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Truck | Tractor Pulling

Crittenden County Lions Club Fair will present its annual truck and tractor pull Saturday night at the fairgrounds. The event is starting earlier than normal at 6 p.m. Cost for 16-up is \$15. More fair events are coming up next week starting with the pageants on Tuesday night. See our special 28-page special fair section inside this issue for all the details about your county fair.

Three-way stop added to Rochester-Cherry

A new stop sign has been hung this week at the intersection of Rochester and Cherry streets near the former National Guard Armory. The intersection will now be a three-way stop. Before, traffic traveling west on Rochester did not stop while vehicles going east on Rochester or north on Cherry had a stop sign. Complaints of high-speed drivers through the intersection has prompted the change. White stop bars will also be painted on the streets at the three-way stop.



More bourbon than us

Did you know that 95% of the world's bourbon is produced in Kentucky? In order for whiskey to be bourbon, it must be made with a minimum of 51 percent corn, aged in new, charred oak containers, stored at no more than 125 proof and bottled at no less than 80 proof. There are more barrels of bourbon aging in Kentucky rickhouses than there are people in the commonwealth. Data show that more than 7.5 million barrels of bourbon currently exist in the state's distilleries, and Kentucky's human population is 4.5 million. Bourbon is also a huge draw for tourists. The Kentucky Bourbon Trail was created in 1999, and currently has 18 participating distilleries which drew nearly 1.4 million visitors in 2022.

Twitter wipes out bird

Twitter owner Elon Musk, who acquired the platform for \$44 billion last year, changed the company's famous bird logo to an "X" this week as part of a sweeping rebrand.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Chamber After Hours will be held from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, July 27 at First United Bank on Main Street in Marion.
- Marion City Council will meet in special session at noon Thursday, July 27 at city hall.
- Marion-Crittenden County Park Board will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 27 at the park.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet on a different day than normal during August. The meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 24 at the courthouse.



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County suggests small hike in '23 real property tax rate

STAFF REPORT

Tax rates are expected to be up slightly for Crittenden County real estate owners this year, but local government will not reap much reward due to a large number of homestead exemptions coming off the rolls.

Magistrates last week gave first reading to proposed local tax rates for 2023. County tax bills will be mailed later this fall and be due by Dec. 31. Paying before Nov. 1 earns taxpayers a two-percent discount.

The proposed rate for real estate is 11.8 cents per \$100 of assessed value. That's up slightly. The new rate would

mean an extra \$2 for taxpayers with a \$100,000 house.

Based on estimates from the Kentucky Department for Local Government, the proposed rate would generate \$482,412, about the same amount of general fund revenue for Crittenden County as last year's 11.6-cent rate.

Exonerations, discounts and a non-typical spike in homestead exemptions are wiping out about \$15 million in local real estate growth over the past year, according to calculations provided by the state's local government finance officer.

Magistrates have elected to propose what's called the

"compensating rate" for local real estate taxes in 2023.

That is an abbreviated term to describe how the 2023 tax rate should produce about the same amount of revenue as the year before. Typically, compensating rates are lower from year to year, but due to some anomalies this year's compensating rate is up.

County Property Valuation Administrator Todd Perryman said an awareness campaign he started shortly after taking office last fall has led to a greater number of county homeowners claiming "homestead exemptions." Those ex-

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PROPERTY TAX

QUICK LOOK

Cents per \$100 Value

RATE OVER LAST 5 YEARS

Crittenden County	RATE
2023 Proposed	11.8
2022 Real Property	11.6
2021 Real Property	11.6
2020 Real Property	11.6
2019 Real Property	11.7
2018 Real Property	11.8

COMPARING COUNTIES

Real Property Tax 2022

Webster County	18.8
Hopkins County	14.5
Lyon County	12.2
Livingston County	11.9
Crittenden County	11.6
Caldwell County	10.0
Union County	9.9



Court, parking moves

STAFF REPORT

The first move in what will mean dynamic changes for downtown Marion has begun. This week, court proceedings have moved to Marion City Hall, including all criminal, civil and family court. This is the first step toward demolition of the existing courthouse and construction of a new judicial center in its place.

It could be three years before the new justice center is ready for occupation.

Meantime, the circuit court clerk office will move to 208 South Main Street just across from city hall.

Those attending court proceedings at city

hall should be advised of parking options. The small lot in front of city hall will be reserved for typical city business. Court parking will be in the lot behind city hall that is owned by Farmers Bank. Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) has rented 24 spaces in the bank's lot. Each space in the lot will be labeled "court parking" or "bank employee parking." Court parking is on the south end of the lot closest to Beavers Car Wash.

Until demolition begins, court parking may also use spaces around the current courthouse, which is a block away from city hall.

Magistrates approve armory recreation fee structure

Proposed fire fee increase fails to gain county support

STAFF REPORT

A measure to raise Crittenden County fire fees that are attached to county tax bills failed to gain enough support to pass when magistrates voted on the proposal last week during the regular monthly fiscal court meeting.

In May, a couple of volunteer fire chiefs asked Crittenden County Fiscal Court for a \$10 hike in the fee, up to \$40 a year. They said all of the county fire chiefs, except one, had supported the request.

Crittenden County Fire Chief Scott Hurlley testified at the time that rising costs of fuel and other expenses has made it difficult for volunteer fire agencies to meet needs. He said the fee was originally \$30 at inception in 2012 and it hasn't gone up since.

Tony Alexander, chief of the Tolu department, was at last Thursday's fiscal court meeting and voiced his opposition to the proposal, cit-

Fiscal Court

ing financial burden for residents and a question about how the funds are administered. He described himself as the only fire chief in the county who opposed the increase and cited his reasoning. Alexander said he doesn't think some people can afford it, plus he has been dissatisfied with the 11-year-old way of collecting fire dues. Prior to 2012, letters were sent to property owners in each fire district soliciting donations. Alexander said Tolu Volunteer Fire Department has lost revenue under the new format. He explained that much of the farmland near the Ohio River in the Tolu district is owned by people who don't reside there. The fee formula requires property owners to pay only once, typically in the district where they reside.

Magistrates who voted

against the proposal say they had listened to constituents. Magistrate Matt Grimes said that when running for election to the fiscal court he promised to hear the voices of the people. Only residents opposed to the rate increase contacted him.

"I didn't have anyone contact me in support of it, not even a fireman," he said.

Magistrates Chad Thomas and Travis Perryman joined Grimes in voting against the measure. They cited similar reasons. Magistrates Robert Kirby and Scott Belt and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom voted to affirm the proposal. The vote was tied 3-3. Magistrates Dave Belt did not attend the meeting. According to rules of order, a tie defeats a proposal because it does not reach enough support for affirmation.

In addition to Alexander, two other individuals at-

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FROM THE MAYOR

A key to survival

Marion's water crisis is now into its second year. Except for a few months during the winter and spring, water restrictions have meant challenging circumstances for us all. Since the Lake George dam breach, our water supply is greatly diminished even with the much smaller Old City Lake serving as an additional reservoir.

Compounding this, our water plant is outdated with numerous state-documented regulatory deficiencies. Denied upgrades or improvements over many years, the plant struggles to treat the varying chemical composition of the much shallower water.

Both lakes can have elevated levels of manganese and frequently show high turbidity. While safe to drink, at times the water can be tinted or cloudy in appearance. Plant operators work to minimize this, but are limited by the plant's capabilities.

Residents of Marion deserve better.

A recent financial review of the 2022 fiscal year indicated our water rates were nearly 40 percent below what was required for the water utility to break even when all costs were properly accounted for. And this was for the year prior to the dam breach. In the year since, the city has incurred tremendous expenses to maintain the water supply such as it is. Many of these expenses are in reality deferred maintenance and are not reimbursable by the state under the declaration of emergency.

At times, there have been insufficient funds in the water utility account to pay these bills, necessitating that payment be made from the city's general operating account. Additionally, chemical usage and expense have grown by many multiples from previous years due to the difficulty in treating Old City Lake's water.

The adage of you get what you pay for holds true. Starved for revenue, needed improvements were continuously put off. It will be several years before Crittenden-Livingston Water District can supply more than a portion of Marion's water needs. Until the city can reliably provide a sufficient supply of water that meets expectations as to quality, Marion will be in a downward spiral. People will not want to move



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 Marion Mayor

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DRIVE & RIDE

Shift into high gear with a guide to car care and travel

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Making a **DREAM CAR** become reality

BY KAYLA MAXFIELD

On a sunny summer afternoon in 1973, a 10-year-old Marla Hunt-Manning rode down Main Street in Marion alongside her father in his chocolate brown Chevy Impala.

She remembers as they passed the corner where the former Tabor's service station stood, a tiny, orange car caught her eye. It was the ride of her dreams. A brand new, fresh off the lot, MG Midget.

Most would recognize it as one of James Bond's getaway vehicles. She chuckles when recalling her war-veteran father, the late Charles Hunt, discredited the vehicle as a foreign piece of junk. She doesn't remember ever noticing any vehicle as being unique before that day, but that experience left her with a wish for a car just like that to sit in her own driveway.

As she grew up and moved away from Marion for a while, Manning always loved "tiny, cute" vehicles.

As she aged, she made multiple purchases of small vehicles, including two Mini Coopers. Coincidentally, she later found out the Mini and MG Midgets had a lot in common due to the fact they both originated from the same place. As the years passed, Manning



Marla Hunt-Manning is pictured with three of her loves – her husband Darryl, her god-daughter Annie Maxfield and her 1973 MG Midget.

grew her eclectic taste in things from the past. Hobbies like woodworking and shooting guns reflect her unique taste for entertainment. She takes pride in her knowledge of things from the past, timeless vehicles among them.

In 2021, when a friend was contemplating restoring a Volkswagen bus, Manning got the notion to buy a vintage VW Bug to ride alongside her.

In a subtle conversation started by her husband Darryl, he reminded her of that little orange car that caught her eye

as a 10-year-old.

With that, the VW search was off and a search for her prized MG was on.

Manning did her research and learned that the MG Midget was originally introduced in 1961 after being designed as a more affordable alternative to the Austin Healey Sprite launched in 1958. An iconic British sports car, the last MG rolled off the assembly line in December 1979.

She narrowed her choice to an MG produced between 1973 and early 1974.

Though not the year model she saw on Tabor's lot nearly 50 years before, she set her eye on an MG with a fully chrome bumper – not the Sabrina style rubber blocks attached to the front of the bumper, which was a feature added on to North American MG in the latter half of the year 1973 due to safety regulations – and rounded wheel arches.

Manning explains that many collectors consider MGs produced from the years 1972-1973 with round wheel arches to be the most desirable.

At four foot wide, and 11 foot long, Manning's feet are only around 5 inches from the ground while sitting in the driver's seat. The reason for such a small design, she says, dates back to the origin of the car's purpose.

"They were meant to be race cars," she said, explaining the top speed of her car when it was first built should've been just over 100 mph.

After months of searching, Manning and her husband discovered a MG Midget on Facebook Marketplace in More-

head. Its owner, who also had a good eye for vintage vehicles, had purchased the car for his wife years prior. But he was also holding onto another surprise.

The Mannings went on a road trip, and upon arrival knew they didn't want to let this deal go. Not only was it 1973 cherry red MG Midget with all the bells and whistles she was after – chrome bumpers, round wheel arches and rostyle wheels – the seller also had a MG parts car he agreed to sell as a package deal.

After looking the car over and taking it for a spin, they handed the man a down payment and told him they'd be back to pick up both cars.

Since then, the Mannings have done cosmetic work to her vehicle, both inside and out. She isn't sure if it was originally equipped with a glovebox, but one of the first things Manning did was install the glove compartment from her parts car along with new red airplane style seatbelts.

The car is unique on the streets of Marion, but it's also noticeable by the English tag "Lil Red 73" on the front bumper. Manning says there's plenty more work to be done, but after 50 years since she first laid eyes on one, is it so much fun to have a little MG of her own.

5 TIPS for buying a teen's first vehicle

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Adolescence is an exciting time in a young person's life, but one specific development may eclipse all others in the level of excitement it generates: getting a driver's license. The ability to legally drive affords teenagers, long dependent on family or friends to get around, much more freedom.

While most teenagers hone their driving skills by borrowing the family car, over time teens may need a car of their own. Buying a car is an important financial decision. Whether a teen is purchasing a new or preowned vehicle, there are some tips to consider to secure a vehicle that is safe, affordable and reliable.

► **Is the time right?** Everyone in the household may be anxious to add an extra car to the mix because it may alleviate trying to juggle use of one of the other family cars. However, do not rush into the transaction. In recent years, a lack of inventory related to the pandemic drove up the prices of both new and pre-owned vehicles. Families may need to wait until inventory increases and prices drop.

► **Establish expectations.** Parents and teens should have frank conversations about responsibilities regarding buying cars. Talk about who will be paying for the vehicle as well as insurance, maintenance and all of the other expenses that go into vehicle ownership.

► **Financing may not be an option.**

Teenagers typically have no credit history, so it's unlikely they will secure automotive loans without a co-signer. Furthermore, teens under the age of 18 may find they are not legally able to sign contracts or have a vehicle title in their name. In such instances, an adult will have to hold the title and ownership until the teen turns 18.

► **Prioritize safety.** According to Honda, motor vehicles are the leading cause of teenage death, so it is vital to find a reliable and safe car or truck. Vehicle size, crash test performance and safety features are the most important factors to consider when looking at cars for teens. A car with a high safety rating also may translate to discounted auto insurance, which can be a big help considering teens typically pay more out of pocket for insurance.

► **Opt for a used vehicle.** While a shiny new car parked in the driveway is appealing, preowned vehicles are more affordable. The insurance premiums on new cars are higher, and teens don't have as much driving experience, so dings and dents may be par for the course. It can be more costly to repair a new vehicle than an older one.

Families must consider a host of factors when looking for a teenager's first car.

Get the most out of traveling in an RV

Traveling in an RV is a popular pastime that reached new heights during the pandemic. Though some of that enthusiasm has waned since the world reopened to travel, RV trips remain a very popular prospect across the United States and Canada.

According to the RV Industry Association's April 2023 survey of manufacturers, total RV shipments ended the month with 31,216 units and 109,616 total shipments as of April 2023. Travel Trailers - 5th wheel and Mini (Type C) campers topped the list of consumer preferences for towable and motorhome categories.

"RV ownership remains one of the most economical ways for consumers to travel while also maintaining control over their costs, which is more important than ever for consumers right now," indicated RV Industry Association President & CEO Craig Kirby.

Some people may be new to the RV lifestyle and are interested in learning how to maximize the time spent on RV trips across the nation. Following these guidelines can make for exciting adventures.

Plan the route

Many scenic roadways traverse the country, and all of them may seem



like great places to embark on RV adventures. However, according to Crossroads Trailers, not all roads, bridges and tunnels are RV-friendly. You must pay attention to overhead clearance or narrow lanes that may limit large motorhomes and RVs. It's important to know the height of the RV so you can determine which roadways feature low-clearance bridges that should be avoided.

Level your RV

Before filling your freshwater tank, it's important to have your RV on a level surface to ensure you are getting a full tank of water to use for all of your trip needs. Similarly, consider replacing the showerhead in the RV with a water-sav-

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Beautiful sites to see across North America

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The vastness of North America means there's no shortage of places to visit and sights to see. Individuals who have caught the travel bug could spend much of their lives traversing the continent and still not see everything North America has to offer. But that doesn't mean they can't try.

Summer vacation season provides a great opportunity for individuals or families to pack up the car and hit the open road or even book a flight to any of North America's idyllic locales. If a trip is on tap, travelers may want to check out these special sites throughout North America.

► **Glacier National Park:** Located in the northwestern region of Montana, Glacier National Park is adjacent to the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. Glacier National Park features more than 700 miles of trails, making it an ideal spot for avid hikers. Melting glaciers, alpine meadows, carved valleys, and spectacular lakes are just a handful of the features visitors to Glacier National Park can take in.

► **Old Montreal:** One of Canada's oldest cities, Montreal is a sight to behold, and Old Montreal can give visitors the impression that they're stepping back in time. The Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal has been known to take visitors' breath away, and the Place d'Armes can be a great place to people watch and take in some stunning architecture.

► **Mexico City:** The Federal District in Mexico City features one of the world's largest cathedrals and it's home to Palacio de Bellas Artes, a stunning cultural cen-

ter built in the early decades of the twentieth century that features a large theater, a concert hall and the National Museum of Architecture. Visitors who want to take in some older sites can visit the Plaza de Tres Culturas, which features centuries-old Aztec pyramids, and the Church of Santiago Tlatelolco, which was built as a symbol of the Spanish conquest in 1521.

► **Page, Arizona:** The Grand Canyon may garner the bulk of the Arizona tourism glory, but the state in the southwestern region of the United States is home to many more breathtaking sites. Page is one such place travelers won't want to miss. Visitors can take in the world's largest known natural bridge at Rainbow Bridge National Monument. More adventurous types can navigate their way through curvy rocks in Upper Antelope Canyon.

► **Samaná Province:** It's often overlooked that the Dominican Republic is part of North America. But nature lovers likely don't take that proximity for granted. Much of the Dominican Republic is stunning to behold, and Samaná Province certainly fits that bill. Samaná has a rich history as a popular sixteenth century hideout for pirates. Seclusion is still part of the appeal of Samaná, which boasts wild beaches, coconut plantations and rainforests among its many awe-inspiring attractions.

There's no bad time to take a trip, but summer provides a perfect opportunity to take in some stunning locales across North America.

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ing model to help conserve water.

Make reservations

Even if there are scores of campsites and RV parks along a route, that does not necessarily mean there will be available space. It can be challenging to find an open lot during peak season. Don't leave it to chance; make reservations to safeguard your stay.

Adjust driving habits

Driving an RV is not like driving other vehicles. An RV is heavier, larger and has a different stopping distance and turning radius than other vehicles.

Practice driving your RV before heading out on the open road. Driving the RV too fast also may put you in danger of a tire blowout, and making turns too abruptly can potentially flip the RV over.

Plan for stops

One of the benefits of RV travel is that you can take time with your trip. Make as many stops as you like along the way, taking advantage of opportunities to refuel and rest. When traveling in an RV, it's not just the destination, but also the journey that makes for the most memorable trip.

RV trips are still very popular, and this affordable way of travel is attracting new converts to the RV lifestyle every year.

Modern car features drivers love

Metro Services

Modern vehicles are technological marvels, which has had a profound effect not only on how much drivers enjoy driving, but also how much they're spending to get behind the wheel.

Data from Cox Automotive indicates that the average transaction price of a new vehicle in March 2023 was just over \$48,000. That can raise the eyebrows of any budget-conscious car enthusiast, but it's also worth noting that modern vehicles have become more economical in other ways. For instance, the Environmental Protection Agency indicated that the average fuel efficiency for new cars recently improved to a record 25.4



miles per gallon. More fuel-efficient cars and trucks can lower the costs of vehicle ownership.

Many drivers feel that, in addition to being more fuel-efficient, modern vehicles are more fun. That's because modern vehicles boast a number of popular creature comforts that have changed the way people drive. Drivers who haven't shopped for a new car in recent years can look for any number of fun fea-

tures as they begin their search for a new vehicle.

► **Electronic door handles:** Though not as common as some features, electronic door handles provide a futuristic, if not entirely necessary, feel. These door handles automatically extend out when drivers approach their cars and then retract when not in use. This feature is mainly about style, but it

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Tesla best-selling EV on the road today

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Electric vehicles (EVs) are more visible on the roadways than ever before. Research indicates that EVs are likely to become even more visible in the years ahead. In fact, a recent report from Extrapolate on the global electric vehicle market size estimated that the market would grow from roughly \$230 billion in 2021 to nearly \$700 billion by 2028. That means it's likely there will be even more EVs on the roadways in the immediate future.

The increased visibility of EVs has undoubtedly piqued the curiosity of

drivers who have never before driven such vehicles, but might hope to do so sometime in the near future. Drivers accustomed to gas-powered vehicles who aspire to own an EV may be surprised to learn that there are now many more styles and models of EVs on the road than in the past. EVs are even available in popular styles like SUVs. Data from the International Energy Agency indicates there were 51 EV SUV models available in the United States and 19 such EV models in Canada in 2022. That marks a significant increase in both countries since 2018,

when the U.S. had just 11 EV SUV models available and Canada had just two.

With more options to choose from, prospective EV buyers may wonder which EV models are currently the most popular. According to Kiplinger, the following were the 10 best-selling EV models in the U.S. in 2022.

1. Tesla Model Y
2. Tesla Model 3
3. Tesla Model S
4. Kia EV6
5. Tesla Model X
6. Ford Mustang Mach-E
7. Chevrolet Bolt
8. Hyundai IONIQ 5
9. Volkswagen ID.4



Tesla Model Y

10. Ford F-150 Lightning

The cost of EVs varies widely, so prospective drivers may want to do a little homework prior to beginning the process of purchasing an electric ve-

hicle. Government incentives may help to mitigate EV costs, but prospective buyers can still benefit by determining their budget and then identifying which EVs they can afford. Ancillary costs, which may include a home charging station installation, also should be factored in when determining the overall cost of switching from gas-powered vehicles to EVs. Potential cost

savings of EVs, including the savings related to no longer needing to pay for fuel, are some additional variables that prospective buyers must consider.

EVs are more visible than ever, and prospective buyers have many options to consider as they look into switching from gas-powered to electric vehicles.

Maintenance intervals you should know

Metro Services

Vehicles are among the most costly expenses individuals have. According to data from Kelley Blue Book, the average price paid for a new vehicle in the United States in September 2022 was \$48,094. Canadian car buyers face an equally expensive reality in their country, where the average MSRP for a new car is more than \$45,000.

Since vehicles are such sizable investments, it behooves motorists to do as much as they can to keep their cars and trucks running smoothly. Vehicle owner's manuals typically recommend maintenance intervals and should be drivers' first resource for information regarding how to take care of their cars and trucks. But the following are some standard maintenance intervals drivers can keep in mind.

3,000 miles

The 3,000-mile marker used to be the benchmark for changing oil, but modern vehicles can now go longer between oil changes. However, it's still a good idea to check other fluid levels every 3,000 miles. Windshield washer fluid, coolant, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and power steering fluid should all be checked every 3,000 miles and topped off if levels are low.

It's wise for drivers to perform some additional maintenance checkups

every 3,000 miles. Check tire pressure, inspect hoses (which should not be leaking or bulging) and clean the interior of the vehicle every 3,000 miles.

5,000 miles

Many vehicle manufacturers now recommend oil changes every 5,000 miles. Tire rotations also can be part of service visits at this interval, and drivers can ask their mechanic to check their fuel filters and batteries every 5,000 miles as well. Many may already do this as part of their comprehensive maintenance packages, but it's still good to confirm if they do and request they do so if it's not part of the plan.

Drivers also can request that cabin air filters are inspected at this point, though they can generally last a year before they need to be replaced.

Around the 5,000-mile mark, wiper blades also may begin to show signs of wear and tear, including streaking on the windshield or scratching noises when in use. Each of those signs indicates the wipers need to be replaced. However, drivers should take note of these signs regardless of when they appear. Some may not make it 5,000 miles

before they begin to wear down. In such instances, they should be replaced immediately regardless of how many miles it's been since they were installed.

10,000 miles

Some vehicles may only require oil changes every 10,000 miles. That's not uncommon in vehicles that use synthetic oil, though drivers are urged to consult their owner's manuals.

Brake pads also may need to be replaced around this time, and one telltale sign of that is a squeaking noise whenever the brakes are applied.

Drivers can ask their mechanics to check the alignment of their vehicles around this interval as well. Though many vehicles won't develop alignment issues, it's best to check for such issues every 10,000 miles or whenever a vehicle feels as though it's pulling in one specific direction.

Maintenance intervals are created to serve as a guideline for drivers. Any issues that arise should still be brought to the attention of a mechanic regardless of how many miles have been added to the odometer since the most recent trip to the garage.

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also reduces aerodynamic drag, which can help save fuel or, in electric vehicles, improve driving range.

► Touchscreens: Screens feature prominently in many parts of the average person's day, so why not when they're in their vehicles as well? Though vehicle touchscreens have been around for years, auto manufacturers are increasingly switching controls for other components, including windshield wipers, to touchscreens, making for a more sleek interior design that is largely button- and knob-free. In addition, various manufacturers are offering larger touchscreens, which can simplify driving in cars that no longer feature physical controls.

► Keyless entry: Keyless entry systems, though not new, are another component that can provide a futuristic feel. Keyless entry systems once enabled drivers to keep their key fobs in their pocket and simply unlock their vehicles by pressing a button on the door handle. Though some manufacturers still offer button keyless entry systems, more modern systems automatically unlock as drivers reach for the handle or pull it open.

► Head-up display: Arguably as futuristic a feature as car buyers may encounter, the head-up display feature puts information directly in drivers' line of sight so they are never looking anywhere but toward the road. Information such as vehicle speed and navigation instructions are projected onto the interior of the windshield, not unlike similar systems that have long been utilized in military planes.

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Relationships involve teamwork

One of the most consistent regrets I hear between fathers and sons has to do with getting things done. It might be changing a tire, using power tools, building a deck, learning how to take care of a boat or a house. It usually has to do with time and patience. It is so much easier to just do something than to go to the effort of motivating, waiting for the motivation to move the body of the child, and then turning a five-minute task into an hour-long event. How many sons have memories of learning how to do a task ending in ridicule and the tools being taken away? This starts young, very young – when children are just learning to walk and talk. However, if you teach a child how to use a broom when they are three, there won't be a problem with it when they are 13.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

may be useful for some. Despite the memes, jokes, and stereotypes – of which I am not above enjoying – it is important to remember that parents and children are on the same team. No one joins a team knowing what they need to know. There are skills to be taught and learned. Being on a team that is getting things done together builds confidence and teaches the ones learning patience as well.

It is one thing to tell a three-year-old to go pick up their toys. It is another to do it with them. There is a decent chance that a three-year-old doesn't know how to pick up their toys and put them away. Eventually it is possible to say, "Like we did it yesterday." The same principle works all through life as we learn new skills and how to navigate new situations. I am still learning, but I need patient teachers.

I have been fortunate to make several trips to Honduras over the years. One of the ministries is building very basic, wood

houses for those who have none or who are living in very poor conditions. There is a system for the groups that build the houses. It has been developed over the years and is the same every time. Six or seven people who know what they are doing could probably put one up in about two and a half hours.

But we don't do it that way. We see that there are at least three or four who know how it's done and then add 12 to 15 who have varying degrees of experience with a hammer. This year we had a five-year-old girl with us. Over the course of building four houses, she hammered in a grand total of 21 nails. (Yes, I counted them!) On the first day we built there was a young woman who was clearly disoriented. She had trouble knowing where to stand or walk as the work of organizing the wood and setting the foundation posts was executed. Within 10 minutes she stepped into an 18-inch-deep hole and twisted her ankle. Not much good the rest of the day. To her credit, she was back at it the next day and every day afterward.

There are those who want to demonstrate how well they can swing a hammer. There are some who are patient, others (usually men over the age of 50) who just can't take

it and try to take over, which usually results in having to undo their work because it was done out of order or without considering the bigger picture. There is always laughter. There is always at least a moment or two of frustration. There is usually a sore thumb or a little blood. There is the beauty of turning a three-hour job into six. There are always tears as the key to a lock is given to a family in their new clean shelter.

The church is not now, nor will it ever be an efficient organism. At least not in the market-economic sense. There will always be inefficiencies. There will always be those who want to help but lack the skills that must be included. For their sake and ours. There will be times when we are the ones who are holding things up and others when we are patiently teaching and waiting. Those inefficiencies and the patience that is required to handle them are a source of generational strength and solidarity. We are all on the same team.

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Community Events & News

- The Crittenden Hospital Auxiliary will meet at 4 p.m., Friday, July 28 at the hospital.
- The Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at noon, Wednesday Aug. 9 at the Extension Annex on U.S. 60 East in Marion.
- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- 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.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Crittenden County Treasurer's Settlement for FY 2022-2023 is available for inspection at the Crittenden County Judge-Executive's office during normal business hours. The financial settlement is, according to Kentucky Statue, available for public viewing in hard copy format at the Judge's office in lieu of publishing the entire document in the newspaper.

For more information, contact the County Judge-Executive's office at (270) 965-5251.

God values every life and we should too

Question: This spring my world was rocked. A shooter shot her way into a Nashville school and killed the principal, a substitute teacher, the custodian and three precious nine-year-olds. Less than two weeks later a shooter killed five people and wounded nine in a bank shooting in Louisville. Why is it some people don't value the lives of others?

Answer: A primary reason is we live in a "me-first" culture. If people don't do anything to help me personally, they are not highly valued. That is vastly different from a biblical view of people.

God values all people—born or unborn, young and old, male and female, all ethnicities, those of opposing faiths and those with disabilities. Psalms 139 tells us, "For you (God) created my inmost being; you knit

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be" (13, 14, and 16).

Every life has meaning and incredible value because God created each one in His image. He loves every one. It doesn't matter a person's age, the color of their skin, the struggles they face, what they believe, or anything else—all people matter to God. And He expects

us to value all people, too. We should choose to love all people and seek God's blessings upon their lives.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Correction

A story in last week's Press incorrectly stated that newly hired Crittenden County Public Library director Leah Chumbler taught at Heath middle and high school. On the contrary, she graduated from Heath. We apologize for this error.

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Tobacco growing became lost industry

As early as 1882 the crash crop in Crittenden County was tobacco. No crop required more care and greater patience than tobacco. From the sowing of the seed to the hauling of the product to the market, every growth state required its own particular kind of weather. Should one of these ungovernable conditions fail to prevail at the right time, the quantity and quality of the tobacco was seriously affected.

In fact, the uncertainty of the outcome always made it somewhat of a "gambling game." Raising tobacco was the source of much worry, watching and waiting. A crop also demanded constant attention for 12 months out of the year.

The outdoor work began with the burning, sowing and covering of the plant bed and continued down through the breaking of the ground, making of hills, setting and sometimes resetting the plants; then the hoeing and plowing, priming, top plug, suckering, worming, and cutting, and ends in the housing. After it is hung in the tobacco barn, the firing and curling are followed by the stripping, sorting, tying, re-handling and bulking. The curing of tobacco by firing was introduced by the raisers of the first leaf, but it was not universally practiced here until about 1830. Although firing is the most disagreeable and hazardous part of the management of the crop, in these early days it - like all the other barn work - usually resulted in a pleasant time for the workers. During this time, card playing, potato roasting and storytelling would take place around the smoking and slowly burning logs until long after the midnight hour.

During this tobacco rising period in our history, Marion had two large tobacco factories - the A. (Arthur) B. Jarvis factory located on Jarvis Street and the Stemming District Tobacco Association of Marion, which was located close to where the city maintenance building is today at the end of East Elm Street and next to the railroad tracks. Part of the foundation of the building is still there.

Here is some history gathered from the archives of The Crittenden Press from when tobacco was a big crash crop in Crittenden County. It also details how hazardous it could be while curing.

In 1882 at the busy town of Dycusburg, the firm of S. H. Cassidy & Co., composed of S. H. Cassidy, and W. S. Dycus had two large tobacco houses. They were constructed with all the modern improvement for handling leaf tobacco and were able to handle over 500,000 pounds of leaf tobacco during the tobacco season. Being located near the Cumberland River, they were able to load and ship the hogsheads right from their buildings. This was a popular place for growers to take their tobacco. Hundreds of hogsheads of tobacco were brought into the town from the vicinity



The Marion Tobacco Association's large tobacco stemmery was located on East Elm Street. It was used for tobacco storage until the late 1940s, then it was used to house other small businesses and was a storage building. In July 1946 the old building was destroyed by fire.

of Princeton, Shady Grove and the Piney area. Here they would be loaded on the barges or boats and shipped.

Feb. 15, 1882.

As was announced, the tobacco show came off at The Press office Monday. Several samples were brought in. Messrs. Anderson A. Woodall, J. P. Moore and Bart Moore, three tobacco dealers, were chosen as judges and soon agreed upon Mr. M. G. Gilbert as being the best

tobacco in the lot. The sample is a large, dark, heavy tobacco. The second best was raised by Mr. M. N. Dollar.

Sept. 21, 1906 - The barn burning season is at hand. Every year several barns in the county are accidentally set on fire during the firing season, extra care should be taken to help prevent fires.

At this season when fires are started in tobacco barns, it will pay the raisers and owners the biggest kind to be a little careful and not burn the barn. The loss is always double in that the crop is gone and the barn is gone and nothing but a pile of ashes remains.

During the last week we notice that the tobacco and tobacco barn of M. O. Eskew located about six miles from Marion burned Monday night about seven

o'clock. There were about 900 sticks of tobacco in the barn.

Also the tobacco barn of Henry Thomason burned a few days ago, containing about \$200 worth of tobacco. This barn was on the Bradly Crider farm three miles south of Marion. The barn was owned by Miss Sallie Crider.

Lee Hughes' tobacco barn near Chapel Hill burned Tuesday afternoon. The barn was full of tobacco, and Tuesday was the first day they put fire in it. In trying to extinguish the fire, Mr. Hughes sustained a very painful burn, his hand having been burned so badly the skin had to be removed from the whole hand.

1910 - The tobacco growers of Crittenden County met in a meeting in Marion April 30, 1910. Mr. W. B. Rankin was elected chairman and H. N. Lamb secretary. Mr. John W. Blue was called for and responded with a splendid address, giving the history of the pooling of crops and the advantage to be gained by it.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, we, residents of Crittenden County and members of the Stemming District Tobacco Association, are in a meeting associated, on this the 30th day of April 1910, for operating in the sale of the 1910 crop of tobacco, and;

Whereas, we have sold three crops of tobacco through the Stemming Association; and

Whereas, we have this day had a verbal report from Manager William El-

iot, and also from several members of the Executive Committee, from which we have learned that all of the outstanding warehouse receipts on the 1908 crop will be paid face value, a fraction more or a fraction less, within a few weeks, and have also learned a dividend will, in the near future, be declared and paid on the 1909 crop.

Therefore, be it resolved that we the member of the Stemming District Tobacco Association, in convention assembled do hereby endorse the work of the Board and other officer of this Association, and recommend that the tobacco growers of this county pool their 1910 crop of tobacco with the organization. H. N. Lamb, T. J. Woody, R. F. Wheeler, Committee.

1931 - Tobacco Growers of Crittenden County. During the last three years, tobacco products in Crittenden and Livingston counties have been reduced to a minimum. According to the Federal Statistics, Crittenden County had 800 acres of tobacco and Livingston County had 700 acres.

According to the best local information, this crop has been reduced in both counties to about

500 acres. Extremely low prices have brought this drastic results about. The outlook for dark tobacco is not a great deal brighter.

The Agricultural Act of 1930 offers tobacco growers adjusted benefit payments to reduce their crops of tobacco. As stated above, our farmers have already reduced their crops drastically but it should be made clear to every tobacco grower that the government will pay him adjusted benefits for this reduction.

By 1946 - The growing of tobacco in Crittenden had dropped to where the tobacco factory of the Tobacco Association near the railroad wasn't needed for tobacco, and it was being used to house other small businesses and as a storage building. The reason stated for less tobacco growing was the amount of hand labor involved in raising the crop and the low prices.

Later Years - Through the years, a few hardy Crittenden County farmers continued to raise a tobacco crop. From The Press archives I found several items of interest about some of the farmers. I know I will have missed

many others through the years, but some tobacco raisers I did find were in The Crittenden Press in September of 1977, including the following: Howard "Chic" Bennett of the Dycusburg community was cutting and staking his .6 acre of burley; in October of 1974, Kerry and Tom Green of Dycusburg were busy cutting and spiking their tobacco crop. Other stories were this: Tobacco was once a major crop for county farmer, but raising it is now limited to about half dozen producers. In 1980, Wade Buntin and Danny Hearell were harvesting their crop on Hearell's farm near Sheridan, and again in November 1984, Danny Hearell and wife Donna were working on getting another load of tobacco for the strippers.

The tobacco industry is another part of our local history that has disappeared from sight.

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



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Crittenden County Schools Special Education Student/Program Statement of Confidentiality

Confidentiality of Information regarding students with disabilities must follow the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and its implementing regulations at 34 CRF, part 99, and must follow the provisions established for special education under the IDEA and its implementing regulations at 34 CRF 500.560 through 500.577.

Confidentiality of Information for students with disabilities shall follow the established policies and procedures of the school district. This shall include protecting the confidentiality of personally identifiable information. All records and data collected and maintained on students with disabilities will remain confidential. Confidential records and documents may be released to persons, or agencies and schools outside Crittenden County School District only with written parental consent.

When working with a student receiving special education services, all information relative to that student will be kept confidential. For example information may include records, documents, data collected and maintained, and individual education plans implemented across school settings.

Child Find for Children with Disabilities in Need of Special Education or 504 Services

Child Find

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The Crittenden County School District obtains written consent from a parent or eligible student (age 18 or who is attending a postsecondary institution), before disclosing personally identifiable information to an entity or individual not authorized to receive it under FERPA.

For students who have been determined eligible for Special Education, educational records will be destroyed at the request of the parents when they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. The Crittenden County School District may destroy the educational records of a child without parent request three years after they are no longer needed to provide educational programs or services. Parents are advised that data contained in the records may later be needed for Social Security benefits or other purposes. The Crittenden County School District may retain, for an indefinite period of time, a record of the student's name, address, telephone number, grades, attendance records, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

Children eligible for Special Education include those children with disabilities who have autism, deaf blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, or visual impairment and who because of such an impairment need Special Education services.

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The Crittenden County School District has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designed to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing in a home, facility, or residence within its geographical boundaries, age three (3) to twenty-one (21) years, who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The district's "Child Find" system includes children with disabilities attending private or home schools within the school district boundaries who may need special education services.

The Crittenden County School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services, regardless of how severe the disability, is provided appropriate Special Education or 504 services at no cost to the parents of the child.

Parents, relatives, public and private agency employees, and concerned citizens are urged to help the Crittenden School District find any child who may have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. The District needs to know the name and age, or date of birth of the child; the name, address, and phone number(s) of the parents or guardian; the possible disability; and other information to determine if Special Education or 504 services are needed.

Letters and phone calls are some of the ways the Crittenden County School District collects the information needed. The information the school District collects will be used to contact the parents of the child and find out if the child needs to be evaluated or referred for Special Education or 504 services.

If you know of a child who attends a public, private or home school within the boundaries of the Crittenden County School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education services, please call 270-965-3525 or send the information to:

Deborah Harman, Director of Special Education
Section 504 Coordinator
Crittenden County Schools
601 West Elm Street
Marion, KY 42064

"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Crittenden County School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.

Written Policies and Procedures have been developed which describe the District's requirements regarding the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and "Child Find" activities. There are copies in the Principal's office of each school, and in the Board of Education office.

The District office is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4p.m.

The Crittenden School District provides a public notice in the native language or other mode of communication of the various populations in the geographical boundaries of the District to the extent feasible.

If you know of someone who may need this notice translated to another language, given orally, or delivered in some other manner or mode of communication, please contact the Director of Pupil Personnel, the Director of Special Education or the Section 504 Coordinator at the address or phone number listed above for the Crittenden County Schools.

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Yard sale, Harvey Yoder, 953 Valley View Rd., Marion. Thursday, July 27, Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29. (1t-30-p)

3 family yard sale, Saturday, July 29, 8 a.m.-? at 705 Chadd Street, Marion. New coffee table, fireplace screen, glass patio table, electric leaf blower, Star Trek books and ornaments, kitchenware, collectible dolls, figurines, clothing, knives, old vinyl records, 33s and 45s, misc. items. (1t-30-c)

2 family moving sale, rain or shine, Thursday, July 27, Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29, 8 a.m.-? at 1427 and 1417 Yoder Rd. Coming in off of Turkey Knob Rd. onto Yoder Rd. 1st and 2nd place on the right just before you get to Yoder's Bakery. Furniture, mens stuff, doors, lattice (wooden and plastic), Charcoal grill, toys, Tupperware, glassware, household things, lots of stuff. (1t-30-p)

Garage sale, Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 302 Hillscree Drive, Marion. Ladies shoes, Tshirts, old records, costume jewelry, jewelry box, luggage, purses, clothes and cloth remnants, books, yarn, household items, (1t-30-p)

agriculture

Retired police officer and veteran living in Eddyville, Ky., seeking hunting rights. Will respect your land and willing to share game. (270) 388-4992. (4t-33-p)

wanted

Wanted: House cleaner in Mattoon area. (270) 704-0022. (1t-29-p)

employment

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: CITY OF MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT is seeking to fill the position of Police Officer as soon as possible. Under the general direction of the Chief of Police, the Officer will be responsible for patrolling and other such duties common to our department's operations. Minimum requirements include basic training and certification as recognized by the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT); some experience in law enforcement is desirable, but not mandatory. A copy of the full job description for the Police Officer's position is available from the City Administrator. Salary for a DOCJT Certified Officer is set at \$53,764.33 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The City also pays 100% of the officer's health insurance premiums, and 25% of any covered family member. We offer 10 paid vacation days and 12 paid holidays per year. Anyone interested in the position should submit a City of Marion Job Application to the City Administrator's office by 12 noon on Friday, August 11th 2023. The City of Marion is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Certified Drug-Free Workplace. (1t-29-c)

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legal notices

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 20-CI-00118
MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP
PETITIONER
VS.
HOWARD COLEMAN,
ET AL RESPONDENT
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale and to satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:10 a.m., July 31, 2023, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky, the following described property:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4211 State Route 70, Marion, Kentucky, 42064
PARCEL NO.: 049-10-04-003.00
FOR COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION SEE THE JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS

Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above: At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears, from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is the plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes for the year 2023 and subsequent years. The sale may be canceled and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. The Master Commissioner does not have access to the inside of any property and does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions.

Dated this the 29th day of June, 2023.
REBECCA J. JOHNSON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
217 WEST BELLVILLE STREET
P.O. BOX 415
MARION, KENTUCKY 42064
270-965-2222
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was filed with the Clerk's office and mailed on this the 29th day of June, 2023, to the following:
Hon. Hunter Jones
PO Box 414
Lexington, Kentucky 40588
hunter@hunterjoneslaw.com
Howard Coleman
4211 St. Rt. 70
Marion, KY 42064

Hon. Rebecca J. Johnson
Master Commissioner
PO Box 415
Marion, KY 42064
Bank One Credit Company, N.A.
C/O Any Officer or Managing Agent of Management Department
8620 North 22nd Avenue, Suite 108
Phoenix, AZ 85021
REBECCA J. JOHNSON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
(3t-30-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 22-CI-00085
Electronically Filed
LOAN DEPOT.COM, LLC
PLAINTIFF
VS.

STEPHEN P. TRAMEL
DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale and to satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:00 a.m., July 31, 2023, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky, the following described property:
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2223 Mott City Road, Marion, Kentucky, 42064
MAP NO.: 071-10-04-004.00
FOR COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION SEE THE JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE.

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Dated this the 14th day of June, 2023.
REBECCA J. JOHNSON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
217 WEST BELLVILLE STREET
P.O. BOX 415
MARION, KENTUCKY 42064
270-965-2222
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was electronically filed with the Clerk's office and mailed on this the 14th day of June, 2023, to the following:
Stephen P. Tramel
2223 Mott City Rd
Marion, Kentucky, 42064
DOYLE & FOUTTY, P.C.
41 E Washington St., Suite 400
Indianapolis, IN 46204
REBECCA JOHNSON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
217 WEST BELLVILLE STREET (3t-30-c)

bid notices

Marion-Crittenden County Park Board will be accepting sealed bids for seal coating and crack filling of its walking trail that is approximately 1.25 miles long. Bids will be

accepted until 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 10 at the Marion Welcome Center at 213 S. Main Street, or received via mail by that time at PO Box 174, Marion, KY 42064. (1t-30-p)

Bid Ad for Intercom System & Installation: Crittenden County School District is accepting sealed bids for an IP based Intercom System and Installation. The Intercom System must include group paging, weather alert tones and visual alerts. The bid will need to be for 230 IP based speakers across 3 separate buildings. To reduce installation cost, ethernet drops that are currently installed in classrooms me used for IP speakers (POE). Speaker locations will require new cable runs. Onsite walk-throughs may be given by contacting Ben Grainger to set up an appointment. Sealed bids are to be submitted to Crittenden County Board of Education at 601 W. Elm St, Marion, KY 42064 by August 4, 2023 at 2PM, at which time the bids

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should be submitted to Ben Grainger at 270-965-3525 or ben.grainger@crittenden.kyschools.us. (1t-30-c)

The Pennyriple District Health Department is accepting applications for a full time **Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) Ongoing Home Visitor** who will serve families in Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg County. The starting salary is \$18 per hour, negotiable with additional experience. Benefits will be offered. Paper applications and a full listing of qualifications may be obtained at the Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, or Trigg County local health departments. An application can also be printed from our website: pennyriplehealth.org

The **HANDS Ongoing Home Visitor** will be responsible for but not limited to the following general duties:

- This position serves under general direction of the HANDS Manager/Supervisor.
- Responsibilities for this position include but are not limited to: Conduct regular planned visits to establish a trusting rapport for eligible HANDS participant/s to assist parent/s and or families with child development, parenting skills, health services, and other needed resources identified at assessment or during visits.
- Maintain confidentiality of program information obtained from home visit/s and exchanged while communicating with community and support service providers.
- Initiate and maintain regular and long-term contact and provide support to parents during the prenatal period and extending up to, but not inclusive of the child's second birthday, following parent visit assessment.
- The responsibilities include home visitations that may take place in the client's home or another community site if justified, that include (a) monitoring of the child's, mother's and family's progress by making referrals to community resources, such as prenatal health services, school, head start, etc.
- Tracking appointments to ensure they are being kept, performing follow-up services as identified and performing periodic evaluations of the participants' changing needs, (b) preparation and maintenance of case records which shall be documented with contacts, services needed, reports and progress, (c) consultations and (d) crisis assistance.
- Confer with HANDS Manager/Supervisor in cases involving potential collaboration with other service providers.

Minimum Education, Training, and Experience: Bachelor's degree in social work, Nursing, Early Childhood Education, or Elementary Education **OR** Bachelor's Degree in Social or Behavioral Science or related field with one year experience performing case management services, **OR** a Master's Degree in Human Services may substitute for the one year of experience

Substitution for Education: Associate Degree in Early Childhood Development and two years of Public Health, early childhood, or education experience **OR** Associate Degree in Nursing with licensure in Kentucky. *Special Program Requirements: Meets education requirement per 902 KAR 4:120. Applicant will be required to possess/maintain a valid driver's license, vehicle insurance, and reliable transportation.*

A completed application and transcript must be postmarked by **Wednesday Aug 2nd, 2023 to:

HR Manager, Pennyriple District Health Department PO Box 770 Eddyville, KY 42038.

Please note that a resume will not substitute for a completed application. Qualified applicants/employees are subject to a pre-screening, selection for interview, and/or demonstration of skills testing. Pre/post-employment may be contingent upon a successful drug screening test and background check. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Pennyriple District Health Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Public Hearing Notice

To all interested citizens of Crittenden County, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting application material under the 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court intends to apply for assistance for the Crittenden-Livingston Water Treatment Plant Expansion-Phase I Project. The county will hold a public hearing prior to the submission of the pre-submission form. The public hearing will be held on August 4, 2023, at 10:30 AM at Crittenden County Fiscal Court Room, 107 S. Main St. Marion KY. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate income persons in developing proposals.

The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at the Pennyriple Area Development Office, 300 Hammond Drive, Hopkinsville, KY, during regular business hours:

- Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
- Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.
- Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities.
- Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.
- A summary of other important program requirements.

Comments on Application

A copy of the CDBG application material will be on file at the Pennyriple Area Development Office for citizens' review and comment during regular business hours from July 28, 2023, through August 4, 2023. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of Kyle Cunningham, 300 Hammond Drive, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42440 until the time of the hearing on August 4, 2023. Comments may be submitted five days prior and five days after the public meeting is held.

Discrimination Clause

The County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability, and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation, including auxiliary aids and services, to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs and activities. Any persons requiring special needs assistance should contact Crittenden County Courthouse at 270-965-5251 at least five days prior to the meeting. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-648-6057.

Note: Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Contacts

Department for the Blind	1/877/KYBLIND	www.kyblind.state.ky.us
American Printing House	1/800/223-1839	www.aph.org
Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for interpreter directory	1/800/372-2907	www.kcdhh.org
State Relay TDD Number	1/800/648/6057	



Sen. Mills is chosen as Cameron's Lt. Gov. running mate for fall

Sen. Robby Mills will be running for lieutenant governor alongside Republican gubernatorial candidate Daniel Cameron.



Mills, a Republican from Henderson, previously represented Crittenden County in the Kentucky senate. His district was changed a couple of years ago to include only Henderson, Hopkins, Union and Webster counties. Mills had previously served in the Kentucky's House of Representatives.

For the first time this election cycle, governor candidates could wait until after the primary election to name a running mate.

Gov. Andy Beshear, who is running for reelection on the Democratic ticket, will keep current Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman as his running mate.

Through-traffic near park will be stopped for Friday afternoon race

McMican Road and a portion of Old Morganfield Road will be temporarily closed from 6 p.m., to about 7 p.m., on Friday to accommodate a road race being held at the park. The annual Marty McKenney 5K Run and Walk will be using part of the public roadways near Marion-Crittenden County Park and will be closing the area to improve safety of runners.



The roads will be blocked by orange cones for a short period.

Hayes graduates from EKU

Marion's Jada Hayes has graduated from Eastern Kentucky University during its spring 2023 commencement ceremonies held in May at Baptist Health Arena at Alumni Coliseum.

Hayes earned a degree in psychology. EKU boasts that six months after graduation, 77 percent of EKU graduates are employed full time and 59 percent within their field of study.

Newcom on President List

Lili Grace Newcom of Marion has earned spots on the Dean's List and the President's List at Eastern Kentucky University for the spring semester of 2023. Newcom is a senior studying criminal justice.

The President's Award was established to recognize outstanding academic achievement, bestowed upon full-time undergraduate students who attain a 4.0 GPA for the semester. To achieve Dean's List honors, students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA, students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 GPA.



10 YEARS AGO

July 25, 2013

■ The Crittenden County Board of Education was showing off the state's first propane school bus. It was a first for both Crittenden County and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Crittenden County Schools had become the sole school district in the state to pilot a propane bus for transporting its students. In celebration, the school district unveiled the propane-fueled bus at an event outside Rocket Arena. School bus No. 1403 would be used to transport students at the start of the school year.

■ One of the longest-running service businesses in Marion ceased operations the first of August. Coach's Cleaners, formerly Marion Dry Cleaners, had been in Marion since the 1940s. Owner Frank Pierce says market conditions have forced the shop's closing. Pierce, who purchased the dry cleaners in 2008 from Paul Vaughn, said the cost of materials and supplies soared over the past few years.

■ Eleven entries were signed up to participate in the Miss Crittenden County Pageant to be held during the 2013 Crittenden County Lions Club Fair at Fohs Hall. Contestants included Sydney Hunt, Kaitlyn Binkley, Elizabeth Brown, Davana Head, Amber Wright, Elle LaPlante, Ashley Collyer, Brittney Buell, Kayla Davis, Jesalyn Duncan and Haylee Young.

■ Richard Harp, a New Zealand native, came to Kentucky on missionary work from Glasgow, Scotland to become the new pastor at Marion Church of Christ. Harp took over for long-time pastor Richard Fortner who was battling a serious illness. Harp was first connected with his new church when he traveled to the Americas to come back and give reports to each of the 10 churches that were supporting his missionary work in Scotland. While there, he preached in Marion at the Church of Christ and they offered him a job the following week.

■ Mauri Collins won second place in Junior Breads Demonstration at the State 4-H Communications Event held on the University of Kentucky campus in Lexington. Collins' demonstration involved how to make apple praline bread.

25 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1998

■ The Crittenden County Board of Education rejected a proposal to create a district-wide dress code that would prohibit students from wearing overly-baggy jeans and untucked shirts. The board voted unanimously 4-0 to reject the proposal that included that shirts and tops had to be tucked in, pants worn only around the waist, book bags and backpacks to remain in the lockers all day and coats to also be left in lockers until students were dis-

missed.

■ Livingston Hospital's board of directors initiated a search to find a new chief executive officer to replace Bill Smith, who resigned. Smith had served as CEO of Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services for a little over a year. Yvonne Maddox, assistant administrator, served as interim CEO until the board's selection committee found a replacement for Smith.

■ The Marion Swim Team completed its shorter-than-usual season on July 11 at the Hopkins County YMCA Invitational. Marion finished third in the event with 360 points, just four behind second-place Murray with 368. Calvert City won the meet with 400 points. During the meet, several swimmers placed in the Individual Medley category. The winners for their perspective age divisions included; Alyssa Mayes, 3rd place; Vicki Kelley, 2nd; Jonathan Brantley, 4th; Meg Brock, 2nd; Dustin Harris, 3rd; Susan Towery, 3rd; Andy Hunt, 4th; Keri Kemper, 3rd in Open Girls; and Dustin Roberts 5th in Open Boys.

■ Crittenden County High School graduate David "Bubba" Martin signed a letter of intent to play football at Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, Ky. Martin led the Rockets in tackles the previous season from his defensive end position with 63 solos and 28 assists.

50 YEARS AGO

July 26, 1973

■ For the second time in less than a month, Guy Lowery, a Tolu community resident and corrections officer at Eddyville State Penitentiary had been held as a hostage by inmates in the prison. Lowery worked in the commissary, a store, inside the prison. This time, the ordeal lasted only about one hour compared with the 18-hour ordeal on June 24th.

■ The 1956 graduating Class of Marion High School celebrated its 22nd reunion, Saturday, June 30, at Hudson's Restaurant. Eighteen out of 30 members attended. Those present were Barbra Witt, Douglas Harnice, Lois Hicks, Ted Frazer Jr., Jim Crider, Herbert Boone, Jerry Hamilton, Virgil Cook Jr., Peggy Brown McEuen, Marion Boone, Barbra Williams, Jeannine Anderson, Anita Hunt, Lois Phillips, Frances Fiske, Shirley Conrad and Nira Brooks.

■ Bonita Belt was the winner of \$300 at the July 14 drawing at the Union County Fair and received the check from Tommy Wedding. Belt told those in attendance that she only had one ticket in the barrel. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Belt of Route 1, Marion.

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

June biggest month of '23 for Riverview Park camping

June was the busiest month recorded this year for camping at Riverview Park. During the month, there were 157 nightly camper sites rented and four primitive camping sites. May was the heaviest month for tent campers with eight. There were 104 camper site rentals in May. The park generated \$3,019 in net income for the month of June.

Riverview Park, the former Dam 50 recreation area, is located on the Ohio River just up river from the Cave In Rock Ferry. Camping fees are \$20 for camper sites which include water and electricity. Tent camping is \$5.

Back-to-School events are planned at all three schools

Crittenden County School District has announced dates for its Back-To-School events in August. These orientation-style events help parents and students learn important information prior to the start of the new academic year. The event schedules are staggered to allow parents with students in multiple schools time to travel between them. Here are the dates: Preschool 5-6:30 p.m., Aug. 14; Kindergarten Carnival 5-6:30 p.m., Aug. 15; Crittenden Elementary School 5-6 p.m., for last names A-L and 6-7 p.m., for names M-Z on Aug. 17; Crittenden Middle School last names M-Z 4:30-5:45 p.m. and names A-L 5:45-7 p.m., on Aug. 17; and Crittenden High School last names M-Z 4:30-5:45 p.m., and names A-L 5:45-7 p.m., on Aug. 17.

JHF Wiffle Ball next week

The annual Jake Hodge Foundation Wiffle Ball Tournament will be held over three days next week in Princeton. The event will include more than 20 teams and is expected to raise more than \$60,000 for scholarships that are presented annually to high school graduates from Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon, Trigg and Livingston counties. Action will include players from early teens to over 65 years old. Play will start on the evening of Friday, Aug. 4, continue throughout the day on Saturday, Aug. 5 and conclude with championship games on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 6.

The tournament is held at Little Busch Stadium on South Jefferson Street and will include food and family entertainment for all ages.

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TAX

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emptions are for anyone 65 years old or who are certified as totally disabled. The exemption will lower the taxable value the individual's home by \$46,350.

Homestead exemptions were up almost \$9 million this year compared to 2022.

The proposed increase will require final approval before it is formally accepted. A vote on the plan will be held at the August 24 fiscal court meeting.

Magistrates chose to leave motor vehicle and watercraft rates the same as last year at a rate of 12.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value. They also chose not to tax aircraft or inventory in transit.

Real estate in the county subject to taxation in 2023 is \$395.5 million, up slightly from \$389.2 million last year.

The value of real estate in Crittenden County has risen more than 110 percent over the past 25 years, while the tax rate has dropped about five percent. There has been a pronounced increase in assessed property value since 1998 when all real property was valued at \$189 million.

Show & Shine event will be Thursday at courthouse

There will be another event Thursday in the Show and Shine Car Show series in Marion. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m., and end around 7 p.m. It will be held on the courthouse square and include vintage vehicles, new rigs, old muscle cars and trucks of all makes and models.

The show series is sponsored by Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission. There will be subsequent shows Aug. 24 and Sept. 28.

Fredonia siren information

Storm sirens in Fredonia will be tested with blasts on the last Wednesday of each month. In the event of severe weather, storm warnings will sound for 2-3 minutes. For a tornado warning, sirens will continuously go off until the threat passes.

Pop-up Driver's License center coming to Marion

Crittenden county will have a Kentucky Pop-up Driver's License renewal period on Aug. 8 at the Crittenden County Office Complex. To schedule an appointment, go online to drive.ky.gov. Registration opened Tuesday and appointments are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Turning lane in front of school coming next year

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway Engineer Kyle Poat told local leaders and others gathered last week for a West Kentucky Chamber Alliance meeting in Marion that the turning lane in front of Crittenden County High School is scheduled to be built in the summer of 2024.

He said the project was originally scheduled to be completed sooner, but delays were created because no contractor could be attracted for the project. Poat said the project was let for bid five times before interest was shown in the project by a contractor.

Building the turning lane between the school and Crittenden Community Hospital will be easier during the summer months while school is on break, Poat said.

Other western Kentucky highway projects were outlined during Poat's visit to Marion. See more in the Chamber Alliance article on page 12.

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Farmers Bank employee Tyler Coleman makes a presentation during the West Kentucky Chamber Alliance meeting in Marion last week. The Chamber Alliance serves multiple counties in western Kentucky.



Chamber Alliance visits Marion with information

STAFF REPORT
Selfless networking is a term Tyler Coleman coined following his graduation from the West Kentucky Chamber Alliance's six-month West Kentucky Leadership program. Coleman, an employee of Farmers Bank, explained selfless networking to members of the alliance, which met Friday, July 21 in Marion for the first time ever. "My job relies on networking for business development, but I challenge myself when I meet someone I've never met before to think, 'How can I help that person?'" he explained. This idea of setting personal interest aside and looking at ways he can help others is one of the byproducts of the West Kentucky Chamber Alliance. Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning, also a 2023 graduate of the leadership program, said organizational leaders are better together. She used the City of

Marion's efforts to rectify its year-long water crisis as an example. "We could not go it alone, we are a partner to the Crittenden-Livingston Water District," she said. "Like Kentucky's slogan, 'United we stand, divided we fall.'" Browning, Coleman and School Superintendent Tonya Driver were Crittenden County's participants in the inaugural class of Leadership West Kentucky in 2023. Applications for the 2024 program will be released in November, with a program to run January through May or June next year. Members of the alliance, including West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance administrator Sandra Wilson, met in the Farmers Bank's conference room and were provided free tours of the Clement Mineral Museum compliments of C-Plant Federal Credit Union. The group of about 30 individuals representing

Christian, Ballard, Lyon, Trigg and Marshall counties heard county-by-county road and bridge construction updates from Kyle Poat, chief district engineer for District 1 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Poat addressed the repeated failed bid cycles for construction of a turning lane in front of Crittenden County High School. Four times the project was let for bid with no success; however, Poat said on the fifth try there was an interested party. Because of disruption the project will cause on the heavily-traveled roadway between the high school, hospital and Family Practice Clinic, Poat said the work will not be done until next summer when school is out of session. Other regional highlights Poat noted within District 1 include: •Forthcoming right of way acquisition in Lyon and Caldwell counties for US 641 between Eddyville and Fredonia. Construction is expected

to begin in 2025. •The planned construction of four roundabouts on US 68 in Draffenville and a turning lane in front of Mike Miller Park. More information is available at us68roundabouts.com •Planned improvements on US 641 from Murray to the Tennessee state line; a \$7.5 million city business loop in Murray; and construction of roundabouts on 16th Street in Murray and at Five Points intersection next to the Murray State campus. •Expansion of the KY 120 bypass in Mayfield. •Design for a new Ohio River Bridge near Cairo, Ill. •A planned August demolition of the old Smithland bridge in Livingston County. •Four-phase widening of North Friendship Road between Lone Oak and Kentucky Oaks Mall and proposed improvements at the intersection beside the former Coca-Cola bottling plant in Paducah.



Burna Legion plans granite expansions for more names

BY LYNDA HILES
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
If you have ever driven US 60 through Burna, you have surely noticed the lovely veterans monument located at the Logan Clark American Legion Post #217. The monument was erected in 2015 and consists of six gray granite slabs and one black marble slab. The gray granite slabs contain the names of deceased Livingston County veterans, while the black slab honors those veterans that were killed in action. According to Rell Peck, American Legion member, there are currently over 3,000 names on the granite slabs. If you have Livingston County connections, chances are you either have a family member or a friend whose name is on the monument. The monument is a favorite stop for many who are out for a scenic drive or motorcycle groups. At one point, it was a featured stop on the Tour of Honor Ride to Remember. There are two gazebos on each side of the monument offering a shady place to rest and contemplate on the immense sacrifices that these veterans have made. When the monument was originally erected, there was ample space to add additional names for

many years to come. However, as our older veterans are dying, more space is needed. David Brown, post commander, explains that the current plan is to add an additional four granite slabs, which will complete the circle of the original monument plans. The addition will cost approximately \$40,000. This does not include the annual cost of engraving names and maintenance. In order to help defray these costs, the post has ongoing fundraisers such as fish fries, car shows, and raffles. You may have also noticed "Pennies for Patriots" jars in business locations across Livingston County. Spare change dropped in these jars also helps toward the expenses of the monument and the grounds. As plans for the monument expansion move forward, the American Legion Post #217 appreciates community members, local businesses and organizations for continued support of the post and this project. "We are extremely proud of this monument and feel that it is an asset to the community. It is something that everyone can be proud of," Commander Brown said. Donations can be sent to American Legion Post #217, PO Box 70, Burna, KY 42028.

School board hears plan to tie parking to attendance

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County students with more than five unexcused absences will have parking lot privileges suspended. This and other changes to the student Code of Conduct were approved July 18 by the Crittenden County Board of Education. Diana Lusby, director of pupil personnel, said changes in the punishment for unexcused tardies also have been amended. Beginning this fall, three unexcused tardies will count as one unexcused absence. After five unexcused absences, students will be restricted from parking on campus. She hopes the disciplinary strategy will encourage students to be on time and not accumulate unexcused absences. Crittenden County middle and high school's alternative school and in-school suspension programs have been combined and renamed the Crittenden County Learning Academy (CCLA). Gaige Courtney will work with students in CCLA who need credit recovery or who perform best in an alternative setting. Jared Brown will work with students who are in the CCLA as a form of punishment. Driver said students will be placed in the CCLA for various school policy infractions, including possession or use of vapes containing THC. Students will receive a 20- to 45-

day placement in the CCLA and will face enrollment in a drug prevention program if caught with vapes containing THC, a component found in marijuana. Last year, 10 students faced disciplinary action for having vapes at school. In other business at the July 18 school board meeting, Superintendent Tonya Driver reported the receipt of \$2,700 from the Crittenden County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy Board; and \$5,000 from Crittenden County Drug Coalition for both the vape sensor project and the school resource officer program. She also informed the board of a \$9,164 refund from the Kentucky School Board Association's employment fund. •The school board approved its Kentucky School Boards Association membership for the 2023-2024 school year at a cost of \$4,256. Though required, membership includes many valuable resources from legal advice, assistance with policy changes and annual training for board members. •A memorandum of agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky was approved for the second year of a Community Education grant in the amount of \$40,000. •The board approved hiring a part-time secretary at the central office up to two days a week as needed. •The last year for virtual learning at Crittenden County High

School was approved. Only one student, a senior, qualifies for virtual learning as the program has been phased out post-COVID pandemic. •The five-year strategic plan coordinated by Studor that used staff, student and community feedback to chart goals and objectives for student success in the district was approved. •Emergency certification was okayed for a Crittenden County High School Spanish teacher. The teacher, who formerly taught elementary school, has an extensive background in Spanish and is taking required courses to become certified to teach the foreign language. •Addition of a preschool teacher and assistant at Crittenden County Elementary School was approved. •Approved was a local Head Start memorandum of agreement with Audubon Area Heart Start Grantee Program. Since Head Start existed in Crittenden County before the school district began offering preschool, the school district must guarantee Audubon 15 four-year-old students each year. Once that obligation is met, Crittenden County Schools may accept four-year-olds. •An agreement with TK Elevator Corporation to service and maintain the elevator at Crittenden County High School was approved at an annual cost of \$2,672.

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tending last week's meeting spoke against the proposed fee hike. Although fire dues are printed on tax bills, they are optional. Anyone can opt out by filing a form at the county judge's office. However, if a fire department responds to a location that has opted out, there will be a \$500 response fee charged. In other business, three county fire departments presented their budgets to the court. Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department's spending plan calls for \$91,600 in expenses and it anticipates the same amount of revenue. The budget is greater than normal because the department has raised

extra money to buy a \$45,000 truck this year. Shady Grove Fire Department shows expenses of \$8,100 and revenue of \$25,016 and Sheridan reported expenses of \$13,675 and revenue of \$18,982. •Judge Newcom presented a report from a recent meeting of the County Recreation Center Steering Committee. The group is charged with overseeing development of opportunities at the former National Guard Armory, which is now owned by the county and used for a community recreation center. The center is also home to Crittenden County Adult Education. Newcom said a partnership with the school district provides space for indoor baseball and

softball practice at the former armory's gymnasium. Also, a local archery club and pickle ball enthusiasts have organized events there. The committee, he said, has developed a fee structure that will help defray costs associated with routine expenses and security. Groups with 1-50 members will be charged a \$200 fee and groups with 51-100 members will pay \$300 annually. The cost for individual membership will also be \$200. The fiscal court ratified the fee structure. •Magistrates declared a GMC Sonoma 1992 with dog box surplus property and move to sell it under a public bidding process. •A settlement for hail damage to public county

property was presented to the court by Judge Newcom. Seventeen county vehicles sustained damage and an insurance claim of \$36,633 was approved. Multiple buildings sustained \$1.7 million in damage and were approved for repair, including the new county office complex. •Magistrates approved purchasing a new Chevy 3500 HD crew cab 4x4 for the road maintenance department. •Funds derived from the National Opioids Settlement will be spent to buy an \$8,000 costume for the DARE program in local schools. The full-body costume will be worn to present drug-free programs. The costume represents Daren the DARE Lion.

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY 55.78 - \$255,000 - This tract has the right blend of habitat types and a pond system, numerous entry points along road frontage, hunter-friendly topography, a creek, and planted pines. **PENDING**

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 113.44 ACRES - \$269,422 - All timber hunting tract. This tract is located in an area known for big bucks and has timber diversity.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 119.44 ACRES - \$235,906 - Mostly timber hunting tract geared toward turkeys and whitetails. This tract has a diverse topography with dynamic terrain features and timber diversity.

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FUNDRAISING

5K Run & Walk Friday

The second annual Marty McKenney Memorial 5K race and walk will be held at Marion-Crittenden County Park at 6 p.m., on Friday, July 28. This will be a fundraising event for the Marty McKenney Scholarship Fund, which was created recently to honor the late track and field booster. McKenney was one of Crittenden County's early track coaches and was instrumental in helping get the oval track built at the park. She passed away in 2021 at the age of 89.

Entry fee is a minimum \$25 donation to the fundraising effort. Registration can be completed in advance. Forms and payment information are available on the Marty McKenney Memorial Facebook page.

Old Morganfield Road and McMican Road will be closed to traffic through the park area for about one hour during the race.

GOLF

Upcoming events

- July 29 Junior Tournament at The Heritage Golf Course.
- Aug 12 4-Person Scramble at The Heritage Golf Course.
- Aug 19 1-Person Scramble at The Heritage Golf Course.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 19 - Oct 31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round
Squirrel	Aug 19 - Nov 10
Dove	Sept 1 - Oct 26
Canada goose	Sept 1-15
Deer archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Turkey archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Wood duck	Sept 16-20
Deer crossbow	Sept 16 - Jan 15
Teal	Sept 16-24
Raccoon hunting	Oct 1 - Feb 29
Turkey crossbow	Oct 1-22
Deer muzzleloader	Oct 21-22
Deer youth hunt	Oct 14-15
Turkey shotgun	Oct 28 - Nov 3
Turkey crossbow	Nov 11 - Dec 31
Deer rifle season	Nov 11-26
Squirrel	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Quail	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Rabbit	Nov 13 - Feb 10
Raccoon trapping	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Gray or red fox	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Beaver	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Bobcat	Nov 18 - Feb 29
Dove	Nov 23 - Dec 3
Canada goose	Nov 23 - Feb 15
Turkey shotgun	Dec 2-8
Deer late muzzleloader	Dec 9-17
Dove	Dec 23 - Jan 14
Deer free youth hunt	Dec 30-31

See more dates at fw.ky.gov

BAA youth state record

Scout Trader of Providence recently took a 61-pound big-head carp while competing in a bowfishing tournament on Lake Barkley July 15-16. The fish has been certified as a Kentucky Youth Bowfishing Association of America record.



FOOTBALL

Junior Pro | Flag sign up

Junior Pro football will have registration Thursday, July 27 at Rocket Stadium. Players in grades 5-6 will register from 6-7 p.m., and players in grades 3-4 will register from 7-8 p.m. Cost is \$70 and players will need to bring their birth certificate and get a sports physical before starting practice. Flag football registration will be held at CCES Back-to-School event.

DISC GOLF

Local group wins event

Braxton Winders and Tyson Steele, both of Marion, paired up to win the first Heritage Disc Golf Doubles Tournament Saturday at the course at Marion Golf and Pool.



Top finishers in the annual Ironman Competition as part of preseason football practice were (seated) Gattin Travis, (standing from left) Tyler Belt, Lane West, Levi Piper, Caden Howard, Gabe Keller, Grayson James, Casey Cates and Blake French. Not pictured Levi Suddoth.

IRONMAN COMPETITION

Pre-season competition kicks off 2023 football practice

STAFF REPORT

For more than 25 years, Crittenden County football players have been starting the season with an individual strength, speed and agility competition called the Ironman.

Almost 40 players competed in this year's pre-season competition and senior Gattin Travis came out on top, collecting his first Ironman championship. Travis is a returning starting running back and linebacker.

Finishing second in the competition was senior Gabe Keller, who is a returning cornerback and receiver. Third

place went to senior Levi Piper, a running back and defensive back. Seven of the top 10 finishers are seniors.

The competition aims to encourage a well-rounded athlete, combining speed and strength to perfect a player. This year's weightlifting figures were markedly higher than last year, a tribute to work in the weightroom, says the coaching staff.

While the running and abilities part of the contest tends to favor the skilled-position players, those husky linemen play catchup in overall points by dominating in the weight room.

As much as anything, the competition is a way for the coaching staff to get players geared up for pre-season practice and to reward those who have worked hard during the offseason.

Rocket football season begins on Aug. 18 at Webster County. Crittenden will have two scrimmage games during the preseason.

The first scrimmage is Aug. 4 at Marshall County and second is Aug. 11 at Madisonville.

This will be Coach Gaige Courtney's third season as head coach. CCHS will compete in Class 2A this season.

IRONMAN LEADERS

Overall Points

1. Gattin Travis	Sr
2. Gabe Keller	Sr
3. Levi Piper	Sr
4. Tyler Belt	Sr
5. Grayson James	Sr
6. Levi Suddoth	So
7. Caden Howard	So
8. Casey Cates	Sr
9. Lane West	Sr
10. Blake French	Jr

QUICKNESS / AGILITY

40 Yard Dash

Gattin Travis	4.82
Caden Howard	4.88
Tyler Belt	4.88
Camron Belcher	5.00
Levi Suddoth	5.02

Verticle Jump

Caden Howard	30"
Gabe Keller	29"
Thayden Jurek	28"
Levi Suddoth	28"
Tyler Belt	28"
Gattin	28"

WEIGHT LIFTING

Bench Press

Travis Blazina	235
Thayden Jurek	225
Lane West	225
Levi Piper	225
Grayson James	210
Gattin Travis	210

Power Clean

Grayson James	210
Levi Piper	210
Gabe Keller	205
Gattin Travis	190
Braydin Brandsasse	185
Kaiden Travis	185

Squat

Travis Blazina	440
Grayson James	355
Gattin Travis	350
Levi Piper	325
Aiden Curnel	290
Brayden Brandsasse	290

For Complete List of Individual Results See Rocket Football Online



About 60 youngsters attended a combined boys' and girls' youth basketball camp held over three days last week at Rocket Arena. The camp was hosted by the Crittenden County High School Rockets and Lady Rockets basketball teams. Below is a list of winners from the grade-specific competitions held as part of the camp.

ROCKETS & LADY ROCKETS YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP

Grade-Specific Competition Winners

- K-1 Free Throw winners: Rylee Fraliex & Matthew Ellsworth.
- K-1 Hot Shot winners: Lauren Boone & Crea Farmer.
- K-1 Obstacle Course winners: Rylee Fraliex & Crea Farmer.
- K-1 Passing winners: Haven Henager & Heaton Davis.
- 2-3 Free Throw winners: Cohen Sherer & Hadlee Henager.
- 2-3 Hot Shot winners: Rhodes Crider & Taylyn Pierson.
- 2-3 Obstacle Course winners: Hadlee Henager & Boone Tabor.
- 2-3 Passing winners: Ila Sheats & Drew Dodson.
- 4th Free Throw winners: Bryce Dayberry & Melina Keller.

- 4th Hot Shot winners: Aiden Fraliex & Aria Kinnis.
- 4th Obstacle Course winners: Cutler Hunt & Melina Keller.
- 4th Passing winners: Bryce Dayberry & Melina Keller.
- 5-6 Free Throw winners: Bode Merrill & Sydney Keller.
- 5-6 Hot Shot winners: Rex Boone & Mela Penn.
- 5-6 Obstacle Course winners: Kash Myers & Olivia Mattingly.
- 5-6 Passing winners: Korie Bloodworth, Oakley Sherer & Kash Myers.
- 7-8 Free Throw winners: Junior Cowsert & Alexis Mattingly.
- 7-8 Hot Shot winners: Drake Young & Alexis Mattingly.
- 7-8 Obstacle Course winners: Jack Porter & Kiley Hunt.
- 7-8 Passing winners: Brenna Kemmer & Drake Young.

BASEBALL | SOFTBALL

Dugout Club joining fall league

Crittenden County Dugout Club is organizing fall baseball and softball for the first time. Crittenden teams will participate in the Lyon County Fall League, but will practice in Marion.

It remains unclear if any games will be played in Marion, but organizers are hoping to expand opportunities for fall diamond sports.

Registration deadline is Aug. 2. The Dugout Club hopes to organize a team or teams for two age groups in baseball and softball. Di-

visions will be ages 7-8 and 9-10 and will be based on the player's age on May 1, 2024.

Cost is \$55, and there is a discount for multiple players in one family. The Dugout Club also provides financial assistance for individual hardship.

A registration form can be found at The Press Online and on the Crittenden County Dugout Club Facebook page. Forms may be returned to YTG Insurance or The Crittenden Press. For more information, contact Tanner Tabor at 859-333-9751.

Winders back on court with CCMS

When hoops season rolls around this year, a familiar face will be at the helm for Crittenden County Middle School. Bryce Winders, a long-time educator and coach, will lead the boys' team and says that he's looking forward to returning to coaching.



"We have a really good group of players coming back," said Winders. "The team has been really well-coached the last couple of seasons, and we hope to take a leap forward this year."

With nearly two decades of experience in coaching, Winders says he is eager to work with new high school boys basketball coach Matt Fraliex on developing and executing goals for the county's basketball program.

"I also hope to get our numbers back up at the seventh grade level," said Winders.

The middle school season will start in late October.

CCHS links GoFan for e-Tickets

Beginning with fall sports, Crittenden County High School will transition from its previous electronic ticket vendor to GoFan.

Athletics Director Bryan Qualls explains that GoFan is the preferred vendor of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. He said the online experience is easier to purchase tickets and better for storing personal information in the online application. There will be individual links for high school and middle school ticket purchases. Links can be found at The Press Online. Credit and debit cards can be used to purchase eTickets at gates, but cash will not be accepted.



Deaths

Rudd

Richard Ray Rudd, 78, of Marion, died Monday, July 17, 2023 at Crittenden Community Hospital in the presence of his daughters.



Born Oct. 6, 1944, in Paducah, he was the youngest child of Ray and Imogene Rudd. He grew up on the family farm in the Kaler community and was a 1963 graduate of Symsonia High School. He joined the Clarks River Baptist Church upon his baptism as a young boy. Throughout his life, he was deacon, Sunday School teacher, song leader, trustee and custodian. He had been a member of Marion Baptist Church for 29 years upon his death.

As a young man, Rudd worked in utility construction for Kelly and Wilmore Company. Upon completing his course at Paducah Area Vocational School, he obtained a certificate in civil engineering which led to jobs in the mining and oil industries in Kentucky and Wyoming. He also worked for the Kentucky State Highway Department, Franklin Brick Company and co-owned the Rudd Honey Company with his wife.

He married his high school sweetheart, Wanda Browning, in 1963, raising their two daughters in the Symsonia community. He and his wife answered the call to volunteer missions for four years in the 1980s, first at Highland Lakes Baptist Center in Martinsville, Ind., where he did construction and maintenance and worked as a cook alongside his family for weekend and week-long camps and retreats. Next, they served one year at Newcastle Baptist Church in Wyoming where he served the church in many capacities, including music director.

Coming from a musical family, Rudd

learned to play the banjo. He sang in church with his brother and sister, accompanied by their mother, as well as on a weekly Sunday morning Gospel music program on WCBL. He led congregational singing, sang solos and sang bass with the Clarks River Quartet and the Neighbors Quartet.

A loving and committed husband, father and grandfather, he demonstrated his love of family and home with many improvement projects that included gardening and home-steading, landscaping and home renovation. He loved animals, especially his border collies. His hobbies included woodworking and vintage audio equipment.

Richard is survived by his daughters, Regina (Todd) Merrick of Marion and Andrea (Ted) Peak of Charlestown, Ind.; four grandchildren Emily Merrick (Ben Jay) of Brooklyn, NY, Ellen Merrick of Evansville, and Adam Peak and Susanna Peak of Charlestown, Ind; a sister, Jill Bugg of Symsonia; a sister-in-law Deanna Rudd of Baxley, Ga.; a brother-in-law Wayne (Rosemary) Browning of Symsonia; and beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Wanda Priscilla Browning Rudd; his parents, Ray and Imogene Rudd; a brother, John David Rudd and brother-in-law, Kenneth Bugg.

Memorial donations may be made to Gideon's International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214.

Services were Friday, July 21 at Clarks River Baptist Church with Bro. Aaron Brown officiating. Burial was in Clarks River Cemetery.

Guess

Thomas "Tom" Lester Guess, 87, of Tiline, died Tuesday, July 19, 2023 at Riverbend Retirement Community.

He was a member of International Union of Op-

erating Engineers Local 181, was a veteran of the United States Air Force and was of the Baptist Faith.

Surviving are three daughters, Sherry (Chris) Lasher of Hampton, Tammy (Thomas) Dunning of Burna and Rita (Wayne) Tabor of Calvert City; two grandchildren, Sydney Lasher and Amelia Tabor.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Hall Guess; parents, Freeman and Mildred Cruce Guess; four sisters, Arlene Guess, Donna Whetstone, Dorothy Morphew and Ruth Redmond; and four brothers, Gilbert Guess, Richard Guess, Dale Guess and Gin Guess.

Private graveside services will be at Tiline Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tiline Cemetery, c/o Richie Anglin, 1456 Tiline Road, Tiline, KY 42083, The McGangsters c/o Lone Oak Animal Clinic, 125 Augusta Avenue Paducah, KY 42003 or the Mary Hall Ruddiman Shelter, 24 Just-A-Mere Road, Marion, KY 42064.

Eberle

Margaret Ann Eberle, 73, of Salem died Friday, July 20, 2023 at Livingston Hospital and Health-care Services.

She enjoyed coloring, bingo, singing and watching westerns.

Surviving are two brothers, Arthur Eberle of Princeton and Bob Eberle of Burna; four sisters, Melva Doan of Burna, Patricia Collins of Marion, Lou Watson of Marion and Anna Latham of Bowling Green; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Grady and Lillie Tabor Eberle; a brother, Bill Eberle; and a sister, Sue Dorris.

Services were Monday, July 24 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in the Salem Cemetery.

Curry

Shirley Edwina Curry, 90, of Smithland, died Saturday, July 22, 2023 at her home.



She was a wonderful Christian woman all her life and loved the Lord. She was an amazing cook who cooked for Ingram Barge Company. She was an avid gardener and loved to sew. She was a member of Ledbetter United Methodist Church. She loved all her family down to the sixth generation.

Surviving are her husband of 28 years, Charles W. Curry; two daughters, Cynthia (Jerry) Stenbridge of Evansville and Angela Austin of Paducah; a son, Keith (Lana) Guill of Ledbetter; two stepdaughters, Amy (Gary) Doom of Tiline and Lynn (John) Scarborough of Burna; a step-son, Daniel (Cheryl) Newberry of Ohio; a sister, Clyda (Rudy) Hester of Ohio; a brother, Delbert Wayne (Stephanie) Ross of Indiana; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild on the way.

She was preceded in death by her previous husband, Henry Jacobs; her parents Glenn and Lourine McCoy Sherelle; a sister, Wanda; and four brothers, Jerry, William, Glenn and

Wade.

Services were Wednesday, July 26 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Allcock

Bella Caroline Allcock, 3, of Fredonia, died Saturday, July 22, 2023 at Norton's Children's Hospital in Louisville.



Surviving are her parents, Chasity and Travis Allcock of Fredonia; a brother, Dane Allcock of Fredonia; her grandparents, Ann and Ricky Allcock and Dwayne and Jeanette Doom, all of Marion; and a great-grandmother, Doris Dameron of

Marion.

She was a pure joy and sunshine to all who knew her. She loved to swing, go for walks, listen to music, eat ice cream and loved Baby Shark and Minnie Mouse.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263 or Gideon's International, PO Box 97251, Washington, D.C. 20090.

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Crittenden County Class of 1963 gathered for a photograph on July 1 at its 60th class reunion. Pictured are (front from left) Janet Arflack Thomas, Charlotte Orr Mott, Marilyn McDonald Holt, Dewenia Fay Garrett Martin, Colleen Damron Millikan, Faye McKinley Conger, Janis Watson Jones, (second row) Jerry Thurman, Dennis Thomas, Bobby Martin, Jesse Tyner, Donnie Hunt, Ben Manley, Wayne Putnel, Bill Fuller, Robert Jennings, John Cochran, (back) Mary Shewmaker Tabor, Nanette Frazer Easley, Sheryl Ferguson McKinney, Donna McDaniel Williams, Cathy Tosh Campbell and Donna Nunn Matthews.

County leaders give blessing to new county election map

STAFF REPORT
County leaders approved a reapportionment map that was recently developed and recommended by an independent local commission assigned to the task. Reapportionment is considered every 10 years, but this is the first time in decades that Crittenden County has been prompted to redraw its voting districts map due to shifts in population within the community. Magistrates praised the laborious work of the commission and County Clerk Daryl Tabor. The community at-large has until Aug. 10 to file an appeal. If none is made, the map will be presented to the State

Board Elections for final approval. The Crittenden County Board of Election met Friday to begin drawing new precinct lines. Due to the changes four magistrates will serve voters in both city and county precincts and two magistrates will serve only county precincts. There will be four all-city precincts and six all-county precincts. In redrawing precincts, the Board of Election will consolidate the county's typical 12 precincts to just 10. While the reapportioned district lines will not affect this year's election cycle with regard to representation, some voting locations will be mov-

ing to the former Marion Ed-Tech Center with the county offices. The county voting center, which has recently been at Marion Baptist Church, will move to the former Ed-Tech Center, which is being renovated to become the Crittenden County Office Complex. Early voting will be held there, too. The general election will be Nov. 7. Beginning Nov. 8, voters will be moved on the county election rolls to their new precincts and districts. The county clerk plans to notify by mail all voting households of their precinct name, voting location and representation.



Plying Local Waters

The Pinta passed through local waters last week and Salem resident Paula Berry snapped a picture as the replica ship traveled along the Cumberland River at Dycusburg. The traveling museum makes annual summer tours around the area. Berry's photo caught the ship as she made her way from Owensboro on the Ohio River to New Johnsonville, Tenn., on the Tennessee River. The replica ship was built in 2005 by Portugese shipwrights. The Pinta was one of Christopher Columbus' three ships that made a voyage of discovery in 1492.



Williams crowned Miss Livingston at fair pageant

Kaylee Brooke Williams of Smithland was last week crowned Miss Livingston County during the fair pageant. She is the daughter of TJ and Stacy Williams. Williams will be a freshman at Livingston Central High School this fall where she enjoys playing volleyball. She is also a member of the West Kentucky Volleyball Club.



JUNE 2023

Activity Report

Here is Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head's monthly activity report for his department.

	JUNE	MAY
Collisions Investigated	6	9
Complaints	49	68
Papers Served	40	30
Failed Service Attempts	5	4
Total Service Attempts	76	64
Transports	5	4
Special Detail	13	62
Training Hours	28.5	58.5
Verbal Warning	21	15
Criminal Citation	13	8
Officer Assist	7	3
Building Checks	79	62
Total Manhours	499.5	697.5
Bailiff Court Hours	67	74.5
Cases Opened	6	7
DUIs	1	2
Felony Arrests	6	7
Misdemeanor Arrests	10	20
Motorist Assists	7	10
Traffic Citations	7	14
General Policing	107	112
Followup Investigations	7	23
Call for Service	10	36
Meeting w/school staff	0	10

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Crittenden County Detention Center

	July 20, 2023	June 15, 2023	Monthly Average 2022
JAIL CENSUS			
State Inmates	106	97	91.7
Federal Inmates	54	54	63.9
Other County Inmates	12	9	25.3
Crittenden County Inmates	13	12	13.5
TOTAL INMATES	185	172	194.3
Weekenders	2	1	3.3
Work release	0	0	0.0
Out to Court	6	0	0.0
Actual Inmate Bed Count	193	173	197.7

DETENTION CENTER REPORT JULY 20, 2023

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

	JUNE 2023	MAY 2023	Monthly Average 2022
REVENUE			
State Housing Payments	\$106,055.34	\$104,959.80	\$88,791.89
Federal Housing Payments	\$80,948.00	\$91,826.00	\$106,020.43
Federal Transport Payments	\$6,230.20	\$7,762.57	\$7,738.28
Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$12,312.00	\$15,120.00	\$26,106.00
Other County Housing Payments	\$32.00	\$0.00	\$2,856.00
Weekend/Work Release	\$352.00	\$192.00	\$498.67
TOTAL HOUSING	\$199,699.34	\$212,097.80	\$224,272.99
ANALYSIS			
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$12,352.00	\$9920	\$13,221.33
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	\$386.00	\$310	\$413.17
KY Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	\$32	\$32
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	12.87	10	13.64

MAYOR

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here, some people will leave if they have the option, and some businesses and industries likely will relocate. These are not pleasant facts, but they are facts. State and federal agencies are not inclined to provide financial assistance to improve water utilities that do not show sufficient fiscal responsibility to sustain and maintain operations. With no water rate increases since 2015, we now have a large revenue shortfall that must be addressed. The experts we have retained advise that they see no realistic way our water supply improves either as to quantity or

quality without a significant rate increase. In fact, without more revenue, the current water situation will only get worse. Our community has too much potential in so many ways for us to allow it to become a ghost town for lack of political will to do what is necessary to provide a basic government service. The city council now has its first real chance to begin the process of remedying the water crisis. I urge all Marion residents to encourage and support council members in voting for the full proposed rate increase. We can be the architects of our own destiny, or victims of past inaction, but Marion's future lies at stake.

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