

Delay announced for 295 bridge completion

Re-opening of the KY 295 bridge over Livingston Creek at the Crittenden and Lyon County Line has been delayed, according to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The new target for completion of bridge replacement is late September. Originally, it was expected that work would be done sometime in August.

The original five-span steel I-beam bridge was closed in March 2024 after inspectors found severe structural deterioration. Demolition began in May 2025, and work on the \$1.236 million replacement has been under the direction of Jim Smith Contracting. The new single-span structure will feature concrete beams and updated design.

Motorists traveling between Lyon and Crittenden counties have been self detouring on narrow country roads for the past 16 months.

Family Fun Night part of Fair's final days

Crittenden County Lions Club's annual Family Fun Night is set for tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 1, at the fairgrounds. The event runs from 5 to 9 p.m. and promises an evening packed with activities for the whole family.

Admission is free for children under 15, and there's a \$5 per vehicle parking fee. Highlights include pony rides, a 4-H poultry show at 5 p.m., and a stick pony race at 6:30 p.m. FFA will host a pedal tractor pull with registration starting at 5 p.m.

Games and activities will be provided by local churches, first responders, clubs, and other community groups. Concessions will be available through the Lions Club.

The annual Demolition Derby will close out the fair on Saturday. See this week's complete fair schedule on page 10.

Back to School Events

Three nights of Back to School events are planned for Crittenden County Schools, including the following:

- Preschool open house, 4-6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18.
- Kindergarten Carnival, 5-6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18.
- CCES open house, 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 19.
- CCMS open house, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21.
- CCHS open house, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Public Library Board meets at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, July 31 at the library.
- A Community Prayer will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 2 at the empty lot next to The Crittenden Press.
- Marion Code Enforcement Board meets at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 11 at city hall.
- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 11 at the board office.
- Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12 at the courthouse.



Crittenden County farmer Carol Hendrix, 86, will be honored on Friday at the fair breakfast, which is open to the public.

Hendrix going into Ag Hall

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Carol Hendrix, a lifelong Crittenden County farmer and factory man, will be inducted into the county's Agriculture Hall of Fame during the annual 4-H Fair Breakfast Friday morning at the Lions Club Fairgrounds.

Hendrix, 86, still lives on the family farm where he moved with his parents at age 5. Born in 1939, he grew up in the Cave Springs area and started helping with farm chores at a young age.

"I was young and probably wasn't much help," he said with a chuckle, "but I would go to the barn with my mother to milk the cow and feed. I was probably in her way more than anything."

He graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1957 and briefly attended Murray State before marrying and starting a 41-year career at Potter & Brumfield in Marion. While holding down that full-time factory job, he farmed evenings and weekends, growing corn, soybeans, hay and wheat and raising Angus and Charolais cattle.

He has two brothers and a sister – Darrel, Bruce (who died at a young age),



and Joy Westmoland. A B1-Bomber crashed in 1998 just across KY 654 in front of his home on the farm of his cousin, Eddie Hendrix. It was a major news story across the country. Fortunately, no one was hurt as the crew had ejected before the crash.

That was arguably the greatest excitement in the Cave Springs area while the Hendrix family has farmed there for at least four generations. He has a daughter who lives out of town and two stepchildren nearby.

An early adopter of no-till farming in the county, Hendrix credits the late Easley Hill for encouraging his experimentation. He borrowed equipment from Hill to plant his first no-till crop.

"There's more skill to farming than most people think," Hendrix said. "Fi-

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Cherry crossed aisle to get road built years ago

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

A stretch of U.S. 641 connecting Marion to Fredonia now carries the name of the late Mike Cherry, a former Navy captain and Kentucky legislator whose influence helped make the road a reality, and whose legacy is defined not only by legislation, but by his rare ability to bridge political divides in an area increasingly led by the opposing party.

Cherry, who served in the Kentucky House of Representatives from 1999 to 2013, was a Democrat. Yet in Crittenden County, which has become a Republican stronghold, Cherry remained a respected and effective lawmaker,

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Pictured with a new highway sign are (from left) Gov. Andy Beshear, Senior Advisor Rocky Adkins, Davis Cherry, Gale Cherry, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, former legislator Martha Jane King and chief highway engineer Kyle Pote.

PSC curbs CLWD's rate-hike request

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden-Livingston County Water District (CLWD) customers are going to see higher water bills in the near future, but not as steep an increase as initially requested by the district last summer.

In a report filed July 14,

staff from the Kentucky Public Service Commission recommended a 12.74% rate hike, well below the 16.94% increase originally proposed by the water district. It does not appear that the district plans to appeal the decision. A final order will likely be coming within a few days,

which could allow a rate increase to go into effect by September.

If adopted, the adjusted rates would generate an additional \$392,368 annually for the district, about \$130,000 less than requested following a rate study that was completed last summer. That

study by Kentucky Rural Water Association indicated that the district needed more than \$500,000 in additional water sales revenue to meet anticipated expenses.

Based on the PSC's proposed lower rate structure, a

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Deaths

Davis

Harvey Lee Davis, affectionately known as “Nipper,” was born Oct. 17, 1956 in Chicago, Ill., to the late Jack Davis and Jacqueline Davis. He died Tuesday, July 22, 2025 leaving behind a legacy of laughter, kindness, and resilience.



Surviving are a daughter, Melissa Deann (Glenn) Brown; a sister, Cindy Loveless of Newburgh, Ind.; two brothers, Sandy (Donna) Conte of Chicago and Jimmy (Judi) Conte of Wisconsin; and an aunt, Alice Greenwood of Marion; seven grandchildren. Mitchell (Adeana) Quertermous of Marion, Dalton Quertermous of Benton, Cristin Anderson of Bowling Green, Cassidy Kirk of Bowling Green, Laken Brown of Paducah, SkyLynn Brown of Burna and Wilbeth Brown of Burna; nieces Sheree Bridges and Lashea (Kent) Schmitt of Newburgh, Ind., Gina Zizzo of Wisconsin; nephews Tristan (Ally) Thompson of Simthland, Kenny Davis Jr. of Salem, Tony (Cristal) Jennings of Smithland; and a host of great-grandchildren and great-nieces and nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father Jack, his mother Jacqueline, his brother Kenneth W. Davis, and a brother Almondo Zizzo.

Any friend Nipper had quickly was considered extended family. He never met a stranger and left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered.

By his side through it all was his faithful companion, his beloved dog Paco.

Nipper was well known for his quick wit and love for “cutting up” with friends. He had a passion for the open road and could often be found riding his Harley with a smile on his face. As the proud owner of Davis Transport, he formed lasting bonds with truckers across the country, always willing to lend a helping hand to those passing through—often with Paco riding shotgun.

He faced every challenge with a positive spirit and unwavering strength. He was always happy, full of life, and fought hard until the very end.

He will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

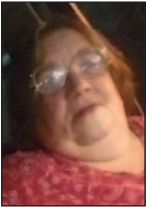
Services were Friday, July 25 at Myers Funeral Home. Burial was in St. William Cemetery.

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Gernigin

Tammy Jean Gernigin, 58, of Marion, died Monday, July 21, 2025 at her home.

Surviving are five children, Shelby Gernigin of Marion, Jeffrey Gernigin of Marion; John Gernigin of Bethalto, Ill., Brian Walker of Sturgis and Julie Brankov of East St. Louis, Ill.; and nine grandchildren.



She was preceded in death by her husband, John Gernigin; a son, Chris Gernigin; and parents, John and Elmer Jean Hurlay.

Private services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

McConnell

Grace Evelyn Shelby McConnell, 96, of Kuttawa, died Sunday, July 27, 2025, at Charter Senior Living in Paducah.

She was born May 25, 1929, to the late Oakley and Iris Shelby in Marion. She graduated from Marion High School in the Class of 1948. After which, she married the late William G. McConnell on June 18, 1948 in Marion and eventually moved to Kuttawa in 1953. They acquired the local pharmacy, and it became McConnell’s Drug Store, where she was the drug store’s bookkeeper until the age of 85.



She was a member of Kuttawa United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir for many years and served as a Sunday school teacher and church treasurer. She later became a member of Kuttawa Independent Church. She was an active member of several civic clubs.

McConnell was known for her kindness and generosity throughout the community. She was sincerely loved by her family, friends, and all who knew her. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and crocheting for the Prayer Shaw Ministry at her church.

Grace loved her title as “Gagi,” given to her by her granddaughter, Rachel, and carried on by her precious great-granddaughter, Ava.

She had a positive and funny personality, even up until her passing. She will be remembered for her love, kindness and care for all.

Surviving are a son, Tom McConnell of Kuttawa; a daughter, Carol Rogan (Michael) of Rogersville, Tenn.; a granddaughter, Rachel (Patton) Rogers of Knoxville, Tenn.; a great-granddaughter, Ava Rogers; four nephews, John (Kristen) Shelby of St. George Island, Fla., James (Anne) Shelby of Frankfort, Robert McClain of Vail, Colo., and Richard (Karen) Clement of Cadiz; and a niece, Deanna (Dick) Phelps of Bowleys Quarters, MD.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, William G. McConnell; a sister, Louise McClain; a brother, Ralph Shelby; and brother- and sister-in-law, Joe and Betty Clement.

Services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2 at Kuttawa Independent Church with Brother Jed Ramey and G.L. Ovey officiating, with a special message by Grace’s dear friend, Charlotte Sowards. The graveside service will follow at Kuttawa Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until service at Kuttawa Independent Church, formerly Kuttawa United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kuttawa Independent Church, P.O. Box 158, Kuttawa, KY.

Lakeland Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Woodall

Zack Anthony Woodall, 51, of Marion, died Sunday, July 27, 2025.



Surviving are his mother, Mary Jo Woodall of Marion; his partner, Sandy Buttler of Fredonia; a sister, Stacey Birdwell of Marion; two nieces, and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father, Maurice Woodall.

Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 31 at Gilbert Funeral Home. The

family will receive visitors from 4-6 p.m., at the funeral home.

Thomas

Lester Theodore Thomas, Sr., 89, of Princeton, died Sunday, July 6, 2025 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



Thomas was a graduate of St. Bernice High School and participated for the varsity basketball team.



His love for basketball lasted all of his life and manifested every March which was his favorite time of year, or certainly appeared to be by all that knew him. He helped establish a thriving bus ministry in the early 1970s while serving at First Baptist Church in McHenry, Ill. He also helped establish a Christian school (Fox Valley Christian School) at the same church. He loved to engage in the collectibles market and loved music, both by listening and playing guitar. He served honorably in the United States Army and loved God, his country, and family.

Surviving are two sons, Lester Thomas, Jr. of Alton, Mo., and Jeffrey Thomas of Chicago, Ill.; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Majorie Mae Thomas in 1997; and his second wife, Nita Thomas; four siblings, Mary Widamene, Ilene York, Wayne Thomas, Sylvester Thomas; and his parents, Ralph Washington and Jennie Alice (Culberson) Thomas.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 19 at Cedar Grove Cemetery, with burial to follow.

Friends may visit with the family from 9-10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 19 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

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Class of 90 reunion

Crittenden County High School Class of 1990 held its 35th reunion July 26. Pictured (front from left) are Tiffany Orr Floyd, Teresa Orr Epperson, D’Anna Browning, Mary Haire Cooksey, (second row) Denise Riley Lynn, David Saalwaechter, Valerie Smith Gilbert, Misty Dalton Hicks, (third row) Eddie Lynn, Brad Gilbert, Barkley Hughes, (fourth row) Cathy Jacobs Poindexter, Daniel Kemper, Dawn Olson Adams, Tim Binkley, (fifth row) Keith Belt, Stephanie Hunt Mundy, Danette Gough Brown, Amy Cardwell, (sixth row) Shannon Roberts Morris, Vince James, Matthew Smith (back) Allison Mick Evans and Brian Belt.

Library tax established

Crittenden County Public Library, established under KRS 173,300, provides library services to citizens in Crittenden County, KY. In accordance with Chapter 65A and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial records of Crittenden County Public Library District for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, may be inspected at the Crittenden County Public Library, 204 W. Carlisle Street, Marion, KY, during administrative office hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Inquiries should be made to the library Director, Regina Merrick.

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We are deeply touched by the outpouring of support from this community during Eddie’s illness and death. Thank you for your sympathy and for being there for us.

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Rev. David LeNeave and Charles Cook offered such uplifting words during the service. We will always remember your kindness and generosity during this time.

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Frustrations mount in effort to clean up town

STAFF REPORT

City council members are facing growing frustrations over property maintenance and code enforcement challenges as a rising number of complaints continue to pile up with limited resolution.

During last week’s Marion City Council meeting, Code Enforcement Officer Tanya Byers reported receiving 29 complaints in June and July, with only nine resolved over the two-month span. An additional 42 first notices had been issued in recent days, but progress remains slow.

“Some are easier to fix than others,” said Byers, noting many repeat offenders continue to disregard city codes.

Mayor D’Anna Browning praised Byers’ efforts, acknowledging she was handed a big task.

“We dumped a lot on Tanya to get this together and go through the codes. I see what she’s doing, and she’s doing a great job,” the mayor said.

Still, council members expressed concerns about long-term solutions. Abandoned properties are a growing issue, with children reportedly entering unsafe structures. Condemning those buildings is costly, as it often requires hiring engineers and taking owners to court. Byers suggested an alternative could be setting higher tax rates for abandoned

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properties or creating a landlord license ordinance to hold owners more accountable.

City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield pointed out that a new ordinance would be required for either of those options.

Councilwoman Wanda Brandon pointed out rental units seem to outnumber owner-occupied homes. The latest formal study by the city was done in 2015. It found that rentals account for nearly 30 percent of housing in Marion.

City leaders lament that there are no attractive enforcement mechanism targeting negligent landlords. Multiple properties owned by the same few individuals have drawn repeated complaints, they said.

Marion’s legal counsel Bart Frazer reminded the council that responsibility falls on the property owners, not tenants. However, once violations reach court, the city rarely recovers its costs for pressing violators.

Discussion also turned toward the Code Enforcement Board. Councilwoman Nikki Conger said she has been frustrated by what she has observed at code enforcement meetings. She said Byers has been cut off during meetings, which are sometimes started

without her.

At last week’s meeting Byers was formally hired full time to handle code enforcement and head Marion’s planning and zoning commission. Her role was expanded after starting out as code enforcement officer only.

“We need to re-educate board members of their roles and responsibilities,” Conger told other council members. “If we don’t address this, there’s no reason to hire her full time. I would like to see this addressed, or we need to restructure the board. The board is not doing what it is supposed to be doing.”

In other business, the city administrator said Cole Springs, the new housing complex near the park, is building a 6-foot black metal privacy fence to separate its facility from adjacent private homeowners.

•Ford-Benningfield said the city trying to figure out a way to repair some major street washouts with limited funding. She said a tile project at the entrance to Marion-Crittenden County Park on Old Morganfield Road will cost \$10,000 not including installation, and other drainage issues persist at North Walker Street and Clark Street. FEMA

will not assist with those repairs, according to the city administrator.

•Councilman Bobby Belt questioned if the city could co-operate with the county in order to open the brush dump site on Bridwell Loop. Recent storms have left large limbs piled in yards across the city. Ford-Benningfield said EPA regulations only allow the site to open following a declared emergency.

•Belt also raised concerns about increased traffic at the four-way stop at the corner of Main and Gum streets. With NAPA and Duncan’s Service already operating on opposite corners, he projects traffic to increase now that a doughnut shop is opening on another corner and Rocket Tire is building a new site on the other.

He asked if the city could ask the Transportation Cabinet to re-evaluate is decision to take out the stop light and put in the four-way stop.

•The city is preparing for a new round of Hometown Hero banners, with hopes of lining Main Street by Veterans Day in November. Applications are available at city hall and the deadline is Oct. 1 for anyone who wants to purchase a banner to memorialize a service member.

City approves bid for paving

City council members have approved a bid from Rogers Group for the seasonal street paving, showing more than \$147,000 in resurfacing costs. According to a bid summary from Eclipse Engineers, the price of asphalt has increased to \$155.40 per ton, up \$25 from the prior year.

The city will spend \$147,163.80 on paving 13 segments of city streets, totaling roughly 1,500 tons of asphalt. Streets slated for improvements include South Blackburn, Freewill, West Carlisle, North College, East Elm and Moore. West Elm and West Depot were placed on hold due to budget constraints.

The city had \$219,814 available for paving this year, but with \$65,000 held in reserve, officials plan to spend only from the remaining \$154,814, leaving a cushion of \$7,650.20.

A state project near Lake George on Chapel Hill Road was listed separately for repaving where loaded rock trucks transporting material to the failing levee created road damage.

Work should be completed before fall.

CHERRY

Continued from page 1 known for working hand in hand with local GOP leadership to accomplish shared goals.

At a ceremony Tuesday at the Crittenden County Office Complex, Gov. Andy Beshear, a Democrat, joined others who celebrated Cherry’s legacy and formally memorialized the 5.2-mile stretch of highway for Cherry, who died in February 2024 at age 81. Coincidentally, it was the governor’s father, then-Gov. Steve Beshear, who led a contingent of Kentucky leaders on the same site on Feb. 15, 2012, to officially break ground on the new highway.

Former Crittenden County Magistrate Dan Wood was there Tuesday and in 2012 and had been in office 10 years when that ceremonial groundbreaking was held. He remembers the advocacy Cherry championed to get the road built. It was Wood who got the ball rolling several months ago to name the highway for Cherry.

“The reason I liked him so much and the reason it’s right that we name it for him is that it didn’t matter whether you were an R or D, if you had a problem or needed help, Mike Cherry was there to help,” said Wood, a Democrat. “That in itself makes a good legislator.”

Wood added that Cherry worked as well with Republicans in leadership positions as he did with his own party.

“That’s why he should be honored, because he was a true public servant. Regardless of party, he did what was supposed to be done.”

Wood believes the highway will eventually be four lanes like it was originally conceived. In order to cut expenses, the state decided to complete it as a so-called super two-lane when it opened in 2018. However, right-of-way was purchased and much work was initially completed to make it four lanes, including the construction of a second bridge over Livingston Creek at the Crittenden-Caldwell County line.

“I think once the second phase is finished and it’s completed to I-69 in Lyon County, they will finish this end with four lanes,” Wood said.

The governor also expressed a desire to complete the work. He quoted scripture, pointing out that the Bible says you’re never truly gone as long as people continue to say your name.

“Now everyone who drives this highway will

Mike Cherry (1943-2024)
Career & Legacy Highlights
•U.S. Navy Captain
•Served in Kentucky House of Representatives, District 4 from 1999 to 2013.
•Chaired State Government Committee; served on Agriculture and Veterans committees
•Sponsored Kentucky’s first major pension reform legislation and state’s first anti-bullying law.



Cherry

be saying his name,” Beshear said.

Rocky Adkins, the governor’s senior advisor who also served in Frankfort with Cherry, said the late legislator’s name will be etched on the community’s lips for generations to come.

“Mike was one of our greatest leaders and did it with compassion, dignity and grace,” Adkins said.

“My first memory of Mike was when he came to my office to see me when he was running for that seat and he wanted me to go around town with him introducing him to some people... he always seemed to take a genuine interest in everything that was going on,” said former Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander, who worked alongside Cherry during much of his legislative tenure. “Sometimes we had to have a party spat... but we always got along just great.”

Alexander, who served as mayor of Marion for more than two decades, said political affiliation never got in the way of Cherry’s service to the community.

“He was always approachable. He was always willing to speak,” Alexander said. “We had a good relationship.”

Cherry’s efforts were instrumental in championing the expansion of U.S. 641, a key route for commercial and recreational travel between the lakes region and southern Indiana. Safety concerns and economic opportunity had made the road project a top priority for decades. Cherry carried that torch throughout his time in office, Alexander said.

Cherry served in the U.S. Navy from 1966 to 1993, retiring as a captain. His public affairs duties took him to Vietnam, Guantánamo Bay, Norfolk and NATO’s SACLANT command. After military retirement, Cherry returned to Princeton, where he led a revitalization effort downtown, restoring storefronts, reopening the town theater and establishing new businesses. He was also active in civic and veterans’ groups.

In Frankfort, Cherry

became a respected voice on state government matters, chairing or co-chairing key committees and sponsoring more than 40 bills. Notable accomplishments included Kentucky’s first anti-bullying law and early pension reform legislation.

But back home, it was his ability to build consensus and cross party lines that left a lasting impression.

Cherry’s support for the U.S. 641 project was evident from the earliest planning meetings, Alexander said. He recalled sitting down with Cherry, fellow legislator the late Sen. Paul Herron and other county officials to advocate for the road.

“We certainly had plenty of local support for it,” Alexander said, adding that while others like former county judge-executives the late Pippi Hardin and John May also played important roles, it was Cherry who kept the momentum alive for years.

Today, the completed section of the road offers safer and more efficient travel through the region.

“Even if it’s not four-lane, which obviously we all preferred, it’s still just so much better,” Alexander said, noting the daily traffic hazards that persist on the old highway in Lyon and Caldwell counties.

Cherry’s widow, Gale, a former Princeton mayor, and their son, Davis, who now lives in New York, were in attendance. She spoke of her husband and admitted that he wasn’t cherished enough while he was here.

“He loved Crittenden County. He would come over here to drink coffee in the morning and we attended events at Fohs Hall.”

Adkins added that Cherry embraced his service to Kentucky and naming the road in his memory is fitting.

“Mike loved his community and he would go to Frankfort and fight like heck for it,” Adkins said.

Judge-executives from Crittenden, Lyon and Caldwell counties were among those at the ceremony, as well as mayors from Princeton and Marion.



City Recognition

Last week during Marion City Council’s regular monthly meeting, Mayor D’Anna Browning recognized a couple of city employees. Tom Mason (pictured at left) was recognized for his 13 years employment at the water treatment plant. He recently retired. Water plant superintendent Jeff Black (right) was recognized for 20 years of service.

‘Cat tix at Rupp just got higher

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky basketball fans can expect higher ticket prices this season as the Wildcats prepare for a loaded schedule at Rupp Arena.

The home slate begins with exhibition games against Purdue on Oct. 24 and Georgetown on Oct. 30, followed by marquee nonconference matchups with North

Carolina on Dec. 2 and Indiana on Dec. 13. SEC opponents visiting Lexington include Florida, Tennessee, Texas, and others.

Season-ticket prices will rise by an average of 3%, with new K Fund donation requirements of \$50 to \$100 per seat, even in areas previously exempt. That adds about \$4 to \$7 per ticket per

game.

UK Athletics says the increases reflect the rising costs of college sports. Though ticket and K Fund prices had remained steady for several years, new financial pressures, including anticipated revenue sharing with athletes, could require an extra \$20 to \$30 million annually.

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typical residential customer using 4,000 gallons per month would see a rise from \$67 to \$75.52, an increase of \$8.52 on their monthly bill. The minimum bill would go from \$23.74 to \$27.89.

The PSC staff’s recommendations followed the rate study’s financial review of the district’s test-year data from 2022. While that year’s records showed water loss at just under 24%, well above the regulatory threshold of 15%, the district has recently reported actual water loss at a much higher rate. At the June CLWD board meeting, it was revealed that water loss was around 36%, and at times had approached 43% in May. These figures have been greatly reduced in the past few weeks and the district believes it will be near the 15% threshold in August.

The PSC’s review also made other adjustments that reduced operating expenses. Certain materials and maintenance costs were reclassified as capital improvements and shifted to depreciation, lowering annual operating costs by nearly \$300,000. Additionally, the PSC questioned commissioners’ incomplete training records and procedural matters having to do with their pay. Its six commissioners are paid

\$100 a month, but could earn up to \$300, according to state law. However, county judge-executives and fiscal courts must approve the pay scale.

The PSC’s recommended changes also include revisions to tap-on fees and service charges. Nonrecurring charges such as connection and service call fees were reduced based on actual labor costs and PSC precedent. However, tap-on fees for new service connections jumped significantly, from \$750 to \$1,950 for a standard 5/8-inch service line, to more accurately reflect the cost of installation.

CLWD serves more than 3,700 customers across Crittenden and Livingston counties and produces nearly all of its own water. The district’s last base rate increase was approved in 2018.

The rate study was based on financials that are almost three years old now, and did not reflect millions of dollars in recently pledged funding for a three-phase expansion project that will double the district’s treatment capacity from 2 million to 4 million gallons per day.

Tim Thomas, a consultant for CLWD, urged the board to begin planning immediately for another rate study, warning that by the time it’s completed and approved by the PSC, operating costs will likely have already risen.



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Clerk announces TextMyGov option

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor has announced the deployment TextMyGov, a convenient and smart text messaging service. This service will enable residents to receive important notifications more conveniently and to easily find specific information by texting the clerk’s office.

The clerk’s office will officially launch the new text messaging system to the public on Friday, Aug. 1. Residents in the 42064 ZIP code may receive a text message from 91896 from the clerk’s office initiating the service. You can choose to opt-out at any time by texting STOP and you should receive no more messages.

If you don’t receive the initial message, you can choose to opt-in by texting the keyword “CRITTENDENCLERK” to the Short Message Service (SMS) number 91896. After sending the initial keyword, you will be asked to reply “YES” to confirm opt-in.

Crittenden County residents with other ZIP codes like those for Salem, Sturgis, Fredonia and Providence, will not receive the initial notification. They will have to opt in by texting the keyword to the SMS number.

Residents who opt in may receive notifications for election-related information, important motor vehicle registration changes and more related to the functions of the county clerk’s office. This will be limited to a handful of important notifications per year.

The use of this technology is another example of how the county clerk’s office is enhancing services by using 21st-century solutions, others of which have been implemented at the state level, Tabor said.

“We’re excited about this new way of communicating with residents and look forward to sharing important county clerk notifications,” the clerk added. “After the initial opt-in message to phone numbers in the 42064 area, you will not receive any text messages unless you choose to subscribe to notifications.”

Other governmental entities across the country, including many county clerks offices in Kentucky, are utilizing this system with a positive reception.

Hummingbird Fest

The 29th annual Hummingbird Festival will flutter into Land Between the Lakes on Aug. 2-3, offering a weekend of nature, art and family-friendly fun.

Held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Woodlands Nature Station, the event showcases hundreds of ruby-throated hummingbirds as they swarm native gardens during their migration to Central America.

This year’s theme, Avian Art, features a pollinator art gallery, crafts, nature art vendors, and activities for children. Guests can also attend hummingbird banding demonstrations by Southeastern Avian Research, a native plant sale, and educational presentations.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for children ages 5-15, and free for those 4 and under. The Nature Station is located at 3146 Silver Trail Road in Cadiz. For more information, call 270-924-2299 or visit landbetweenthelakes.us.

Trail of Tears event hosts author of book on Cherokee adoption

The Trail of Tears annual meeting and membership drive will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, at the George Coon Public Library Auditorium in Princeton.

Guest speaker will be Gary Collier of Paris, Tenn., author of A Mother’s Burden, a book with Caldwell County connections documenting Cherokee heritage.

A gift basket from Newsom’s will be raffled as a fundraiser, with proceeds benefiting the association and the drawing to



be held at the Black Patch Festival in September.

For more information, contact Linda Johnson Higgins at 270-365-9071.

Crittenden Fire Dpt. budget submitted to fiscal court

Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department has adopted a \$55,600 budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, matching last year’s approved total. Its budget was submitted to the fiscal court during its July meeting.

Revenue projections include \$33,500 from dues, the department’s primary funding source, and \$1,800 from fundraisers. State aid is projected at \$15,000, while grants are expected to contribute \$5,000. Donations are forecast at just \$300.

On the expense side, major appropriations include \$18,200 for loan principal payments and \$7,600 in interest. Equipment maintenance is budgeted at \$16,500, a sharp increase from the previous year’s \$10,000 allotment. Equipment purchases are set at \$4,000, less than half of last year’s amount.

Riverview Park sees decline in stays due to bridge being out

Riverview Park saw a noticeable drop in overnight stays during June 2025, with only 65 total camping nights recorded, including 60 RV rentals and five tent site reservations. That’s a sharp decline compared to June 2024, when the Ohio River park hosted 106 overnight stays, nearly all of which were RVs.

The downturn comes as no surprise to local officials, who point to the temporary closure of the a state highway bridge across Crooked Creek near the campground as a contributing factor. The bridge, located on the primary access route to the park, has been closed since early spring due to structural issues and ongoing replacement work.

Financial figures reflect the dip in usage. This June, the park generated \$1,530 in RV site revenue and \$35 from tent sites. Additional income included \$153.75 in fees. Revenue from the park helps pay for its upkeep and labor and expense to launch a seasonal dock in the summer.

The park, formerly known as Dam 50, offers seven concrete RV pads with full hookups, tent camping areas, restrooms, a dock, pavilion, basketball goal and playground. Tent sites remain \$5 per night, and RV pads rent for \$20 nightly. Reservations are available at CrittendenCountyKy.org.

Animal shelter report

Crittenden County Animal Shelter took in 17 dogs during June, with five adoptions and one dog reclaimed by its owner. Fifteen dogs were transferred to rescue groups. No animals were euthanized, died from medical causes or escaped.

As of June 30, the shelter housed 39 dogs, with 47 in foster care at the end of May.

The shelter collected \$495 in revenue during the month, \$390 from adoptions, \$25 in reclaim fees, \$10 in dog licenses and \$70 in donations. No sponsorship income was reported.

Paducah lands AI site

The Trump administration has selected Paducah as one of four national sites to help develop Artificial Intelligence infrastructure on federal land.

The former Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant site was named by the U.S. Department of En-

ergy as a key location for AI and energy development. Officials said the site is “well-situated for large-scale data centers, new power generation, and other necessary infrastructure.”

U.S. Energy Secretary Chris Wright called the project a “next Manhattan Project,” aimed at boosting AI and energy leadership, strengthening national security, and lowering energy costs.

President Trump has issued executive orders pushing AI and nuclear energy leadership.

Sen. Mitch McConnell praised the announcement, saying Paducah is once again positioned to serve a vital national role.

Other DOE sites selected include Oak Ridge Reservation in Tennessee, Idaho National Laboratory, and the Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

More details are expected in the coming weeks.

One dead in crash near Smithland

A 69-year-old Hampton man was killed and a 22-year-old Paducah woman was seriously injured last week in a head-on collision near Smithland on U.S. 60 West around the intersection with Stonebreaker Road.

Livingston County Sheriff’s office says the crash occurred around 2 p.m., last Wednesday when a 2012 Toyota Yaris driven by Paul Briggs of Hampton crossed the center line and struck a westbound 2018 Toyota Corolla operated by Erica Powell of Paducah.

Briggs was pronounced dead at the scene by Livingston County Coroner Jeff Armstrong. Powell suffered incapacitating injuries and was first taken to Baptist Health Paducah before being transferred to Vanderbilt University Medical Center for further treatment.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. First responders from the Smithland and Ledbetter fire departments assisted sheriff’s deputies at the scene.

Storm relief approved for area counties

Gov. Andy Beshear has announced that President Donald Trump has approved federal Public Assistance for counties impacted by the spring’s severe weather events, a move that brings much-needed help to dozens of Kentucky communities, including Caldwell, Webster, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Hopkins and Union counties.

A total of 64 counties were approved for assistance following storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, flooding, landslides and mudslides on April 2. Additionally, 36 counties, including several in western Kentucky, were approved for storms and tornadoes that struck May 16-17.

Public Assistance provides funding for emergency response costs and the repair or replacement of public infrastructure damaged by the disasters. Local governments and certain nonprofit organizations in the approved counties are now eligible to apply.

The Team Kentucky Storm Relief Fund remains open and will aid survivors, beginning with funeral expenses for storm victims.

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10 YEARS AGO

July 30, 2015

- Crittenden County 4-Her Mauri Collins won top honors in the Kentucky Poultry Egg Preparation Demonstration with her Ham and Egg in Puff Pastry dish.
- Crittenden County educators Vince Clark, Sarah Riley, Neal Bryant and Kim Vince earned Excellence in Teaching Awards during a ceremony at Campbellsville University.
- 8-under All Star baseball players from Crittenden County won a tournament at Lyon County. Players included Andrew Candelario, Levi Suddoth, Garner Stallins, Ethan Thomas, Zach Purvis, Braden Odom, Quinn Summers, Bennett McDaniel, Travis Bull and Kaiden Travis. Coaches were Tanner Tabor and Aaron Summers.
- Crittenden County students were preparing to begin school with the following new teachers: Chelsea Carroll, Kara Dunbar, Crista Maddux, Tobey Capps, Victoria Lee, Talley Joyce, Bryan Qualls, Valerie Jennings and Torey Baker.

25 YEARS AGO

July 27, 2000

- Marion restaurants and convenience centers reported increased sale due to the influx of bikers visiting the Little Sturgis Valley in Sturgis, Ky. Fuel sales at Liberty Fuels were up 10%.
- Gov. Paul Patton honored local day care workers including Head Start employees Lynda Dennis and Anna Hilliard; Quality Day Care employee Laura Koon; and Tiny Tot Daycare employees Barbara Threlkeld, Karla Hodge and LeAnn Blazina.
- Crittenden County Schools was led by newly-hired superintendent Fredericka Hargis as classes were set to begin Aug. 8.
- Most valuable swimmers recognized by the Marion Swim Team were Whitney Johnson, Alex Kirby, Carrie Nesbitt and Tyler Etheridge.
- Al and Angela Starnes shot 64-66-130 to win the Buck and Doe couples golf tournament at Marion Country Club.
- Payton Croft, an eighth-grader, won the three-point contest at Transylvania University’s summer hoops camp.

50 YEARS AGO

July 31, 1975

- The Crittenden County Health Department advised Marion residents to boil water before consumption based on elevated chlorine residual in the water supply that exceeded state requirements.
- Crittenden County farmer Will Smith of Wilson Farm Rd., was recognized for 50 years of voluntary service as a reporter for the Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.
- Charles Hoover of Marion was selected chairman of the Southern States Cooperative during an annual membership meeting in Marion. Also elected were Bill Kemper and Charles Alexander. A report on local operations was given by J.T. May, owner of the Crittenden County Farm and Home Supply.
- Marion policemen William O. Brown and Phil Harris attended Kentucky’s first two-day Crime Prevention Orientation Conference in Louisville.
- Crittenden County 4-Hers competing at the Kentucky State Fair were Jeff Templeton, Julie Hill, Jeff Matz, Timmy Samuel, Kim Waterloo, Donna Robinson, Nancy Willoughby, Sandy Boone, Janet Hearell and Alice Hicks.

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

Livingston proposes solar field ordinance

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County Fiscal Court held first reading last week on an ordinance that would regulate large-scale solar installations, setting strict setbacks and procedural requirements for future developments.

The ordinance was introduced during the court’s July 22 meeting and is expected to return for final reading and a vote in August.

Judge-Executive Michael Williams said the goal of the measure is not to discourage solar development but to ensure appropriate protections are in place for neighboring property owners and the environment.

Williams noted that these regulations apply only to utility-scale solar farms, not residential rooftop panels or small installations. He emphasized that large-scale projects can stretch over hundreds of acres. While recognizing landowners’ rights to develop their own property, Williams said the court also has a duty to set reasonable limits, especially when such developments could affect adjoining properties.

Setbacks were a primary topic of discussion at the meeting. As written, the ordinance would require a minimum 1,000-foot buffer from non-participating property lines and public roads, and 2,000 feet from homes, schools, churches, hospitals or city limits. Williams acknowledged that setbacks have been among the most debated issues across Kentucky where similar ordinances have been adopted.

He also said the court wants to hear from the public before final passage, not about the merits of solar energy itself, but about what kinds of restrictions the county should place on large facilities. Williams explained that proposed visual buffers include an 8-foot fence and staggered evergreen plantings designed to block 90% of visibility from adjacent properties. He added that, in many cases, the facilities will likely be out of sight altogether.

Final action on the ordinance is expected at the fiscal court’s next meeting in August.

Influences can obscure what is important

Here are the first two laws of Newtonian Physics as translated by Andrew Motte in 1729, “LAW I: Every body perseveres in its state of rest, or of uniform motion in a right [straight] line, unless it is compelled to change that state by forces impressed thereon. LAW II: The alteration of motion is ever proportional to the motive force impressed; and is made in the direction of the right [straight] line in which that force is impressed.” One may wonder what Newtonian physics has to do with our spiritual life. However, the principles that apply to every movement we make and everything we see around us provide another way to understand the influences in our lives.

Most days I begin with a plan. Most days that plan is disrupted. I suspect that my experience is the most common one for anyone who wakes up with a plan. The disruption may be minor, the type that happens so often that we hardly notice. It may be annoying, the type that should never have happened if I or someone else had done what should have been done before it became a problem. It may be significant, the type that must be managed before anything else can happen. It may be devastating – a phone call, an accident – the type that stops everything else and sets us in the middle of chaos. Given that the impact of disruptions will alter our course, it is vitally important that we keep

our focus on our goal. It means that we are not where we planned to be, but the goal has not moved. We all know that life is not lived in a straight line and that course corrections are necessary because the forces that act on us are incessant and unavoidable. Disruptions aside, we will always have influences that can affect our mood or our ability to focus on what we need to do. The wonderful thing about being human is that we can choose those things that influence us the most from this day forward. We cannot choose our birth families, we cannot choose when or where we are born. We can choose the general direction that we will take from now on. When Moses was giving his final address to the people of Israel before they moved into Canaan he gave them a choice. Our context today is vastly different, but the

message of Moses and the choice we must make is just as important now as it was then. “For this commandment which I command you this day is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up for us to heaven, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. “See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you this day, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, then you shall live and

multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you ... I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life.” (Deuteronomy 30:11-16b; 19) When the apostle Paul was encouraging the Corinthians to stay focused on the good news they had accepted and not be distracted by those who were causing them to doubt the resurrection he said, “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company ruins good morals.’” (I Corinthians 15:33) We cannot control many things in this life, but we can do some things that will increase the odds of us bumping into forces that will move us in the right direction. We can choose life, and

we can choose people who influence us toward choosing life. This takes some effort on our part today. We are only a few clicks or finger swipes away from a firehose of influences that will distract us and, if we are not careful, obscure what is important in our lives. We cannot avoid colliding with forces that knock us off course. We can choose environments that make such collisions less frequent. We cannot stop others from trying to influence us, we can choose whom we listen to. May we ever choose wisely. *Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.*

10 really hard prayers to pray

BY CHUCK LAWLESS
KENTUCKY TODAY

I’m convinced that weak prayer is one reason the North American church is not making much difference. If you want your church to be a threat to the enemy, I challenge you to consider praying some of these really hard prayers today.

1. “Lord, if you don’t forgive the people I lead, blot me out of your book, too.” Moses’ prayer of Exodus 32:32 for his rebellious, idolatrous people is an expression of leadership love hard to achieve. Who is that rebellious person you must love intensely in this way?

2. “I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. I have done evil in your sight.” All of us know we must confess our sin, but I suspect that not many of us deeply grieve our sin like David did in Psalm 51. What sins must you

lament and confess to God today?

3. “Father, I consecrate myself so that others may be sanctified in truth.” Jesus’ words in John 17:19 were His commitment to go the cross so others might follow the Father fully and faithfully. Do you so walk in holiness today that if others modeled their life after yours, you would be pleased to stand before the Father?

4. “Lord God, answer me, answer me, that the people may know that you are God.” That’s the risky, passionate prayer of Elijah when he confronted the prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18:37 — and it’s a prayer of faith that challenges us. What’s the issue in your life for which you must ardently plead with God to make himself known?

5. “I could almost wish to be accused if that’s what it takes for _____ to be saved.” That’s Paul’s expression of his

heart in Romans 9:1-3. Whom do you love with that depth of love? Whose name would you put in the blank?

6. “Here am I, Lord, send me.” No evidence in Isaiah 6:8 suggests that Isaiah yet knew how hard his mission would be, but he nevertheless volunteered to be God’s spokesperson. Apparently, seeing the holiness of God makes one willing to do anything He demands. Are you willing to say, “Lord, send me” even if He doesn’t give you all the details?

7. “Please bless _____, who has mistreated me.” Again, you fill in the blank. Obedience to Jesus’ words in Luke 6:28 means that we love our enemies and pray for those who hurt us. Who’s that person for you today?

8. “God, I thank You for this never-ending, always aching, ever-before-me thorn in my side.”

Paul showed us in 2 Corinthians 12:10 why we need to pray this prayer — it is in our weakness that God is most glorified as our strength. Do you delight in the thorn in your life today?

9. “Not my will, but yours be done.” This is the Luke 22:42 “blank check” prayer that says, “God, I’m yours, whatever that means, wherever that takes me, no matter the cost.” Can you really give God a blank check today and be a leader who follows Him with abandon?

10. “Even so, come Lord Jesus.” The Bible ends with this prayer of John in Revelation 22:20. Knowing all that Jesus’ return means — not only our being with Him eternally in heaven, but also our standing before Him to answer for our lives — can you genuinely pray this prayer today?

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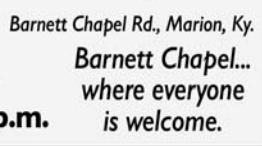
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Declamatory contests prized school event

A much anticipated event of the schools of long ago were the declamatory contests. The dictionary states that declamatory is a formal speech made in public and spoken with great emotion and force. The matches must have been full of tension and emotion as to see who the best and forceful speakers were.

Memorizing daily assignments were very much a part of school then, it called for much focusing and concentration on what you were trying to learn.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, we can go back and visit some of these declamatory contests.

Feb. 23, 1923 – Oratorical and Declamatory Contest

The preliminary oratorical and declamatory contest was held at the Graded School auditorium. Mr. Richard Hicklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hicklin, was the winner of the gold medal in the oratorical contest and Miss Thelma Travis was the winner of the medal in the declamatory contest. The subject of Mr. Hicklin's oration was The Masked American. It was a great composition and was effectively delivered.

Feb. 22, 1924 – Declamatory and Oratorical Contestants Draw Crowd

Weeks of preparation had put the contestants of all the grade schools on edge and eager for the opportunity to display their talents to a large audience which was just as eager to hear them. So many young ladies had wanted to enter the contest that an elimination contest had been held in private, the five winners of which appeared last Friday.

The two winners were Miss Elizabeth Haynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Haynes of Marion, and Mr. Ryvers Sarlls of near Bells Mines. Miss Lois Hicklin read "The Old Nest" as the opening number, following an invocation. Miss Hicklin's portrayal of this literary gem was a very charming one. Mr. Avery Reed then appeared with "The Self Supporting Student" as his subject. "Peg O' My Heart," one of the sweetest stories in all English literature, was then read by Miss Virginia Terry.

"The Master Passion" was the subject Mr. Thomas Nelson had chosen. Misses Margaret and Blanche Guess sang a beautiful number at

the close of this and were heartily encored. Miss Dorothy Haynes then appeared with "Flaming Ramparts," a reading requiring much dramatic ability to effectively render, and Miss Haynes did wonderfully well. Mr. Ernest Hughes then spoke on "A Nation's Honor," Mr. Hughes has the possibilities of making an unusually good public speaker.

Miss Ada Nelle Frazer had chosen "Why the Chimes Ring," a reading which requires much natural ability and intensive training to render at all effectively. Mr. Ryvers Sarlls then appeared with the winning oration, "Character." It was well delivered and with further training Mr. Sarlls should make one of the county's best young speakers.

Miss Elizabeth Lee Haynes then appeared with a dramatic reading entitled the "The Valiant," It was beautifully read and presented.

October 26, 1926 – Contest at Mt. Zion Great Success

The declamatory contest for Division Four of the county schools was held at Mt. Zion last Friday evening. The contestants were Gretna Woody of Seminary School; Vivian Sullivan of Prospect; Eugene Beard of Baker, Bertha Kirk of Heath, Gwendolyn Gahagan of Weston; John Fowler of Oak Hall; and Hughie Wilborn of Post Oak.

The gold medal was won by Hughie Wilborn and the silver medal by John Fowler. The Cave Spring quartette, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Drennan, Ray Brantley and Dallas Little, added much to the program. They will sing at the final contest on Nov. 20.

Nov. 19, 1926 - Contest at Frances

The declamatory contest in Educational Division Two was held last Friday at Frances. All of the contestants from the different schools had splendid readings and had been well trained.

The gold medal was won by Miss Ruth Hard, a pupil of Mrs. Bessie Oliver at Caldwell Spring. The second prize, a silver medal, was awarded to Miss Anna Belle Hunter of the Mexico School. Miss Hunter is a pupil of Milton Yandell.

Nov. 19, 1926 - County Declamatory Contest at Fohs Hall

The Crittenden County Schools will hold a declamatory contest Saturday evening, Nov. 20, at Fohs Hall in Marion.



The one-room Forest Grove School (above) was one of the locations of county school declamatory contests. gold declamatory contest pin was a much desired prize for students.



The evening's program will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Fred McDowell, superintendent of county schools, will be chairman and will introduce the contestants.

Eight of the pupils from the rural schools of the county will take part in the contest. Each of these contestants was one of the winners in the contest held in his or her division.

First among the readings by the contestants will be "The Old Man," to be given by Dorothy Walker, a pupil of the Olive Branch School; the following numbers will be: "The Ladder by Which We Climb," by Anna Belle Hunter of Mexico; "The Soul of the Violin," by Harry Hardin of Tolu; "The Soldiers Reprieve," by Hughie Wilborn of Post Oak; "Cherokee Roses," by Ruth Hard of Caldwell Spring; "Bobby Shaftoe," by Isabelle Terry of Forest Grove; and "How We Killed the Mouse," by John Fowler of Oak Grove.

While judges are making their decision, Miss Oda Boyd will play a violin solo and violin and cornet duet will be given by Miss Boyd and Louis Yandell.

Nov. 26, 1926 – Forest Grove Is First In Contest

Six contestants from the rural school of Crittenden County took part in the county declamatory contest that took place in the auditorium of Fohs Hall last Saturday evening. Each of the pupils who appeared on the program won the right to represent their school in a district contest held in each educational division of the county. In each of the contests, both a first- and second-prize winner was chosen, both of them being privileged to enter the final contest that was to take place at Marion.

Six of the eight chosen were in Marion to participate in the finals. Division One was

represented by Harry Hardin, a pupil of Ms. Reva Dean Hurst, of the Tolu school and by Isabelle Terry, pupil of Mrs. Fred Gilbert of Forest Grove. Miss Annabelle Hunter of Mexico, a pupil of Wilton Yandell, represented Division Two. Dorothy Walker of Olive Branch, pupil of Miss Ellen Curry, and Hughie Wilborn of Post Oak, pupil of Henry Gass, were the contestants from Division Three. John Fowler, pupil of Mrs. Maybel Marvel of Oak Hall, took part in the contest for Division Four.

The judges were Miss Mina White of Blackford; D. C. Spickard of Fredonia, and Rev. Lane C. Findley of Fredonia. According to their decision, the two prizes were awarded to Isabelle Terry, who won first place, and John Fowler, winner of the second prize.

Prizes were awarded by David Postlethweighte of Carrsville. Mr. Postlethweighte is a former Crittenden County teacher, and his continued interest in the rural schools of Crittenden County prompted him to offer the handsome gold medal to the pupil who won first honors. The second prize, a fountain pen, was given by The Crittenden Press.

Musical numbers were given by Miss Oda Boyd and Louis Yandell, high school teachers at Frances. Miss Katherine Terry presided during the contest, taking charge immediately after the introductory talk by superintendent McDowell and the invocation by Rev. J. C. Lilly, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Marion.

The declamatory contests were another one of the many interesting activities popular many years ago among the city and county schools.

(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 OurFortyTenPassages.blogspot.com

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against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Administratrix before the 21st day of January 2026 and all claims not so proven by that date shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court
Melissa Guill, Clerk

Notice is hereby given that on July 23, 2025, LaDonne Penn of 7417 Mott City Rd., Marion, KY 42064, was appointed administratrix of Rudy Vance Shadowen, deceased, whose address was 302 E. Depot St., Marion, KY 42064. Robert Frazer, P.O. Box 361, Marion, KY 42064, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Administratrix before the 23rd day of January 2026 and all claims not so proven by that date shall be forever barred.

All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court
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Notice is hereby given that on July 16, 2025 Christian L. Squires of 3929 E. 1250th Rd., Casey, IL 62402, was appointed executor of Richard Williams, 308 Poplar St., Marion, Ky 42064, deceased, whose address was 898 SR 70, Marion, KY 42064. Cobie Evans, 200 S. Main St., Marion, KY 42064, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Executor before the 16th day of January 2026 and all claims not so proven by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court
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Notice is hereby given that on July 16, 2025 Jarrett Brown of PO Box 629, Madisonville, KY 42431 and Kenneth Brown of 1168 Providence Rd., Providence, KY 42450, were appointed co-executors of Danny L. Cronin, deceased, whose address was 683 Sulphur Springs Rd., Marion, KY, Marion, KY 42064. Rebecca Johnson, PO Box 415, Marion, KY 42064, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-Executors before the 16th day of January 2026 and all claims not so proven by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court
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Notice is hereby given that on July 16, 2025 Harry Dennis Porter of PO Box 75, Crayne, KY 42064 and Joe E. Porter of 105 Rudd St., Marion, KY 42064, were appointed co-administrators of Nicky Porter, deceased, whose address was 105 Rudd St., Marion, KY, Marion, KY 42064. Rebecca Johnson, PO Box 415, Marion, KY 42064, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-Administrators before the 16th day of January 2026 and all claims not so proven by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court

Melissa Guill, Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 24-CI-00078
BYLINE BANK PLAINTIFF vs.
COFFER STORES, INC., ET AL DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

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

The property is described as follows:
Property Address:
223 Sturgis Road and 221 Sturgis Road,
Marion KY 42064
PARCELS: 1, 2, and 3

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

Parcel One:
Purported Address: 223 Sturgis Road, Marion, Kentucky 42064.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BEGINNING at the intersection of Central Avenue, and Hamilton Drive and running North with the West line of Hamilton Drive for a distance of 190 feet to a stake or stone, an agreed corner; running thence west or nearly so for a distance of 216 feet to an elm on the east bank of the branch running thence south-east with the east bank of the branch to the north line of Central A venue, to a stake or stone, an agreed corner;

running thence east with the north line of Central A venue, to the point of beginning, containing about 2 acres, more or less.

AND BEING the same property conveyed to Sherman Wendell Coffey, from J. W. Lingang, a widower, by Deed dated September 22, 1976, of record in Deed Book 122, Page 588, in the Office of the Crittenden County Clerk. Sherman Wendell Coffey died testate April 6, 2014, and pursuant to his Last Will and Testament of record in Will Book 17, Page 385, he devised the subject property to Connie Ruth Gabehart, at Trustee, of the Testamentary Trust under the Will of Wendell Coffey. AND BEING the same property conveyed to Coffey Stores, Inc., a Kentucky corporation, by deed from Connie Ruth Gabehart, Trustee of the Testamentary Trust established pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of Sherman Wendell Coffey, said deed dated February 7, 2022, of record in Deed Book 245, Page 1, in the Office of the Crittenden County Clerk.

Parcel Two:
Purported Address: 221 Sturgis Road (House and Lumber Yard), Marion, Kentucky 42064.

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

ALSO a certain tract or parcel of land in Crittenden County, Kentucky, near the corporate limits of Marion, Kentucky, and being lots Nos. 28, 29 and 30 in Section B-2 of Flynn Addition as shown by plat of record in Deed Book No. 61, Page 429, aforesaid Clerk's Office.

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

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

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

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

36 min. W. 200.00 ft. to an iron pin in Frye's line; thence with his line S. 78 deg. 37 min. E. 500.00 ft. to an iron pin corner to Wright; thence with their lines S. 14 deg. 56 min. E. 832.83 ft. to an iron pin, and N. 74 deg. 59 min. E. 58.28 ft. to an iron pin in the center of branch; thence with the center of the branch S. 01 deg. 54 min. E.

34.41 ft. and S. 14 deg. 17 min. W. 26.10 ft. to an iron pin in the center of a branch at the mouth of a ditch; thence with the meanders of the center of the ditch N. 11 deg. 04 min. W. 10.81 ft., N. 67 deg. 02 min. W. 21.02 ft., S. 81 deg. 31 min. W. 33.20 ft., S. 73 deg. 55 min. W. 56.10 ft. S. 71 deg. 00 min. W. 136.48 ft, S 70 deg. 02 min. W., 61.62 ft. and S. 88 deg. 46 min. W. 24.80 ft. to the beginning containing 8.736 acres by survey. Survey by Billy J. May, finished April 14, 1998.

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

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

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

At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is one of the parties, they shall be allowed a credit against the purchase price of their pro rata interest and pay over

to the Master Commissioner the balance and any costs of sale apportioned to their interest in the property. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes for the year 2025 and subsequent years. No written bids are allowed and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. The Master Commissioner does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale of the Crittenden Circuit Court. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2025.
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FOOTBALL

Junior pro sign up

Junior Pro Football registration will be held Thursday, July 31 at Rocket Arena. Fifth and sixth graders can sign up starting at 6 p.m., and third and fourth graders at 7 p.m.

SOCCER

Registration underway

Registration is now open for Crittenden County Youth Soccer's fall 2025 season. Divisions include U4, U6, U8, U10 and U12. The cost is \$50 for U8 and younger, and \$55 for U10 and U12. Registration forms are available at The Crittenden Press.

GOLF

QB fundraising event

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

BASKETBALL

All A tourney back in O'boro

For the second consecutive year, the All A Classic boys' and girls' basketball state tournaments will be held at the Owensboro Sportscenter in 2026. Officials confirmed recently that all sessions of the 2026 event will take place at the historic Western Kentucky venue. In 2025, Owensboro hosted the tournament with all but one session at the Sportscenter, the lone outlier was held at Brescia University. This marks the third straight year that the All A Classic, a staple for Kentucky's small-school basketball programs, has been held away from its longtime home at McBrayer Arena on Eastern Kentucky University's campus. Danville Christian swept the 2025 championships, claiming both the boys' and girls' titles.

Brown playing in Germany

Former Murray State basketball star Tevin Brown, a part-time Marion resident, is headed to Germany to continue his professional basketball career. Brown has signed with RASTA Vechta in the easyCredit Basketball Bundesliga, Germany's top pro league. Known for his versatile wing play, Brown has taken his game around the world, competing in the United States, New Zealand, France, Canada, Hungary and Poland. He began his pro career with the Indiana Pacers' G-League team after a decorated four-year run at Murray State. Most recently, he played in Poland for Start Lublin, where he averaged 15.2 points, 3.6 rebounds, 2.4 assists and shot 39.4% from beyond the arc, helping his team to a vice-championship finish.

BASEBALL

Hogart signs with Phillies

Murray State senior Jonathan Hogart has signed as an undrafted free agent with the Philadelphia Phillies organization. The former Madisonville High School standout played outfield and hit leadoff for the Racers, helping lead them to their first-ever NCAA College World Series appearance earlier this year. Hogart made his signing official last week and joins the Phillies' farm system to begin his professional baseball career.

SOFTBALL

Union Co. hires coach

Union County High School has named Erin Gorman Danhauer as the new head coach of the Bravettes softball team. A UCHS alumna and former standout player, Danhauer returns to lead the program she once represented. She earned a degree in education from the University of Kentucky and now teaches within the Union County Public Schools system. Danhauer lives in Morganfield with her husband, Drew, and their two children, Elle, 11, and Creed, 4.

MISCELLANEOUS

Hall nominations sought

Nominees are being sought for consideration by the Farmers Bank Marion-Crittenden County Athletics Hall of Fame. The 2025 class of inductees will be recognized in early 2026 at a high school basketball game. Send nomination along with qualifications for consideration to thepress@the-press.com.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY ALL-STAR BASEBALL | SOFTBALL



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Crittenden County 10-under all-star baseball action from last weekend's tournament in Marion highlights (clockwise from top left) coach Charlie Day and Easton Burton (44); Crea Farmer (28) and John Ross Joyce (99); Dayton Easley throwing from the outfield to Clarke Perryman (16); Perryman (16) scoring and Cade Collins (24) taking a swing.



Finishing runnerup in the 10-under division of the all-star tournament Saturday in Marion are (front from left) Sawyer Bock Jagger Renfro, (second row) Jackson Congenie, Nathan Travis, Brody Day, Cam Cornwell, Asher Blake, Boone Tabor, Sam Morries, (back) coaches Charlie Day, Matt Cornwell and David Bock.



Finishing runnerup in the 10-under division of the all-star tournament last weeked at Caldwell County are (front from left) Avery Epley, Haven Henager, Zaylie Tinsley, Jordyn Champion, Jozie Fitch, (middle) Gracie Freeman, Cadie Buchanan, Chloe Cates, Hadlee Henager, Callie Hildebrand, (back) coaches Nicole Cates, Ryan Blackburn and Ashley Hildebrand.

Stingrays dominate Waves at home meet

Marion Country Club Stingrays dominated their July 22 home meet with a commanding 2,031-632 victory over the Calvert City Orange Waves. The team showed depth across all age groups, dominating nearly every event.

The Stingrays swept all relay events at the meet, winning every medley relay and freestyle relay division. In the girls 8U relay, the winning team was Lauren Boone, Henley Zimmer, Charlotte Vince and Violet Rodriguez. The boys 10U team included Owen Flahardy, Beckett Hunt, Knox McDonald and Beau Byford. The boys 12U relay featured Koleson Tinsley, Jordy Byford, Russell Vince and Reed Wall. In the girls 14U division, Nellie Singleton, Caroline James, Charlotte Vince and Bella Walston earned the victory. The girls Open relay team of Zoe Foster, Abigail James, Lily Barlow and Grier Crider also took first. Rounding out the sweep of the medley relays, the boys Open team of Jacob Townsend, Cash Chappell, Paris Foster and Tabor claimed the top spot.

In the girls 8U relay, Zaylie Tinsley, Waters, Rodriguez and Singleton secured the win. The boys 8U team of Boomer Snyder, Hunter Guess, Bennett Hunt and McDonald also finished first. Conner, Emma Guess, Boone and Zimmer led the girls 10U team to victory, while Flahardy, Beau Byford, Sam Heppner and Beckett Hunt won the boys 10U race. The boys 12U relay was claimed by Koleson Tinsley, Wall, Russell Vince and Jordy Byford. In the girls 18U division, Caroline James, Zoe Foster, Barlow and Crider dominated. Finally, the boys 18U team of Tabor, Townsend, Chappell and Paris Foster wrapped up the sweep for the Stingrays.

Individual Results Freestyle

8U Girls 25m Freestyle Nellie Singleton 1st place, Charlotte Vince 2nd place, Lauren Boone 3rd place, Henley Zimmer 4th place, Nora Waters, 5th place, Violet Rodriguez 6th place
8U Boys 25m Freestyle Knox McDonald 1st place, Beau Byford 3rd place, Boomer Snyder 4th place
10U Girls 25m Freestyle Emma Guess 2nd place, Ari Conner 3rd place
10U Boys 25m Freestyle Koleson Tinsley 3rd place, Beckett Hunt 4th place, Owen Flahardy 5th place, Sam Heppner 6th place.
12U Girls 50m Freestyle Lily Barlow 1st place, Caroline James 2nd place
12U Boys 50m Freestyle Russell Vince 1st



Stringray veteran swimmer Caroline James won the 12U breaststroke.

place, Jordy Byford 2nd place, Reed Wall 3rd place
14U Girls 50m Freestyle Zoe Foster 1st place, Bella Walston 2nd place
14U Boys 50m Freestyle Cash Chappell 1st place, Jacob Townsend 2nd place
Open Girls 50m Freestyle Grier Crider 1st place
Open Boys 50m Freestyle Cale Tabor 3rd place, Paris Foster 4th place
Backstroke
8U Girls 25m Backstroke Nellie Singleton 1st place, Henley Zimmer 2nd place, Lauren Boone 3rd place, Violet Rodriguez 4th place
8U Boys 25m Backstroke Knox McDonald 1st place, Beau Byford 2nd place, Boomer Snyder 4th place
10U Girls 25m Backstroke Ari Conner 2nd place, Emma Guess 3rd place
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14U Girls 50m Backstroke Bella Walston 1st place, Zoe Foster 2nd place
14U Boys 50m Backstroke Cash Chappell 1st place, Jacob Townsend 2nd place
Open Girls 50m Backstroke Grier Crider 2nd place
Individual Medley
12U Girls 100m IM Lily Barlow 1st place
Open Girls 100m IM Grier Crider 1st place
Breaststroke
8U Girls 25m Breaststroke Charlotte Vince 1st place, Nellie Singleton 2nd place, Henley Zimmer 3rd place, Nora Waters 4th place, Lauren

Boone 5th place, Zaylie Tinsley 6th place
8U Boys 25m Breaststroke Knox McDonald 1st place, Beau Byford 3rd place, Boomer Snyder 4th place
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Butterfly
8U Girls 25m Butterfly Nellie Singleton 1st place
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Summer Reading Awards

Participants in the Crittenden County Public Library's summer reading program were treated to pizza and end of program awards last week at Game Day. Pictured above left is the group (front from left) Jacob McKinney, Wilbur Scott Hurley, Boomer Snyder, Grayson Montgomery, Blake Elder, (second row) Children/Youth Librarian Tabby Tinsley, Caroline Williams, Jase Hurley, Clark Baker, Eli Silas Wright, Presley Snyder, Abigail Wright (back) Game Day owner Katie Greenwell, Paige Tinsley, Russell Vince, Charlotte Vince and Allie Williams. Clockwise from top center receiving their awards from the youth librarian are Russell Vince and Paige Tinsley, who tied for third in Re-Imagined Book Cover; Russell Vince, who received first place in Bad Art; Paige Tinsley, first place for Comic Script Design for older kids and second in Bad Art; Charlotte Vince, second place in Re-Imagined Book Cover; Clark Baker, Top Reader in Younger Kids division; Blake Elder, who was second in Super T-Shirt Capes; and Ava Morrison; Top Reader in Older Kids division, first place for Re-Imagined Book Cover and third Bad Art. Not pictured are Brooklyn Gideon, first in Comic Script Design for younger kids and third place in Super T-Shirt Capes.

Prowells will be grand marshal; Fredonia Festival is Aug. 8-9

Matt and Angie Prowell have been named grand marshals of this year's Fredonia parade and festival, set for Aug. 8-9. The honor recognizes their long-standing commitment to their community.

Matt was raised on the family farm in Fredonia, and Angie made the town her home after they married. They have one daughter, Bristyn. Both are members of Fredonia's Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Fredonia Lions Club, where they play an active role in



Angie & Matt Prowell

community events.

The Prowells will help kick off the 60th annual Fredonia Festival, which promises to be a special celebration. The parade is scheduled for 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 8, and the festival will follow on Saturday, Aug. 9 at Buddy Rogers Park.

To commemorate the milestone, organizers will give away \$60 every 60 minutes between noon and 7 p.m. on Saturday. Raffle tickets will also be available that day, including chances to win a quilt and many other items. Tickets are currently on sale at Fredonia Valley Bank. There will be food, family fun and all sorts of activities on Saturday.



Fair Pageant Royalty

Kristen Shepherd, 16-year-old daughter of former Marion residents Doug and Allison Shepherd of Hodgenville, was first runner-up in the Larue County Fair Pageant in Hodgenville on Saturday, July 26. Gavin Grimes, daughter of Matt and Brooke Grimes of Marion, was second runner-up in the pageant. Shepherd is pictured on the left and Grimes on the right.



Mark Williams Land Team members (from left) are Jeff Evans, Dusty Clark, Matt Young, Justin Mason, agent Mark Williams, Hunter Boone, Chad Wilkinson, Tyler Hafford and Dan Perez.

Local Whitetail team garners key recognition in state, nation

Whitetail Properties Real Estate was recognized as Kentucky's Top Producer in 2024 during the recent national sales meeting. The Mark Williams Land Team is led by agent Mark Williams of Crittenden County.

There are 17 Whitetail Properties agents in Kentucky.

On the national level, MW Land Team

was named the fourth place Producer Team companywide and received a Top Producer Award from Ranch & Farm Auctions, a branch of Whitetail Properties.

MW Land Team members Chad Wilkinson and Dusty Clark were named individually as Top Team Members at the national sales meeting.



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Ella Geary (left) was crowned Miss Crittenden County on Tuesday night during the annual fair pageant at Fohs Hall. She will reign over the remainder of this week’s Crittenden County Lions Club Fair. Also pictured is runner-up Emme Lynch.



Brinley Tramble (left) was crowned Miss Teen Crittenden County during Tuesday night’s Lions Club Fair Pageant at Fohs Hall. Also pictured are (from left) Aliza Merriman, second runner-up; Brady Hackney, third runner-up; and Maddie Hearall, first runner-up.

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Ford, 87, phasing out of long career of community service

As Sarah Ford’s story is told, her legacy is one of kindness and community service.

But at 87, Ford’s long history of volunteer service is nearing its end. Earlier this month, when she gave up her position on Crittenden County Historical Society’s Board of Directors, it was her last seat at the table of a long list of boards, committees and groups she has tirelessly served for many decades.

“This was always important to me,” said Ford, resigning her position after a half-century of service on the organization charged with preserving the county’s past and maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum. “Local history was always important to my family.”

Despite stepping away from leadership positions in the community, she has no plans to abandon her 75-year involvement with Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Her church’s first female elder, she has been a member there since the age of 12.

Besides the historical society, Ford has notably served the Marion Woman’s Club of Marion, Extension Service and homemakers, Fohs Hall and the City of Marion, among other local organizations.

Ford began serving on the board of the historical society in 1976. In that time, she’s seen dozens of board members come and go, helped with the relocation of the historical museum and assisted in the City of Marion’s sesquicentennial celebration in 2001. Of the current directors, Historical Society President Brenda Underdown has served the longest with her friend.

“She has always been a faithful member and supporter of the museum during all these years,” Underdown said. “Always there to help with everything the museum did ... She was always an advocate for the museum and encour-



Sarah Ford visits with fellow historical society member Brennan Cruce during a recent meeting.

aging people to visit.”

The historical society and museum were founded in 1967, with Ford’s mother, the late Annabel Alexander, a contributor in the early days of both and a former board chairman. In fact, many of the items on display at the museum today are from Alexander’s collection.

The historical museum is located at the corner of E. Bellville and S. College streets in Marion and is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The museum closes for the season in October.

Also at this month’s board meeting, directors elected officers for the next year. Underdown remains the president, along with Brennan Cruce as vice president and Steve Eskew as secretary. Daryl Tabor was elected treasurer for the coming year. Rita Travis is the only other board member at present. Ford’s seat currently remains open.

HALL

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nance, chemicals, timing, good luck and patience are all important.”

At his peak, Hendrix managed 50 to 60 head of cattle and artificially inseminated 20 to 25 cows annually to improve genetics. He sold bulls to producers across the region and was a longtime member and county president of the Crittenden County chapter of the Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association, earning the coveted Red Jacket for significantly growing membership.

He also showed Quarter Horses, earning multiple honors from the American Quarter Horse Association.

In addition to his work in the field and at the factory, Hendrix served as a Farm Bureau county director, member of the Kentucky Young Farmer Association, Town & Country Riding Club member, and spent more than two decades on the Crittenden County Conservation District board. He is also an elder at Sugar Grove Cumberland

Presbyterian Church.

Hendrix stepped away from active farming at age 80. Today, his 275-acre farm is rented to neighboring Hardesty Farms, although he still enjoys keeping the property tidy by bush-hogging and other lighter tasks around the place.

“I figured I had worked long enough,” he said.

He remembers hard times, especially in the early 1980s when interest rates soared and many farmers went broke.

“That factory job helped me a whole lot,” he said. “I managed to make it and pay my bills.”

Known for his humility and dedication, Hendrix’s influence on Crittenden County agriculture is far-reaching. He is described by the selection committee as humble, dependable, compassionate and patient and a quiet leader whose service-minded approach has left deep roots in the community.

Friday’s breakfast begins at 7 a.m., and the public is invited to attend and celebrate Hendrix’s induction.

KY 91 closed between Fredonia & Princeton

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans to close KY 91 in Caldwell County for one day on Thursday, July 31, for a cross drain replacement.

The closure will block the highway to through traffic from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. between KY 70 in Fredonia and KY

139 in Princeton. The work zone will fully block KY 91 between Bright Hill Road and East White Sulfur Road.

A marked detour will direct drivers along KY 70 and KY 139. Motorists may also bypass using U.S. 62 and 641 through Eddyville.



2025

Crittenden County
Lions Club

FAIR

FAMILY NIGHT

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@ the Fairgrounds;

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\$5 Carload (Kids FREE entry)

5:30 p.m.: 4-H Poultry Show, Registration @ 5 p.m.

6 p.m.: FFA Pedal Tractor Contest, Registration @ 5:30 p.m.

7 p.m.: Stick Horse Contest & Stick Horse Barrell Racing,
Registration @ 6:30 p.m.



CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2,
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

@ the Fairgrounds;

\$15 registration fee; Registration,
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Contact Matt Tinsley (270) 704-1477

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