's Court of Appeals, 1903-1914; resigned because of ill health. His son, C. S. Nunn, appointed to complete his father's term. C. S. was State Senator, 1920-24. T. J. lived in this house many years; C.S. born here.

#### A RENOWNED SENATOR

**Location:** 4 miles west of Marion at U.S. 60 West and Ky. 297

**Description:** Ollie M. James born 1871, three miles N.W. United States Representative, 1903-13, and Senator, 1913 until death, 1918. Chairman, Democratic National Conventions that nominated Woodrow Wilson for President, 1912 and 1916. Last speech, in Senate Feb. 1918, upheld Wilson's conduct of World War I.



"Liberty will be safe and Americanism secure." Monument in Marion Cemetery.

#### SEN. W.J. DEBOE

**Location:** South Main Street, Marion, U.S. 60 and Ky. 91

**Description:** Born 1849, eight mi. SE of here. Deboe was elected County School Superintendent and opened law office, 1889. State Senator, 1893-97. Elected by Legislature to U.S. Senate, 1897. He sponsored the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which provided for the popular election of U.S. Senators. Marion Postmaster three years. Died, 1927. Over.

**(Reverse) Senators from Marion:** Marion's two U.S. Senators lived one block east at College and Depot Streets. The home of W. J. Deboe, first Kentucky Republican Senator, was on the northwest corner. Senator Ollie M. James, a Democrat, resided on southwest corner. Both were prominent political leaders. Their graves are in cornering lots in Mapleview Cemetery, 1/2 mile west. Over.



in an old school house until this building was constructed on T. M. Hill's land in 1884. Rev. A. J. Thomson was first pastor. Provision for the perpetual upkeep of the nearby cemetery was made in the will of N. T. Bigham. Presented by relatives of Chapel Hill members.

**(Reverse) Pioneer Church:** The frontier religious revival of the early 1800s led to Bethany USA Presbyterian church in 1803. This church moved to Marion in 1846; remained there until 1882 when a majority of its members seceded to the US church. The USA Presbyterian church was reorganized at Chapel Hill, 1883. Presented by relatives of Chapel Hill members.

#### PINEY FORK CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Location:** Ky. 506 east of Marion

**Description:** "Considered first Cumberland Presbyterian church in Kentucky. Organized 1812 by a founder of the C.P. denomination, Rev. Finis Ewing. First structure made of logs; used as a place of worship and public school. Second building 1843; third structure built in 1867 of bricks made on the grounds. Present building constructed 1957. On this site great church camp meetings, held 1812-1955. Famous for two open-air tabernacles near one of the oldest roads in western Ky., Saline Trail, historically Flynn's Ferry Road. Two historical markers on grounds show continuous C.P. "Whosoever Will Gospel" ministry since 1812. Given by Piney Fork Cumberland Pres. Church."

Community leaders

#### DEANWOOD POST OFFICE

**Location:** Deanwood, 9 miles west of Marion on Ky. 120

**Description:** First established in 1873 as Iron Hill Post Office, located 1/2 mile west of present location. First postmaster James W. Woolf. Joseph M. Dean, appointed postmaster in 1874 and again in 1881, relocated post office to building in front of his home. Joseph N. Dean, son of Joseph M. Dean, moved post office into a building on present site; appointed postmaster in 1900.


**(Reverse) Joseph N. Dean** replaced the building with the existing one in 1910 and installed new post office boxes, which are now on display at Crittenden County Bob Wheeler Museum in Marion. The official name was changed to Deanwood in 1914, and the community is still known as Deanwood. Presented by the Dean Family.

#### F. JULIUS FOHS (1884-1965)

**Location:** 201 N. Walker St., Marion

**Description:** F. Julius Fohs was born in N.Y. but moved to Marion, Ky. in 1890. He graduated from Marion High School. Managed fluorspar mining operation, 1900-1904; served as assistant state geologist for Ky., 1905-12. Received honorary Doctor of Science degree from the Israel Institute of Technology for his assistance in the development of mineral resources, 1957.

**(Reverse) Fohs Hall:** Julius Fohs had structure built and gave it to people of Marion, 1926. Located on lot where Fohs family lived. Fohs Hall, Inc., formed 1981 for perpetual preservation of Hall; to be used by citizens of Marion and Crittenden Co. as a community center and civic auditorium. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. Presented by Fohs Hall, Inc.



#### Reverse on all three markers

**Iron Made in Kentucky:** A major producer since 1791, Ky. ranked 3rd in US in 1830s, 11th in 1965. Charcoal timber, native ore, limestone supplied material for numerous furnaces making pig iron, utensils, munitions in the Hanging Rock, Red River, Between Rivers, Rolling Fork, Green River Regions. Old charcoal-furnace era ended by depletion of ore and timber and the growth of railroads.

Churches

#### CHAPEL HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Location:** West of Crayne on Ky. 688

**Description:** Organized in 1883 at the home of John A. Hill. Services were held

CRITTENDEN COUNTY LIONS CLUB FAIR

Fair leaders announce schedule

##### SATURDAY, JULY 20

Car Show 9 a.m., to 3 p.m., at fairgrounds. Registration \$15. Contact Matt Tinsley for information 270-704-1477.

##### SUNDAY, JULY 21

Cupcake Wars (ages 9-18) at Lions Club building at fairgrounds. Registration is at 2 p.m., contest starts at 2:30 p.m.

##### SATURDAY, JULY 27

Tractor Pull & Truck Pull sanctioned by USA PULLERS starts at 6 p.m., at fairgrounds. Local classes to follow. Contact Jared Belt at 270-871-4502. Gate Fee \$15 for 16-up, \$5 for 6-15 and 5-under is free.

- Also, there is an FFA-sponsored Pedal Tractor Pull with free registration starting at 5 p.m. Age divisions for 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m.

##### TUESDAY, JULY 30

Pageants at Fohs Hall begin at 6 p.m., with Local Miss Pre-Teen (8-12), Teen (13-15) and Miss Crittenden County

(16-21) open to Crittenden County residents. Also, there will be pageants for Miss Pre-Teen (8-12), Teen (13-15) and Miss Crittenden County (16-21) open to all counties in Kentucky. Gate Fee \$15 for 16-up, \$5 for 6-15 and 5-under is free.

##### TUESDAY, JULY 30

Entry for 4-H Exhibits, Open Garden Exhibits and Open Family Consumer Science Exhibits 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., at Lions Club Agriculture Building at fairgrounds.

##### WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

4-H Exhibits, Open Garden Exhibits and Open Family Consumer Science Exhibits viewing from 1 to 6 p.m., at Lions Club building at fairgrounds.

##### THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

4-H Exhibits, Open Garden Exhibits and Open Family Consumer Science Exhibits viewing from 11 a.m., to 3 p.m., at Lions Club building at fairgrounds. 4-H Poultry Show is at 5 p.m. At 6 p.m., there will be dummy roping for kids, \$1 per throw.

##### FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

4-H Lions Club Fair Breakfast at 7 a.m., at the Lions Club Agriculture Building, Fairgrounds. 4-H Sweepstakes Awards presentation, 4-H Open Exhibits, Open Garden Exhibits and Open Family Consumer Science Exhibits checkout directly following the fair breakfast until noon.

##### FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 2

Enduro Derby full contact racing, \$1,000 to win Modified, 100% payback Stock and 100% payback Youth Modified. Starts at 7 p.m. For more information call Joseph Mullins at 270-556-9178 or Kenny Hardesty Jr. at 270-704-2818. Gate Fee \$15 for 16-up, \$5 for 6-15 and 5-under is free.

##### SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Demolition Derby starts at 7 p.m., at fairgrounds. Contact Rodney Travis (270) 704-9514 for more information. There will also be a derby for Power Wheels and Lawn Mowers, and Golf Cart timed Barrel Racing. Gate Fee \$15 for 16-up, \$5 for 6-15 and 5-under is free.

BEAR

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able habitat," Zimmer said. "A young bear like this can travel 20-plus miles a day. Bears will explore weeks at a time before returning to an area with an established bear population."

Shawn Bright, CEO of Crittenden Community Hospital, didn't see the bear, but he did find some bear "sign." A big pile of droppings near his home provided strong evidence that the bear had been through the Crayne area. There were also sightings and trail camera photos of the critter in eastern Crittenden County last week. It was seen near the Cumberland River at Pinckneyville on Wednesday then north of there around Cedar Grove Friday.

Crittenden County Conservation Officer Randy Conway suggests that anyone encountering a bear leave it alone.

"It is protected wildlife," he said.

In other words, don't shoot it. Black bears are

typically not aggressive.

Kentucky has a December black bear season in about 50 counties in the eastern part of the state. In fact, a chase only bear season is currently open.

Bear sightings have become fairly common at this time of year in western Kentucky although this is not the typical range for the creatures.

Jordan Roberts, a Crittenden County outdoorsman, said he remembers people talking about seeing bears as a kid, but there are more occurrences these days.

"I think there is more than one," he said. "They've been spotted in the area occasionally since the mid 90s. I remember when I was in elementary school a school bus full of kids and the driver saw a momma and cubs where Fishtrap Road crosses Highway 654.

"I do think, however, that they are being seen more often now. I don't know if there are more bears, or just more trail cameras," he adds.





## Chamber After Hours looking for everyone

The public is invited to a Chamber After Hours event from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, July 18 at First United Bank. Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce sponsors regular after-hours events to allow for opportunities to fellowship and network.

“We hope you'll drop in, bring your friends and colleagues, and get to know some new folks! This is not a Chamber member-only event. All are welcome!” the group said in a promotional announcement about the event.

## Area students among those on UK Dean List

The University of Kentucky has published its Dean's List for the spring semester. Among those recognized are the area students listed below:

From Crittenden County were Natalie Boone, who is studying health sciences; Shelby Brown, who is studying finance; and Cortne Curnel, who is studying agriculture.

From Livingston County were Ashley Adams, studying kinesiology; Brenden Mitchell, studying pre-chemical engineering; Isabel Sanchez, studying communication sciences and disorders; Mattelyn Thompson, studying pre-public health; Morgan Barnes, studying agriculture economics; and Drake Huffine, studying chemical engineering.

From Caldwell County: MacKenzie Seibert, studying history; John Beshear, studying forestry; Kayden Darnell, studying mechanical engineering; Caroline Englebright, studying marketing; Mark Ortt, studying natural resources and environmental sciences; and Kynady Thomas, studying pre-biosystems engineering.



## Hodge's anniversary celebrated by national archery magazine

Hodge's Sports and Apparel was featured in the July edition of Inside Archery magazine.

As part of the magazine's Inside the Industry segment on retailing, it published a three-page spread with multiple photographs that profiled Hodge's, which is celebrating its 50th year in business.

Hodge's serves a wide range of customers, but archery is one of its specialties. With Crittenden County being a widely sought area for whitetail deer hunting, Hodge's has built a reputation and a clientele base that reaches far beyond this community.

Inside Archery magazine is a leading publication for the archery trade. Published since 1998, the magazine is in print and digital form and is published 10 times a year. It is headquartered in Georgia.

## Voter purge method challenged in KY court

KY TODAY (KT) – A federal lawsuit filed at U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky is challenging the method used by Kentucky to remove voters from the rolls, claiming it violates federal voter rights protections.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC), which filed the suit, names Secretary of State Michael Adams, the state's chief election officer, along with the members of the Kentucky Board of Elections, all of whom are charged in their official capacities. It alleges Kentucky elections laws, as changed by the General Assembly in 2021, violates the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993.

According to the lawsuit, “The NVRA was enacted to protect American citizens from discriminatory and unfair voter registration laws, with particular emphasis on those practices that negatively impact voter participation among minority groups, including racial minorities. To that end, the NVRA establishes, among other things, standards and procedures to ensure the accuracy of voter registration rolls, including safeguards to prevent the purging of eligible voters.”

Plaintiffs claim NVRA provides that a person's registration cannot be cancelled if a person is believed to have moved out of state, unless the person is first given written notice and an opportunity to respond,

KFTC says the Kentucky law circumvents that requirement and seeks to halt the removal process.

Adams, a Republican, says he is promising to defend Kentucky's bipartisan election integrity statute, signed into law by Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear, that prevents registered voters in other states from voting in Kentucky.

“Kentucky's elections are a national success story,” Adams said. “Three years ago, Kentucky enacted a bipartisan law to prevent voting in more than one state in a presidential election. Now that a presidential election is underway, a fringe left-wing activist group is trying to undo that law and sow chaos and doubt in our elections. We believe voters should vote in only one state, and we expect to prevail in court.”

No word yet on when the case will be heard.



Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Chief Scott Hurley presents Fireman Logan Nasser with his helmet.



Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Chief Scott Hurley presents Fireman Dustin Collins with his helmet.

## Firemen recognized

Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department has announced that Taylor Crabtree has been promoted to the position of safety officer and Logan Nasser and Dustin Collins have each been awarded a Traditional Helmet after completing basic firefighter training.

As an incentive program, Crittenden County's fire department provides a helmet to all firefighters who complete their 115 training hours required by Kentucky Fire Commission to earn a Basic 1 certification.

Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department is one of multiple agencies that serve this community in various capacities in addition to fire protection. Contact a fire department near to join as a volunteer.

## Young child dies in Princeton bike crash

A 15-month-old child has died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash Friday night in Princeton Friday.

According to reporting by WKDZ radio, Princeton Assistant Police Chief Shane Allison said that the accident occurred on Beverly Lane at approximately 6:45 pm. The driver, Joseph Traylor, 47, of Princeton was flown to a Nashville hospital with injuries. Reports say the motorcycle left the roadway and struck a telephone pole.

Both Traylor and the child were initially taken to Caldwell Medical Center, where the child was pronounced dead.

The crash remains in investigation and the child's name has not been released.



Fredonia Mayor Jim Seibert was honored following last week's Thunder in the Valley celebration.

## Mayor Seibert chosen Fredonia Citizen of Year

Fredonia Mayor Jim Seibert was presented with the second annual Fredonia Citizen of the Year Award last week at the end of the town's fireworks and community celebration, Thunder in the Valley.

Community organizer Presley Lamm says the award was presented to Seibert for the work he does in Fredonia that oftentimes goes overlooked from civic and social events to his work as mayor.

Seibert is a 12-year resident of Fredonia and has been mayor for seven years.

Last year's Citizen of the Year awards went to Boyd Bates and Pam Faughn.

## Arrest in Caldwell Co.

Caldwell County deputies Ashley Copeland and Mac Englebright were dispatched on July 4 to Otter Pond Road.

An investigation led to the arrest of Joshua Boaz, 30, of Princeton. He was charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place, second-degree assault (domestic violence, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury and endangering the welfare of a minor.

Boaz was lodged in the Caldwell County Jail.

## Biker event at Sturgis

The Kentucky Bike Rally at Sturgis is coming up July 18-21. Bikes, campers, trailers and more will increase traffic through Crittenden County as the event draws near.

## Livingston County Fair continues this week

Livingston County Fair, which began last week, will continue through this weekend.

Thursday is Family Night starting at 6 p.m., which includes an ice cream contest. On Friday the Enduro Derby begins at 7 p.m.

Saturday has a full slate of activities at the fairgrounds in Smithland starting with a Livestock Show at 8 a.m., Car Show at 9 a.m., and a Horse Show at 7 p.m.

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## Bids for new courthouse will be opened in August, construction in October

STAFF REPORT  
Crittenden County Project Development Board will be opening sealed bids in about a month for construction of a new judicial center to replace the now empty courthouse.

Established in 2020, the project development board is responsible for overseeing construction of the new facility. The board is made up mostly of local officials and citizens and others representing state agencies.

Plans for tearing down the existing courthouse and replacing it with a modern building actually began more than decade ago.

About six years ago, it was proposed with funding of \$12 million, but new projections show it being almost double that price to complete under current inflated material and labor costs.

Construction is slated to begin in October 2024, according to a notice submitted to this newspaper for publication in the legal advertising section on page 7.

General contractors are invited to submit a lump sum bid for the general construction of the project.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m., July 23 at Crittenden County Office Complex.



## 50 YEARS AGO

**July 11, 1974**  
■ Rotary club officers for the 1974-75 fiscal year were named with Everett Jones serving as president, Morris Caudill as secretary-treasurer, and Wes Creager as vice-president. The board of directors for the 20-member club will consist of Jim Fred Mills, Harold Person, Dexter Marsh and Mel Chambers.

■ Officers of the Crittenden County FFA chapter attended a Leadership Training Center at Hardinsburg. They were Billy McMican, assistant treasurer; Charles Knight, secretary; Baron Guess, assistant vice-president; Barry Workman, reporter; Steve Ford, president; Brad Hines, sentinel; and William Todd, adviser.

■ Batting for the PeeWee League Blue Team was Chris Ordway, son of Mr. And Mrs. Ronnie Ordway of Marion. After four tries at the pole, Ordway finally connected with a hit which sent him to first base for his substitute team. As youngest boy in the PeeWee League, Chris gets to play for the red team and fills in on the blue team when they need him.

## 25 YEARS AGO

**July 8, 1999**  
■ Crittenden County's Habitat for Humanity Chapter kicked off its Hammering for Habitat fundraising campaign at the court square. The group erected a sign that included a gauge to chart the amount of money donated to the effort. The money would be used to build the chapter's first home in Crittenden County. Habitat workers during the kickoff celebration were Karen Heady, Roy Hicks, Diane Hale, Buddy Hix and Mithila Bharnae.

■ Greg Rushing of the Crittenden County Emergency Management Agency displayed a family disaster kit recommended for any emergency such as a flood, earthquake or chemical spill. Citizens were encouraged to contact the agency for disaster plans and Y2K preparedness.

■ The Astros won the Major League championship during the Crittenden County Dugout Club Major League regular season and playoff titles in the 11-12 age division. Team members were Josh Franklin, Josh Riley, Kirk Stone, Tyler Travis, Sean Winn, Kyle Jones, Jacob May, Dustin Lanham and Brandon Tinley. Coaches were Denny Thomas, Dustin Easley, Curtis Franklin and Jimmy Tinsley.

## 10 YEARS AGO

**July 10, 2014**  
■ H.M. “Roni” Abridge of Marion fondly recalled his days in elected office in Crittenden County. Abridge, 80, was elected sheriff, judge-executive and jailer during his years in politics.

■ Students attended a Kentucky Youth Seminar in Lexington on UK's campus. The seminar was held to introduce high school students to how America does business. Attending were Makenzie Market, Extension Service intern; Anna Schnittker, returning junior leader; and Sydney Hunt, Chloe McKinzie, Sean Watson and Meredith Hall, Extension Agent for Agriculture and National Resources.

■ Devin Belt, 18, was the third Crittenden County High School class of 2014 member to sign a letter of intent to play collegiate baseball. He followed teammates Brenden Phillips and Travis Gilbert. Belt inked with Southeast Illinois Junior College, following the footsteps of his skipper, Denis Hodge.

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



A christian nation

The news of Jesus is too big and good not to tell

It is one thing to declare that I am a loving person. It is quite another for one person to say to another, outside of my hearing, that I am a loving person. There is always a gap between who we think we are and who others think (or know) that we are. It is not uncommon for a group of people (church, civic organization, a town, or a business) to make claims that the rest of the world simply cannot see.



Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist  
  
Guest Columnist

This includes the one who has decided to make the statement. If I have decided that I am a loving person and make that declaration for all the world to see and hear, I have then become the standard (at least in my own eyes). This may look odd when an individual does this, but when a large group of people do it, it can become dangerous. When “Christians” begin to equate themselves

with the standard and then attach flags and political doctrines, the end result is a toxic brew of Christian nationalism. This always ends in blood if it is not checked. If the Christianity one practices comes with a flag, a certain political party, and violates the command to “love one’s neighbor as oneself,” it is not the Christianity of the Bible. It is much better for Christians to be Christian—let the standard stay with Christ.

The early Christian apologists did not first argue doctrine (they did some of that). They pointed out how their beliefs caused them to behave. Here is an example from the apology of Athenagoras (2nd century), “What, then, are those teachings in which we are brought up? I say unto you, Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be the sons of your Father who is in heaven, who causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. . . . among us you will find uneducated persons, and artisans, and old women, who, if they are

unable in words to prove the benefit of our doctrine, yet by their deeds exhibit the benefit arising from their persuasion of its truth: they do not rehearse speeches, but exhibit good works; when struck, they do not strike again; when robbed, they do not go to law; they give to those that ask of them, and love their neighbors as themselves.” One of the most poignant rebuttals to Christian missionaries in our nation’s history was delivered in 1805 by Chief Red Jacket of the Seneca Nation. A missionary society sent a representative to ask permission to preach among the Iroquois. At the end, Chief Red Jacket said,

“Brother, we are told that you have been preaching to the white people in this place. These people are our neighbors; we are acquainted with them; we will wait a little while and see what effect your preaching has upon them. If we find it does them good, makes them honest and less disposed to cheat Indians, we will then consider again what you have said. As we are going to part, we will come and take you by the hand, and hope the Great Spirit will protect you on your journey, and return you safe to your friends.”

At the conclusion of his response, the representative refused to shake the chief’s hand. This is a powerful demonstration of the difference between declaring to be a Christian nation and being a nation of Christians.

Sourced from “History Matters” George Mason University <https://www.historymatters.gmu.edu/>  
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Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

and make disciples” (Mt. 28:19). Jesus’s command is not negotiable. He was not giving them a suggestion. As Christians we can “himehaw” around about getting the Good News of the gospel to others. He has no Plan B. No amount of negotiating with Jesus will excuse us from His commission to share the good news. As we share, we can trust that we’re not doing it alone. Jesus goes with us. He said, “Surely I am with

you always, to the very end of the age” (Mt. 28:20). He gives us His authority and power as we share. He gives us His presence through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in each believers’ life. Make a list of people in your life who you know to be unbelievers. Pray for each person to come to faith in Christ. Ask God to help you see doors of opportunity to share Jesus with them. Send your questions to: [bob@bobhardison.com](mailto:bob@bobhardison.com)

Religious Outreach

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

- area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
  - First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 4-5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
  - The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
  - Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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Pastor: Tim Burdon  
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.  
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Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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# Businesses thrived in early 1900s

In the early 1900s Marion was a busy town with all kinds of businesses to provide a growing town with all its needs. Most all of the buildings mentioned in this article were destroyed in the 1905 fire that affected all of Marion's main and side street businesses. The names of many of the businessmen have also disappeared from our community.

All sorts of merchandise and public services were available in the town of Marion around the early 1900s.

Businesses with general merchandise were Pierce-Yandell-Gugenheim Co., J. H. Clifton and Sons;

Grocers were M. Schwab, Herman Koltinsky, M. Copher (grocery and restaurant), A. M. Hearin, J. M. McChesney, James Paris and Ed Haynes, McAfee and Hill and A. M. Gilbert.

Robert F. Dorr was an undertaker, C. E. Doss ran a saloon, Duvall and Hurley had a transport and coal business. Robert F. Haynes and John H. Orme were each in the drug business, M. E. Fohs, the father of Julius Fohs, was a tailor. There were two butchers, John W. Givens and Thomas White.

The two livery stables were run by Dudley Wallingford and Pierce & Son. There were around 80 horses in the two stables and a number of buggies and hacks. Drummers and other traveling men would rent the vehicles for as long as a week at a time, taking along a driver from the stable, as they made their rounds of the county.

The two hardware establishments were owned by Thomas H. Cochran, Andrew J. Baker and Pierce and Son.

"Uncle" Doc Gilbert was a harness maker; saddles were made on order, and horse collars, harness and bridles were made regularly.

The Hotels were Cook's Hotel, owned and operated by Henry M. Cook (located in the location of Roy and Tim's barber shop on Main St.); the Gill House; and Mrs. Clement's Hotel.

Fred Robertson had a distillery. "Old White Hickory" brand whiskey was made there and was sold by the jug and at wholesale. A flour mill was also located on this same area, and this mill was run by Dewey and Orme. There was a spring just beyond the present garage that furnished an abundance of water to run the still and the mill (in the former Conrad's parking lot).

Out on the east of Marion near the railroad tracks was The Marion Milling Company run by John R. Clark & David B. Kevil. The Marion Milling Company was one of the largest milling establishments in western Kentucky and these mills were among the best equipped in the state.

There were two banks located in Marion on opposite sides of the street. John W. Blue was president of the Marion Bank; Thomas J. Yandell was cashier. Wm. Fowler was president of Farmers Bank with E. J. Hayward, cashier.

James G. Gilbert had



The Marion Milling Company was located where Marion Feed Mill is today. It was one of the largest milling establishments in western Kentucky. The ladies preferred its "Elk" brand flour.



Wallingford's stable was located where Wheeler's parking lot is today on E. Bellville St. Its advertisement said it had new rigs and careful drivers. It boasted to "hacks that meet all trains; free to customers who make country drives with us." Traveling salesmen that came to Marion would hire these hacks and driver to take them all over the county to sell their goods to grocery stores and families.

a first class blacksmith shop, as did Sandy Adams. "Come see them for anything in the machinery line or blacksmith work, they can suit you with what you need," was their slogan. A number of blacksmiths worked there for both Adams and Gilbert. The most prominent of these was Joe Hopson, who was strong enough to put his shoulder between the legs of an average horse and lift it off the ground. He was the father of Sig Hopson.

There were two barber shops in Marion, one operated by William Morgan and William Woolridge and the other by Samp Bigham.

M. D. Boyd, colored, had a grocery store on the ground now occupied by the Woman's Club. Henry George, colored, was also in the grocery business. John B. Grissom was in the produce business.

The Crittenden Press was the only paper published in the county, and its editor and publisher was Robert C. Walker.

Joe Stewart and Mr. Kingston were the photographers, and there are many examples of their work in the county today.

There were two tin shops. Sam Ramage and Marion Clark both had shops and did splendid work. From their places of business you would hear the squeak of shears cutting sheet metal, the tap of a hammer, and the muffled thump of a mallet as they made cups, kettles, other kitchen items as well as tools and smaller items for the farm.

Henry and Henry, builders of monuments,

is the only business that has continued in the same family, now in the third generation.

Mrs. Nina Howerton was a milliner. In her shop you would find her busy in the process of designing, making and selling her finery, all in the latest fashions.

Miss Nelle Walker, who had previously taken a business course in New York City, was working in the law office of Nunn, Cruce and Blue, the first woman to work in a public office in Crittenden County and she had brought with her from New York the first typewriter to be used in Marion. The first typewriter was the kind with invisible type. To see an error you had to lift the carriage.

Bigham & Browning were in the hardware business, Levi Cook the jewelry business, and Bob Cook was laundry agent.

John F. Floyd was the City Police Chief. Dr. J. B. Morris, Dr. O. S. Young and Dr. Cossitt were the dentists.

Moore and Paris Lumber Company was owned by R. L. Moore and O. H. Paris, with James T. Hickman as district manager. Robert L. Moore, the president, was well-known in the vicinity and a great businessman. Obadiah H. Paris, the secretary-treasurer and manager, has had 15 years experience in the business. (In a few years, 1904, J. N. Boston would purchase this company and it would be merged with the Boston Lumber and Planing Mill.)

John L. Nunn and Ollie Tucker ran the leading and only exclusive furniture store in Crittenden County, their inventory included parlor suites, bedroom suites, dining accessories, hall chairs, hat racks, sofas, divans, tete-a-tetes, chiffoniers, and much more. They

also were the funeral directors located in the same building. Their ad read: "We are prepared to bury your loved ones when such a misfortune befalls you and our charges are reasonable. Also have funeral car and fine hearse."

Tobacco was one of the farmer's principle money crops and there were two large tobacco factories, one run by Mr. Dupuy and the other by Cardin Bros. During the tobacco season it was not uncommon to see 100 wagon-loads of tobacco around these factories and in the various streets waiting to get their turn at unloading.

George M. Crider, Cam Wallace and Walter Clements were in the insurance business.

C. C. Taylor was news agent, soda fountain jerk, and also sold and repaired bicycles.

The Kentucky Fluorspar Company, operating the Memphis and Hodge mines, was the largest shipper of fluorspar. The pure white spar was very much in demand for the glass industry. Harry A. Haynes was secretary and treasurer of this business.

Charles J. Haury had an elegant bowling alley located above the Cook Hotel. The alley was open for both ladies and gentleman. Of course perfect order would prevail at all times. The alley could be engaged by the hour by a party of ladies and gentlemen and no others would be admitted. No minors were allowed in the building.

Saturdays and Mondays were the big days for the merchants, and County Court Day, the second Monday in each month, was the day that everybody came to town and brought their horses and mules and most of their dogs. In those days horse trading was a profession and County Court Day brought all the horse jockeys in Crittenden and several adjoining counties. Whiskey flowed freely at that time and the jail was generally full of drunks before sundown.

It's nice to know that someone took the time to record some of these past times in our history so we can read about them today, 124 years later.

(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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A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for **July 23 at 2 p.m. Central time** to be held at the Crittenden County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, KY 42064.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Potter, Martinez all area

Two Crittenden County athletes have been chosen to the Area 1 Track and Field Team. Discus thrower Karsyn Potter and distance runner Mary Martinez were among western Kentucky athletes recognized by selections to the all-star squad. Potter is the school record holder in discus and was named All Area First Team for all classes and All Region. She was Class A regional champion in discus and sixth in the state meet. Potter has turned in the longest 16 discus throws in CCHS history. She graduated this year. Martinez participated as a junior this past spring, earning Second Team All Region honors in both 1600 and 3200 meters. She was third at the First Region Class A meet in 3200 meters and finished 13th at the state meet. In the 1600, she was fourth at the regional meet and finished 19th in the state in meet.

RUNNING

McKenney 5K at park

The third annual Marty McKenney Memorial 5K and Walk will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, July 16 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Proceeds from the race benefit the McKenney Scholarship for Crittenden County track and field athletes. Cost is a minimum donation of \$25 to receive a race shirt. Contact Lee Ann Keller at 270-969-0333 for more information.

BASKETBALL

Bryant is new MS coach

Crittenden County Middle School science teacher Neal Bryant has been hired as the head boys' middle school basketball coach. Bryant is a former Rocket basketball player himself.

McGahan Memorial hoops

The Troy McGahan Memorial Basketball Tournament will be held Saturday, July 13 at Rocket Arena. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1 p.m. Admission is a donation and all proceeds will be used to support the family of McGahan, a local radio personality who recently passed away from cancer. Team participation cost is \$21. All donations can be made via check, cash, CashApp or Venmo. For information or to register, call Dylan Yates at 270-704-3092 or Ali Berry at 270-519-9980.

FOOTBALL

Middle school practice starting on Thursday

Crittenden County Middle School pre-season football practice will begin at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday. Practices will be each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday on campus. Contact coach Ethan Dossett at (270) 969-8166 for more information.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

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Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Teal	Sept. 21 - Sept. 29
Wood Duck	Sept. 21 - Sept. 25
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Turkey Crossbow	Oct. 1-20
Deer Youth	Oct. 12-13
Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 19-20
Turkey Shotgun	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1
Woodcock	Oct. 26 - Nov. 8
Deer Rifle	Nov. 9 - Nov. 24
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 9 - Dec. 31
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Woodcock	Nov. 11 - Dec. 11
Bobcat	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Squirrel Fall	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Dove	Nov. 28 - Dec. 8
Duck	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1

Marion Stingrays swim very competitively at Audubon Championship

Marion Stingray swim team saw action at the Audubon Championship meet July 2 facing off against Owensboro Healthpark, Owensboro Country Club and the Henderson YMCA.

Marion's Cash Chappell took overall first place in the 14-under boys division and the team placed third.

Marion relay top finishes included the 14-under girls relay team of Grier Crider, Nora Hollis, Abigail James and Caroline James, winning the medley and freestyle relays. The relay team of Chappell, Beckett Hunt, Jacob Townsend and Jhett Wright won first place in the 14-under boys' freestyle relay. The 10-under boys' relay team of Rhodes Crider, Russell Vince, Reed Wall and Jack Wright placed second in the medley relay and freestyle relay.

Following are Marion's individuals who finished among the top six in each division:

**Freestyle**  
25M 8-under girls 3rd place Jentry Wright; 25M 10-under boys 2nd place Rhodes Crider; 50M 12-under boys 6th place Townsend; 50M 14-under girls 2nd place Grier Crider, 3rd place Hollis, 5th

place Abigail James; 50M 14-under boys 1st place Chappell.

**Backstroke**  
50M 12-under boys 5th place Townsend, 6th place Jhett Wright.

**100 M Individual Medley**  
14-under girls 1st place Grier Crider, 3rd place Hollis; 14-under boys 1st place Chappell.

**Breaststroke**  
25M 8-under girls 5th place Jentry Wright; 25M 8-under boys 3rd place Beckett Hunt; 25M 10-under boys 2nd place Rhodes Crider, 4th place Jack Wright, 6th place Wall; 50M 12-under girls 5th place Caroline James; 50M 12-under boys 3rd place Townsend, 5th place Jhett Wright; 50M 14-under girls 2nd place Grier Crider, 4th place Abigail James; 50M 14-under boys 1st place Chappell.

**Butterfly**  
25M 80-under boys 4th place Beckett Hunt; 25M 10-under boys 4th place Vince, 5th place Jack Wright; 50M 14-under girls 1st place Hollis.



Marion's Jhett Wright swims the in the 50-meter backstroke event at last week's meet.

Ohio receiver commits to UK in Puerto Rico

Even before he made his visit to Kentucky, Ohio receiver Preston Bowman felt confident he was going to commit to the Wildcats.

"This visit was top notch. Me and my family felt at home. Even my little cousins liked it," said Bowman. "They made me feel like a priority and that they really wanted me. I was thinking this was the place for me. I loved it every time I visited. It never got old."

However, he didn't commit on his visit. Instead, he waited and did it while on a vacation with 20 family members in Puerto Rico.

"Since we were all together, I wanted to celebrate with all of them. My sister was not on my visit but was in Puerto Rico and I wanted her to be there when I committed," the 6-0, 200-pound Bowman said. "It was great getting to all celebrate together and made for a very memorable experience."

The 6-0, 195-pound Pickerington (Ohio) North High School receiver had been on Kentucky's radar for almost two years. He already had an offer from national champion Michigan when he committed and got one from Ohio State less than 24 hours after picking UK.

"I committed and then Ohio State offered while I was in Puerto Rico," Bowman said. "(Ohio State) Coach (Ryan) Day texted me at 6 the next morning and said he would call at 9. I woke up and he called and offered. I am not sure why he did that. I had been to Ohio State seven or eight times and had shown them a lot. At camp, they were impressed. Then I went to Michigan and then Kentucky and really balled out."

Ohio State has produced four first-round receivers in the last three NFL drafts in Garrett Wilson, Chris Olave, Jaxon Smith-Njigba and Marvin Harrison Jr. However, Bowman stressed he was "locked in 100 percent" for Kentucky and the Cats definitely felt the same way after his summer camp performance.

"They really liked the way I carried myself. I would go 100 percent each rep. That's the way I was taught to go hard all the time," Bowman said.

He ran a 4.5-second 40-yard dash at Ohio State's camp on June 5 and earned camp MVP honors at Michigan on June 10. He was at UK's camp on June 12.

He said UK receivers coach Daikiel Shorts told him there was a "big difference" between his junior season film and what he did at UK's camp.

"My ball skills were better. My routes were on point," the Ohio receiver said. "My goal was to give them no choice but to be impressed at camp and they were."

The three-star receiver had 5 a.m. off-season workouts with his team three days per week but also worked out on his own two more days a week catching balls at 5 a.m.

"I tried to make myself better every day. I don't take days off. I am always going to be doing something to get better," Bowman, who even caught passes from his cousin while on vacation in Puerto Rico, said.

Bowman likes to think he does "everything to the best of my ability" and won't limit himself to one thing he does best.

He had 43 catches for 713 yards and nine touchdowns in 2023.

"I am a good route runner. I can take screens to the house," Bowman said. "I can block. Most people do not look at blocking as something they feel is crucial for a receiver when you get your block it helps the team and you will get the ball more. I do stuff to help the team. To me, blocking is fun. Pancaking somebody is a lot of fun."

"Some take it lightly but blocking makes me go harder and I love to mess up a defender every play."

Bowman has several future Division I players as high school teammates and understands why there will be games where he does not catch a lot of balls.

"I am perfectly fine with that," he said. Brown ran track as a freshman and sophomore but didn't run this spring to spend more time training to become faster and a better receiver.

"My goal is to never let anyone catch me and I believe with my size I can still do that," he said.

Guard Rob Dillingham has yet to play his first NBA game but he already has one former NBA star sold on what he can add for the Minnesota Timberwolves next season.

Golden State forward Draymond Green has won championships with the Warriors thanks in large part to the play of dynamic scoring guard Stephen Curry.

Green believes Minnesota "won the draft" by trading for Dillingham after he was picked No. 8 by San Antonio.

"The reason the Minnesota Timberwolves won the draft is because they drafted their point guard of the future in Rob Dillingham, who I think is a very special player," Green said on his podcast, The Draymond Green Show, about the former Kentucky guard.

Green says despite Dillingham's creativity and scoring ability that some teams were afraid to draft him.

"Some of those teams at the top of the draft were afraid because he got swag and he got game and they don't know if his game is going to fit into their systems that don't work and get them fired when you can just get a really good player who can score the basketball -- Steph Curry -- and figure out how the system works for him and then all of a sudden the franchise is in territory it's never been in before," Green said.

"At times, we run into these guards with swag that -- they just don't fit in the system and so teams run away from them. There's going to be some teams that are going to regret passing on Rob Dillingham."

Dillingham will likely play behind Minnesota veteran point guard Mike Conley and with all-star Anthony Edwards, one of the NBA's best young stars who helped Minnesota reach the Western Conference Finals last season.

Dillingham averaged 15.2 points, 2.9 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 1.0 steals while shooting 47.5 percent overall and 44.4 percent from 3 last season despite not being a starter for UK.

The former UK star believes more open floor space in the NBA will only elevate his play.

"I feel like I'm quick so I can get past dudes. It's really the fact of me getting past dudes and making decisions. You're playing with a bunch of NBA players, so players can't really help off super a lot because these are NBA players and they knock down shots," Dilling-

ham said. "I feel like, for me, getting past my defender and making plays for my teammates will be way easier, and then if they don't help, then it's just a bucket."

Aaron Harrison spent part of three seasons in the NBA after turning pro following his sophomore season at UK when the Cats went 38-1. He played in the G League and overseas following his NBA time and last season played for FC Porto in Portugal and helped his team win the Portuguese Basketball Cup.

He's back in Lexington now to play for La Familia, UK's alumni team, in The Basketball Tournament at Rupp Arena. La Familia will play 305 Ballers July 19 at 8 p.m. in Rupp Arena on FS2. If La Familia advances to the second round, it will face the winner of WoCo Showtime (Wofford Alumni) and The Nawf July 21 at 2 p.m. on FOX. The Lexington Regional championship game is July 23 at 9 p.m. on FS1.

Harrison said there's no way to explain all the memories he has from his two years at UK when the Cats made the 2014 national title game and 2015 when UK was 38-0 when it lost to Wisconsin in the Final Four.

"Obviously hitting game-winners in the Final Four and in the tournament," Harrison said about his best UK memories. "That's probably the one that stands out the most to the public, but just everything at school, just how much love we got, how much support we got from everybody. Just things like that."

Harrison said he has some contact with former teammates but it is not easy because they are "super busy" with careers. He has stayed in touch with Alex Poythress, who also played in Europe.

"I played with Alex a couple years ago. Obviously my brother (Andrew). I mean, that's pretty much it. I would say those are the people I talk to the most other than here and there on Instagram saying happy birthday, how's the family, things like that," Aaron Harrison said.

Aaron and his brother, Andrew, who will also be playing with La Familia, were both recruited by coach John Calipari and returned to UK a second season rather than turning pro to spend a second season with him.

"I love coach Cal obviously, and I don't think anyone can replace him," Aaron Harrison said. "But I'm excited to see what coach (Mark) Pope can do, and I'm definitely going to cheer him on. Seems like a great guy. I'm excited to meet him."

Quote of the Week: "If we talk about anything less than a national championship, we're not living up to the Kentucky standard. Every day, making sure we add a ninth banner to the practice gym, that's the goal. It's early in the process and we need to continue to get better at the habits we need to continue getting better at, but definitely the ultimate goal is to win a national championship," UK assistant coach Alvin Brooks III on Matt Mosley's podcast Obscured View on Fox Sports.

Quote of the Week 2: "I do not want to be known just as a basketball player. I think it is important to get out in the community, interact with the fans and have good relationships with your teammates. Looking back in 20 years, (I want people to see me) as a winner, competitor and a good person," NBA No. 3 pick Reed Sheppard on his future reputation.



# Crittenden Adult Education offering course for cybersecurity certification

Crittenden County's Adult Education program is offering assistance for individuals participating in a new program at Murray State University's Cyber Education and Research Center. The nine-month, 12-credit hour program aims to increase cybersecurity employment by offering certificates to individuals wishing to pursue a certificate as a Cybersecurity Analyst.

Crittenden County Adult Education teacher Cindy Jenkins said local students can get curriculum support, career coaching and study assistance as a result of the partnership between Murray State and the West Kentucky Educational Cooperative.

According to information on the Murray State University website, the program is free to eligible participants and covers a wide range of topics, from network configuration and vulnerability assessment to traffic analysis. With a focus on practical, real-world scenarios, students will learn to identify and mitigate cyber threats, safeguarding organizations from potential breaches and data loss. All curriculum is aligned with industry certifications, allowing students to finish with multiple industry credentials. During the course of the program, students will obtain their CompTIA A+, Network+ and Security+ industry credentials.

This certificate program is funded by a \$1.5 million three-year grant from the Employment and Training Administration within the Department of Labor through the Delta Regional Authority. Eligible students that take part in the grant will have free tuition for the 12 credit hours of coursework, a paid internship, a laptop, career coaching, job placement support and real-world experience. The classes can be taken either online or in-person to support students' complex schedules better.

"We are very excited to have our first cohort of students begin at the start of the fall semester in August," said Cheryl Calvert, the outreach coordinator for the Cybersecurity Analyst Certificate program. "This is a great opportunity for students who want to get involved in cybersecurity, but do not have the time and resources to invest in a bachelor's degree, to work in the field and fill the gap in employment that is currently taking place throughout the Delta Authority Region."


Individuals interested in the Cybersecurity Analyst Certificate program and grant can reach Calvert directly at [ccalvert2@murraystate.edu](mailto:ccalvert2@murraystate.edu).

Jenkins said anyone interested in learning more about the assistance provided by the Crittenden County Adult Education Center should call her at (270) 965-9435.

## MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of June 2024 to the same month in 2023. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year's monthly average.

CATEGORY	JUNE 2024	May 2024	JUNE 2023	2023 YR TOTALS	2023 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	2,930	1,504	2,821	24,766	2,063.8
Criminal investigations	11	18	13	133	11.1
Domestics	8	10	9	82	6.8
Felony Arrests	7	5	1	55	4.6
Misdemeanor arrests	5	6	11	93	7.8
Non-criminal arrests	4	10	7	99	8.3
DUI arrests	0	1	0	9	0.8
Criminal summons served	6	1	3	46	3.8
Traffic citations	4	37	24	189	15.8
Other citations	2	29	23	307	25.6
Traffic warnings	9	2	8	48	4.0
Parking tickets	0	0	1	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	9	3	5	63	5.3
Security checks/alarms	55	55	66	741	61.8
Calls for service	250	236	228	2,463	205.3



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# Hit-and-run crash at Thunder under investigation

STAFF REPORT

Caldwell County Sheriff's Department is investigating a three-vehicle, hit-and-run collision in Fredonia that occurred around 9:31 p.m., on July 3 during Thunder in the Valley. The crash happened at the intersection of US 641 (Cassidy Avenue) and Dycus Street.

According to witnesses, a maroon extended cab pick-up truck, possibly a GMC, driven from Dycus Street by a middle-aged white male with a passenger, struck a van driven by Isabella Shafer, 21, of Eddyville as she was traveling southbound on US 641.

This collision caused Shafer's van to collide with a pickup driven by Stanley Puryear, 59, of Eddyville, who was traveling northbound on US 641. The driver of the maroon pick-up left the scene.

The investigation is ongoing and being conducted by Chief Deputy Stacey Blackburn.

If anyone has information pertaining to this crash, contact the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department 270-365-2088 or any other police agency.

Deputies were called to another accident on KY 91 between Fredonia and Princeton a short time later. According to sheriff's department reports, at 10:16 p.m., a three-vehicle injury collision occurred at the intersection of KY 91 (Marion Road) and Red Bud Trail.

Jason D. Bruce, 44, of Madisonville, traveling with his four-year-old son, backed from Red Bud Trail onto KY 91 after having issues with a trailer he was pulling, which was loaded with another vehicle.

Lester Watson, 84, of Princeton was traveling northbound and struck the trailer in his lane.


JoAnn Dalton, 86, of Princeton was a passenger in this vehicle. She was taken by AmeriPro EMS to Caldwell Medical Center ER for treatment.

Logan Brown, 17, of Princeton was traveling southbound on KY 91 at the same time and struck the trailer in his path.

Sarah Scott, 16, of Princeton was a passenger in his vehicle.

All parties were wearing restraints at the time of the collisions. Bruce's trailer was not properly illuminated, the police report said.

The crash was investigated by Chief Deputy Blackburn and assisted by Caldwell Fire/Rescue, Emergency Management, Wallace Towing and Trice Hughes Wrecker Service.



Local historian Brenda Underdown presented the history of Marion during a patriotic-themed program last week at Crittenden County Public Library. Underdown also discussed how Marion got its name and used the official flag of Marion during her presentation. Friends of the library member Carol Harrison (pictured above) with help from Ally Williams demonstrates the proper way to fold the flag. Another Friend of the Library, Jenny Zimmer, brought patriotic bracelets for the kids and led them in making a red, white, and blue chain necklace, one of which is displayed at left by Kate Kerley.

# CLUB

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was a time when there was a waiting list to be a member at this club."

Another local high school coach, Rylan Thomas, has also been hired as Belt's assistant superintendent.


Belt said plans are to create new interest at the facility with special events on the course and at the pool and restaurant.

Improving the pro shop is also a pri-

mary focus, Belt said. Plans are to eventually provide a full line of golf merchandise and services, such as regripping clubs.

Improving communication with members and the community will be among his first missions, Belt said.

"We're looking at having a regular emailed newsletter to keep everyone informed about what's going on," he said, including information about leagues, tournaments and other events at the facility.




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# MW Land Team raises more than \$18K with regional land conference

The MW Land Team with Whitetail Properties Real Estate hosted its first Southern Illinois/Western Kentucky Land Conference the last week of June at Commonwealth Event Center in Paducah. The event brought together land enthusiasts and industry experts, highlighting the latest trends and technologies in land management and conservation. The title sponsor was Rural First, which specializes in rural lending.

The conference's highlights were live and silent auctions, which successfully raised \$18,315 for two local charities. Cassidy's Cause and the Jake Hodge Memorial Foundation each received a donation of \$9,157.

"We've never seen an event like this in our area and knew people who are as passionate about land as we are would enjoy it," said Mark Williams, a land specialist with the MW Land Team. "We loved

the idea of sharing our passion for land while raising money for local charities that inspire us.”

Angie Jackson, co-founder of Cassidy Cause, expressed her gratitude for the proceeds.

“It was a wonderful evening. They raised a lot of money, and we feel truly blessed to have been chosen as a charity to benefit from their efforts,” she said.

The event featured notable speakers, including Matt Dye, a wildlife consultant, and Dr. William Snell, an economist from the University of Kentucky. Attendees had the opportunity to see demonstrations of agricultural drones from Superior Whitetail Habitats, showcasing industry-leading technology.

Guests at the conference were educated on land market trends and habitat improvement strategies, gaining valuable insights from the experts.

The MW Land Team extends its heartfelt thanks to all attendees, sponsors, and volunteers who made the inaugural Southern Illinois/Western Kentucky Land Conference a resounding success.

MW Land Team with Whitetail Properties Real Estate is made up of land specialists who help unite buyers and sellers across southern Illinois and western Kentucky. Their expertise helps in connecting clients with premium land properties, offering expertise in land management and investment opportunities.

Cassidy's Cause provides therapeutic riding sessions for individuals with disabilities, aiming to improve their quality of life through equine therapy.

Jake Hodge Memorial Foundation supports various community initiatives and scholarships in memory of Jake Hodge, fostering positive change and opportunities.

# Kentucky Farm Report: Almost half corn silking

Area farmers continue to experience normal to above-normal rainfall and slightly higher than normal temperatures for their crops.


Farming activities over the past week included replanting soybeans, harvesting wheat, cutting hay, and monitoring crops. Taking advantage of the dry weather, farm-

ers were able to wrap up the final planting of soybeans, according to the National Agriculture Statistics Service.

So far, 46% of corn is reported to be silking, which is considerably ahead of this time last year. The same is true for corn milking, coming in at 12%, ahead of the 9% reported last year.

Soybean acres are now estimated to be 100% planted, with 90% emerged. 27% of soybeans are reported to be blooming, well ahead of the 5-year average. The average height of emerged soybeans was 18 inches.

Wheat harvest is coming to a close, with 97% of the crop harvested.




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# 2024 Crittenden County LION'S CLUB



# FAIR

**Saturday, July 20**  
**9 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
 \$15 registration fee  
 @ the Fairgrounds  
 Contact Matt Tinsley (270) 704-1477  
 Registration 9 a.m.-noon  
 Awards 3 p.m.

**Sunday, July 21**  
**2 p.m.**  
 Cupcake Wars (ages 9-18)  
 Registration 2 p.m.  
 Contest 2:30 p.m. @ the Lions Club Building

**Saturday, July 27**  
**5 p.m.**  
 FFA sponsored Pedal Tractor Pull, FREE for ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**6 p.m.** Tractor Pull & Truck Pull  
 sanctioned by USA PULLERS - Local Classes to Follow  
 Contact Jared Belt (270) 871-4502  
 Gate Fee \$15 (16 and up) • \$5 (6 to 15) • FREE (under 5)

**Tuesday, July 30**  
**6 p.m.**  
 Local Miss Pre-Teen (8-12) and Teen (13-15) Miss Crittenden County (16-21)  
 (Open to Crittenden County residents)  
 @ Fohs Hall  
 Contact Natalie Parish (270) 871-1383  
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**Friday, Aug. 2**  
**7 p.m.**  
 Enduro Derby  
 Full contact racing, \$1000.00 to win "Modified", 100% payback  
 "Stock", 100% payback Youth Modified  
 Call Joseph Mullins @ 270-556-9178 or Kenny Hardesty, JR.  
 270-704-2818 for more information.  
 Gate fee \$15 (16 and up) • \$5 (6-15) • FREE (under 5)

**Saturday, Aug. 3**  
**7 p.m.**  
 Demolition Derby  
 Power Wheels, Lawn Mowers, Golf Cart Timed Barrel Racing  
 Contact Rodney Travis (270) 704-9514  
 Gate fee \$15 (16 and up) • \$5 (6-15) • FREE (under 5)

















**4-H Exhibits @ Lions Club Building**

**Tuesday, July 30**  
**11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
 Entry for 4-H Exhibits  
 Open Garden Exhibits and Open Family  
 Consumer Science Exhibits

**Wednesday, July 31**  
**1-6 p.m.**  
 4-H Exhibits, Open Garden Exhibits  
 and Open Family Consumer Science  
 Exhibits viewing

**Thursday, Aug. 1**  
**11 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
 4-H Exhibits, Open Garden Exhibits and Open  
 Family Consumer Science Exhibits viewing  
**5 p.m.** 4-H Poultry Show  
**6 p.m.** Dummy Roping (\$1 Throw)

**Friday, Aug. 2**  
**7 a.m. • Fair Breakfast**  
 Contact 270-965-5236  
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