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TWO DOLLARS

Road improvements creating temporary down times in area

A handful of highways, roads and streets will be idled at times as improvements and repairs are made by state and local crews.

Three roads in Crittenden County will be closed this month for drainage work, according to a notice from the Judge-Executive's office.

– Crayne Cemetery Road will be closed June 16-18 for installation of a new cross-drain culvert near Lloyd Road.

– Lloyd Road will then be closed June 19-20 for similar work at the intersection with Crayne Cemetery Road.

– Blackburn Church Road will be closed June 23-25 to install multiple cross drains near the 5.464-mile point at Bevins Branch.

Also, a contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will begin daytime milling and paving this week in Marion. The work will require lane restrictions in several areas with flaggers and signage directing traffic. Three locations are scheduled for resurfacing:

– KY 91 (mile points 4.5 to 11.5): From the U.S. 60/KY 91 intersection in Marion north to Deer Run Lane.

– U.S. 60/Main Street from East Gum Street to Second Street.

– KY 981/Old Salem Road between US 60 and KY 91 North.

Rogers Group is the prime contractor. Work is expected to be complete by June 30, weather permitting.

Marion issues boil water order Tuesday

City of Marion has implemented another boil water order, which will remain in effect until further notice. City officials are somewhat optimistic that the order will not last long.

"Hopefully it won't be more than a day or two," said City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield. She said the city is having trouble obtaining enough chemicals to treat the high levels of ammonia in its freshwater reservoirs. Other areas are experiencing similar issues, and finding the volume of chlorine necessary to combat the ammonia has proven difficult, Ford-Benningfield said.

In May, Marion residents faced a three-day boil water advisory. Since Jan. 1, there have been four city-wide boil water advisories.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, June 12 at the Emergency Operations Center.

•Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., on Monday, June 16 at city hall.

•Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., on Monday, June 16 at city hall.

•Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, June 17 at the Marion Welcome Center.

•Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 17 at the county office complex.

•Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, June 17 at Deer Lakes meeting room.



Signatures and classroom notes scrawled on a white board were exposed during the ceremonial demolition of the "old wing" of Crittenden County Middle School Monday. At right, eighth-grade graduate Luke Binkley retrieves a brick from the portion of the school that was built in 1949 and served as Crittenden County High School.



Final memories ring for school wing built in '49

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Seventy-five years of education, spirited adolescent shenanigans and the supportive colleagues who shaped thousands of young minds were celebrated Monday prior to the demolition of the first Crittenden County High School.

Crittenden County graduates Bob Cook, Mickey Alexander and David LeNeave shared memories of classmates and instructors; historian Brenda Underdown read the history of the building; and longtime English teacher Teresa Hastie Foster likened the building's brick and mortar

to that of a chicken egg.

Foster spent 45 years in the building, joining the staff of Crittenden County Middle School in 1980 as a fresh college graduate at the age of 20.

"Little did I know that this brick and mortar would become my home away from home for the next few decades," Foster said. "This building is not just brick and mortar but the people who were in it."

"If these walls could talk, they would tell us about the hearts and minds that filled it year after year, the memories we made, the lessons we learned, the mistakes we made."

The oldest wing of Crittenden County Middle School, built as the first consolidated high school in the county in 1949, has reached its life expectancy and is being replaced by a two-story addition with modern science and technology labs. The new building is nearly complete at the rear of CCMS and will be ready to welcome students in August. The newer wing closest to Crittenden County High School will remain occupied by sixth graders.

"While we may not hear the bells ring or the lockers

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Fredonia City Councilman Presley Lamm explores now an empty lot where local leaders want to develop a miniature golf course.

Fredonia plans bigger than miniature

STAFF REPORT

For a small town of about 300 residents, Fredonia has never lacked ambition — and the next project on its horizon is a big swing at something unique: a miniature golf course.

Following a series of recent improvements to its community park, Fredonia is now exploring an imaginative, family-friendly expansion that city leaders believe could become a regional draw.

"We don't believe in doing anything generic," said Presley Lamm, pastor of Fredonia First Baptist

Church and a city councilman. "If we're going to do it, we want to make it something really special."

The proposed site is just short of an acre. It's a lot recently purchased at the intersection of Wilson and Dorrah streets, within sight of Buddy Rogers Park and the recently upgraded Woodmen of the World Park. The area is already a gathering point for seasonal events and youth activities, and it could soon be home to an 18-hole course designed with a practice green,

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will host a Hayride into Fredonia's Past at 5 p.m., on Saturday, June 21 featuring live reenactments and local history for \$5 per person. See more details on page 4.

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Baseball run is big for us all

For the first time in program history, Murray State baseball is headed to the College World Series. For those who have grown up in western Kentucky or crossed the brick-paved walkways of MSU's quad, this run to Omaha feels like something personal.

As a student at Murray State in the early 1980s, I enrolled in two electives taught by the late, legendary Johnny Reagan. They were Coaching Baseball I and II. Back then, 'Breds Baseball, as it was known, was still buzzing from its 1979 postseason run.

Sitting on those grass, terrace seats in the middle of campus was a springtime ritual for students, watching the team play ball between classes. Now, MSU's stadium is at the fringe of campus near the football field, but the coach still mows it.

At 44-15, Murray State becomes just the fourth No. 4 seed to advance to Omaha since the NCAA Tournament expanded in 1999. The Racers will face UCLA at 1 p.m. Saturday in a wide-open CWS field with no returning teams from last year.

But it's not just the Cinderella storyline that has captured the attention of local fans. It's the deep-rooted connections between this MSU roster and the high school diamonds of western Kentucky, places like Marion, Eddyville, Madisonville, Drafenville and Hopkinsville.

Gunnar Bingham, a product of Lyon County and a former Marion Bobcat (the youth baseball version, not the collegiate league), played youth and travel ball alongside eventual members of Crittenden County's 2021 high school team, which is the winningest in school history. Their bond goes beyond jersey colors. Bingham grew up on the same fields as Rocket standouts like Tyler Boone, Trace Adams, Maddox Carlson and Gabe Mott, and while they took different paths, their shared passion for the game still resonates in every pitch, hit and out recorded during Murray's historic run.

Madisonville's Jon Hogart, who homered twice in the Racers' Super Regional finale, was a feared slugger even in his prep days. Crittenden County fans will remember him well, a hard out anytime the Rockets met the Maroons.

Then there's pitcher Reese Oakley from Marshall County. In 2022, he dueled with Crittenden's Boone in a 2-1 heartbreaker for the Rockets during the Preston Cope Classic, a game still etched in the memories of local baseball faithful. Also, Preston Chaudoin, a Hopkinsville ace who faced Crittenden as a middle schooler, is one of Murray State's pitchers.

What makes this Racer run so captivating for us in west Kentucky isn't just the thrill of the upset or the national spotlight, it's that so many of these young men have shared our ballparks, our rivalries and our dugouts. Whether in Little League or summer travel ball, their roots are tangled with ours.

Murray State's appearance in Omaha isn't just a win for the university. It's a win for every small-town player who believed that greatness could begin on a dusty diamond in Madisonville or Eddyville. And for those of us who once sat in Coach Reagan's college classroom in Carr Hall, dreaming about being part of a big game, this feels like destiny finally fulfilled.



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Deaths

Bradford

Robert C. Bradford, 93, of Salem, died Sunday, June 8, 2025 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services. He worked at Peabody Coal Company and as a carpenter. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Ed Bradford, J.D. Bradford, Maxwell Bradford, Bernie Bradford, Jr. Bradford and Glenn Bradford; two sisters, Cathlene Brownfield and Margaret Benton; wives Marcella, Sally and Brenda; and his parents, Bernie and Freda (Sexton) Bradford.

Funeral services were Wednesday, June 11 in the chapel of Boyd Fu-



neral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery.

Family would like to express their appreciation to the doctors, nurses and medical support staff at Livingston Hospital.

Jamison

Opal Naomi "Honey" Jamison, 101, of Marion, died Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at Livingston Hospital. She was a member of Marion First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Eastern Star.

Surviving are her husband of 54 years, James "Pat" Jamison of Marion; four children, Betty Browning Cruce of Marion, Danny (Barbara) Browning of Marion, Linda Browning Edwards of Owensboro and Janie (Rick) Browning York of Eddyville; nine grandchildren, David Cruce, Karen Cruce, Steve Browning, D'Anna Browning, Leigh Hutchens, Brad Shoul-



ders, Jeremy Shoulters, Danielle Hunt and Nicole Tucker; several great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Verona Nesbitt; two brothers, Bud and Glen Nesbitt; and a sister, Mary Sherer.

Services were Sunday, June 8 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Tabor

Caryon Sue Tabor, 70, died Monday, June 9, 2025 at her home in Salem.

She enjoyed gardening, fishing, deer hunting and being outdoors. She was a member of the Laborers Union Local #1214.

Surviving are a daughter, Dawn (Jimmy) Lamb of Salem; a sister, Bessie Lou Wil-



brothers, Elzie Jackson of Salem and Carol Wayne Jackson of Burna; and a grandson, Dakota Lamb.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Norma Jean Edwards; a brother,

Charles Jackson; and her parents, James Oather and Rosie (Woods) Jackson.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, June 12 at Old Salem

Cemetery with Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating.

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SCHOOL

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slamming and laughter and chatter, we will carry it on with us," Foster said. "Those are things that shaped all of us. Every day spent here, whether as teacher, colleague or student, has been part of a larger story."

Back to the egg, which Foster compares to the old school:

"The little chick leaves that egg, pecks through it little by little and leaves that eggshell broken and eventually broken down more — and that's all this building is — an eggshell. And we have all emerged out of it, better people with great stories," she said.



Crittenden Superintendent Tonya Driver (right) introduces retired teacher Teresa Hastie Foster during Monday's ceremony.



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Wednesday
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Thursday
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Friday
Bro. Josh Bumpus and Salem Baptist Choir

Saturday
Bro. David Davis and Davis Family

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Bro. Steve English Hurricane Church Music

Sunday night
Bro. Danny Hinchee and Hurricane Church Music

Meals at 5:30 p.m. \$10
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Monday: Italian Chicken
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Wednesday: meatloaf
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Friday: Honey garlic chicken
Saturday: Hamburger steaks & gravy
Sunday: Ham & Fried chicken

(Grilled chicken will be available each meal upon request for food allergies)

Take KY 1668 (Crittenden Springs Rd.) to its end at KY 135.
Turn left. Go approx 1 mile to Hurricane Church Rd.

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Participating in the recent recital were (front from left) Clark Markwell, Rylee Russelberg, Ceci Keller, Paisley Witherspoon, Banks Moll, Isabel Felton, Annie Maxfield, Cooper Ellington, (second row) Rory Felton, Presley Snyder, Knox McDonald, Nellie Singleton, Kaelyn Omer, Anna Beth Blackburn, Charlotte Vince, RyAnna Miller, Tucker Bugg, (third row) Beezus Moll, Michelle Crider, Katie Beth James, Hannah Peek, Scarlett Bock, Miles Yates, Parker Brown, Barrett Brown, Kane Hulén, Cale Tabor, (back) Bode Ramage, Russell Vince, Nora Hollis, Sky Brown and Corey Crider. Not pictured: Lynleigh Hubbard. Pictured above left Scarlett Bock plays "The Hanging Tree" alongside her guitar instructor Corey Crider and at right below Clark Markwell plays the piano in an exercise called "High and Low."



30 performing arts students display talents at spring recital

Crider Performing Arts Studio held its annual Spring Recital May 27, celebrating the hard work and progress of 30 young musicians. The recital, hosted at historic Fohs Hall, featured performances in vocals, piano, guitar, and drums, highlighting a range of musical styles and skill levels.

One of the most impressive moments of the evening was a collaborative num-

ber featuring seven students and the Criders performing "Take It Easy" by The Eagles.

"Playing in sync with others requires a different level of focus, timing, and listening, skills that are challenging even for seasoned musicians," said instructor Corey Crider. "By rising to the challenge of playing as an ensemble, these students not only created something

memorable for the audience, but also pushed themselves to grow stronger individually as they learned to stay in rhythm, adapt to one another, and support their fellow performers."

Families, friends, and community members gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of these dedicated students. Following the performance, guests enjoyed a reception courtesy of

the Woman's Club of Marion.

Studio directors Corey and Michelle Crider praised the students for their effort and creativity, and thanked the Marion community for its ongoing support of local arts education. The event was co-sponsored by Community Arts Foundation.

For more information about the studio, call 210-452-3539.

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lighting and high-quality
features that could po-
tentially attract amateur
miniature golf tourna-
ments.

Lamm said the idea was born from a desire to give children — and their parents — something fun, healthy and community-centered to do.

"We want to keep kids outside and off their phones. Mini golf is something the whole family can enjoy," he said during a recent walk around the property.

It could be a while before groundwork begins. Organizers know the path forward will take time and significant fundraising. The estimated cost is about \$150,000, with concrete alone making up nearly half of that figure. Lamm said the project will need major donations, including support from regional



corporations and private donors.

The vision for the course is part of a larger effort to revitalize Fredonia's public spaces. After storm damage hit Woodmen of the World Park a couple of years ago, the city rebuilt the pavilion and upgraded equipment, adding a pickleball court to the existing basketball area.

This fall, improvements will also begin at Buddy Rogers Park thanks in part to a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, the first grant funding the city has received in years, officials said. Those renovations will include new LED

lights, a Wiffle ball field and enhancements to existing ballfields used for T-ball and youth sports.

Fredonia's energetic civic momentum has been fueled by a passionate group of volunteers and residents. The town hosts annual events like Thunder in the Valley and the Summer Festival that attract visitors from across the region, and Lamm said the goal is to give families more reasons to keep coming back, or to put down roots.

"I'm old-fashioned, but if you do stuff that's fun and family-friendly, you don't have to worry about what the kids are going to get into," Lamm said. "You'll know this is a place you can come to love on your kids and have fun. We just want to keep creating things to draw families here, and that's what it's about. The Lord says we should take care of each other."



Janie Butler and her husband David Butler stopped by the Imogene Stout Marion Farmers Market Saturday and purchased a pint of Crittenden County blueberries grown and sold by John Lucas. It's the peak of blueberry harvest season in western Kentucky. Lucas said the berries he was peddling last weekend were picked that morning. Growing them isn't too difficult, he added. They need little care, typically only some pest protection. Lucas, a former Press editor, and his wife Patti, a former Extension agent, grow the berries at their home near Sullivan in the northern part of the county and sell them at markets in Union and Crittenden counties. Contact Marion Tourism Commission to become a vendor at the Marion market.

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Area students are on UK’s Dean’s List

University of Kentucky has announced its spring semester academic honors. Students are eligible for the Dean's List by meeting these requirements during the fall or spring semester: 3.6 or better semester GPA; 12 or more credit hours. Here are Dean’s List students from surrounding counties, including their area of study.

Crittenden County

Natalie Boone, human health sciences.

Livingston County

Ashley Adams, kinesiology; Brenden Mitchell, pre-chemical engineer; Isabell Sanchez, communication sciences and disorders; Mattelyn Thompson, public health; and Chelsey Ray, pre-nursing.

Caldwell County

MacKenize Seibert, history; Jack Englebright, pre-commu-nication; Mark Ortt, natural re-sources and environment; Lilly Paul, anthropology; Ellie Ramey, clinical leadership and management; Nikolas Ricchiuti, criminal justice; Avery Ritchey, agricultural and medical biotechnology; Savannah Scott, marketing; Colwen Slone, pre-communication; and Clayton Woford, mechanical engineer-ing.

Union County

Rebecca Clements, public health; Drew Sprague, kinesiol-ogy; Jillian Hagedorn, commu-nication sciences and disorders.

Lyon County

Zoe R. Board, integrated strategic communication; Cathryn N. Brown, communica-tion; Wendy Dong, information communication technology; Benjamin T. Huddleston, me-chanical engineering; Taylor J. Jenkins, electrical engineering; Samuel J. Klueppel, mechanical engineering; Morgan R. Mc-Daniels, accounting; Travis J. Perry, pre-management; Zachary S. Radivonyk, pre-fi-nance; Brandon D. Ray, mar-keting; Cole M. Schroeder, marketing; Leah N. Schroeder, biology; Lauren G. Davis, mathematical economics; Kaleigh J. Haulk, economics; Gracen K. Wynn, sport leader-ship.

Webster County

Sydney R. Brown, human health sciences; Caroline G. Bloodworth, merchandising, apparel and textiles; Juan C. Valencia, pre-electrical engi-neering; Owen M. Fulkerson, architecture; Jackson A. Watts, human health sciences.

Marion native sets another world record

Marion native Jim Wigginton, a 76-year-old Vietnam-era Marine, has earned a new world record as the first person to climb the tallest building (by stair count) in all 50 U.S. states. His record-breaking feat culminated June 1 when he as-cended 104 floors and 2,226 stairs of One World Trade Cen-ter in New York City.



Wigginton’s year-long jour-ney was recognized by the World Record Academy and aimed to raise awareness and support for Folds of Honor and the Punya Thyroid Cancer Foundation at the University of Michigan.

He has other world records for skydiving and Challenger deep sea diving.

Tire amnesty for Caldwell County

Caldwell County residents can dispose of unwanted tires during a Tire Amnesty event June 16-18 at Caldwell County Recycle, 400 Eagon St., from 7 a.m., to 1:30 p.m.

The program is open to the public only, no businesses al-lowed, and will accept car and truck tires only. Tires must be off the rims. Farm, semi and equipment tires will not be ac-cepted. For more information, call the Road Supervisor at 270-625-3098.

Champion named to Midway Dean’s List

Jaycee Champion of Marion has been named to its Dean's List for the 2025 Spring Se-mester at Midway University.

To be named to the list, a student must be classified full-time and obtain a 3.60 grade point average for the semester. There were 448 students who made the Dean's List.

Midway University is a pri-vate, co-educational institution located in Woodford County and part of the greater Lexing-ton, Kentucky area.

Lake Barkley group selects new officers

Lake Barkley Partnership elected new officers during its June 5 board meeting. Andrew Rhyner of Princeton’s Hydro-Gear was named chair, Lyon County Judge Jaime Green-Smith was selected as vice chair and Jeff McDaniels, president of Farmers Bank in Princeton, will serve as secretary/trea-surer.

The Partnership is an eco-nomic development organiza-tion serving Caldwell, Crittenden, Lyon and Livingston counties. Its headquarters is in Marion.

The board also approved moving \$50,000 into its money market account and passed a resolution supporting the Pen-nyrile Energy Corridor project.

Discussion included future uses for Partnership funds, with suggestions ranging from strategic planning and work-force development to housing and industrial recruiting.

The board noted construc-tion has begun on Industrial Building #4 in the Princeton-Caldwell County Industrial Park, with completion expected by

April 2026. In addition, the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation sold 11.1 acres in Industrial Park North to JKMK Properties, LLC for new industrial development.

An upcoming business re-tention visit is planned with Across Aggregates to explore opportunities for collaboration.

The next board meeting is set for Thursday, Sept. 4 at 10 a.m. Location is to be deter-mined.

Moore selected for Lindsey’s Dean List

Darius Moore of Union County has been named to the Spring 2025 Dean’s List at Lindsey Wilson College.

To earn the honor, students must be full-time undergradu-ates and achieve a GPA be-tween 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale while remaining in good academic standing. Located in Columbia, Ky., Lindsey Wilson College will transition to uni-versity status on July 1.

Show and Shine Car Show coming up at Marion Commons

Downtown Marion will host its June Show and Shine car show from 5:30 p.m., to 7 p.m., on Thursday, June 26 at Marion Commons in front of city hall. The event is spon-sored by Marion Tourism Com-mission. Shows are held the fourth Thursday of each month through September.

County offices will observe Juneteenth

In observance of the June-teenth holiday, the offices at Crittenden County Office Com-plex (Judge Executive, County Clerk, PVA and Sheriff), Crit-tenden County Road Depart-ment, Marion Convenience Center and Crittenden County Animal Shelter, will be closed Thursday, June 19, resuming normal hours of operation Fri-day, June 20.

Hurricane Camp continues this week

The 137th Annual Hurricane Camp Meeting is underway near Tolu and will continue through June 15 with nightly preaching and music beginning at 7 p.m. and meals served at 5:30 p.m. for \$10, including sides, dessert and a drink.

Leading nightly messages the rest of the week are Bro. Jamie Baker, Bro. Steve English, Bro. Josh Bumpus and Bro. David Davis, with music by var-ious choirs and musicians.

The camp is located at the end of KY 1668 (Crittenden Springs Rd.), about one mile after turning left onto KY 135. For more information, call (270) 965-9307.

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10 YEARS AGO

June 11, 2015

■ Relay for Life raised \$43,409 at Marion’s City-County Park. Local contributions from the American Cancer Soci-ety event surpassed more than \$700,000 since its origina-tion in 1997.

■ Vince Clark and Brenda Clark were recognized with the Lacy Award by Crittenden County Schools. The award is given annually in honor of the late Dr. Dennis Lacy, long-time Crittenden County superintendent. Farmers Bank was named the Community Partner of the Year.

■ A cast of local characters including Ken Crider, Phyllis Sykes, Frank Pierce, B.J. Tinsley, Mike Crabtree, Becky Tyner-Belt, Gaye Porter, Karen Nasserri and Lynda Dennis were headlining in Fohs Hall Community Arts Foundation production of “Murder in the Magnolias.”

■ Boy Scout Troop 30, including Travis McKinney, Jordan Urbanowski and Clay Stevens, were preparing for summer camp.

25 YEARS AGO

June 8, 2000

■ Pamida department store announced plans to open its 36,000 square foot store in Marion.

■ Jennifer Crowell of Marion received the Outstanding Sigma Pi Sigma senior award at Murray State University.

■ Crittenden County youths Cody Brown, Taylon Polk, Patrick Mitchell, Laura Clark and Jessica Smith partici-pated in the state Bible Drill in Paducah.

■ A reception for retiring Crittenden County Superintend-ent Dr. Dennis Lacy was held at the conclusion of his 18-year tenure. Becky Tyner-Belt, portraying Howdy Doodie, sang a farewell tune for Lacy.

■ Crittenden County FLBA members Jill Harkins, Joni Howton and Stephanie Colby attended the state confer-ence in Louisville.

■ Nathan Boone of Marion earned the Academic Achieve-ment Award in Industrial and Engineering Technology at Murray State University’s annual honors day program. Robin Lasher of Hampton earned the Pi Omega Pi co-president award.

■ CCHS senior Justin Hill finished ninth in the Kentucky Class 2A shot put competition in Lexington.

50 YEARS AGO

June 12, 1975

■ An artist's rendering of the Crittenden County Public Li-brary's forthcoming 5,000 square-foot building was shared publicly in The Press.

■ Jeff Templeton, Julie Hill, Jeff Matz, Timmy Samuel and Kim Waterloo were the top five junior division 4-Hers ad-vancing to state food judging competition. The top senior members were Sandy Trimble, Donna Robinson, Nancy Willoughby, Sandy Boone and Janet Hearrell.

■ Beth Sanders was Crittenden County's delegate to the 4-H Regional Resource Development Conference.

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

Fredonia history hayride on June 21

The Fredonia Valley Her-itage Society will host a unique historical experi-ence on Saturday, June 21, with its “Hayride Through Fredonia’s Past” beginning at 5 p.m.

The evening event fea-tures a guided hayride tour through town, complete with historical reenact-ments at key locations such as Crider Tavern, the John Rice Home, the site of the burning of the Rice To-bacco Barn, the Wilson-Blair One Room School Memorial, the Fredonia

Valley Bank robbery scene and the annexation of Kelsey.

Narrators Pam Faughn, Andrea Clement and Casey Baker will guide the ride with stories from Fredo-nia’s colorful history.

Admission is \$5 per per-son, with children 12 and under admitted free. To re-serve a spot, text 270-832-8272.

Organizers encourage all to attend for an evening of history, fun and adven-ture.

County tax deadline is Friday

It’s not too late to pay a delinquent 2024 property tax bill before it appears in The Crittenden Press or is purchased by a third-party and a lien placed upon your property.

Certificates of delin-quency not paid by the close of business Friday in Crittenden County Clerk’s Office will be published in the June 19 edition of The Press. Because of produc-

tion deadlines, this will be the last opportunity to pre-vent your name from pub-lication. A list of current delinquencies can be found online at crittenden.clerk-info.net/home-taxes.

The 2025 tax sale of delinquent taxes will be at 9 a.m. July 23 in the county clerk’s office. For inquiries related to delin-quencies, call 270-965-3403.

Local church files counterclaim in lawsuit

STAFF REPORT

In a response to a lawsuit filed by the Kentucky Annual Confer-ence of the United Methodist Church, Marion Methodist Church of Kentucky, Inc. has not only denied the Conference’s claims to its property but has also filed a counterclaim and third-party complaint alleging fraud and deceptive conduct by denominational leaders.

Filed June 5 in Crittenden Cir-cuit Court, the church’s legal re-sponse reiterates that it owns its property free and clear by deed, rejecting the UMC’s assertion that a denominational “trust clause” grants the Conference control of the property after dis-affiliation. The church argues that no written or recorded trust exists under Kentucky law and that any such claim fails under the state’s statute of frauds.

In addition to the legal de-fenses, the church has brought a counterclaim against the Confer-ence and third-party claims

against Bishop Leonard Fairley, Bishop David Graves and District Superintendent Wade Arp. It al-leges the men knowingly misrep-resented facts regarding the disaffiliation process, urging the Marion congregation to delay its exit with assurances that a fu-ture path to depart the UMC would be provided following the 2024 General Conference.

According to the court filing, no such path emerged, and doctri-nal changes later adopted by the UMC now leave Marion Methodist bound to a denomination with which it no longer agrees, particu-larly on issues of marriage and church discipline.

The church seeks a court order affirming its exclusive ownership of the property, a declaration that no valid trust exists and an order “quieting” title in its name, a legal term that would recognize its sole ownership of the church’s real property. The local church also demands damages for fraud, un-just enrichment and breach of

promise. It asks the court to re-form or eliminate any alleged trust through judicial interven-tion and to enforce the assur-ances made by UMC leadership about future exit options.

Legal defenses raised by the church include ecclesiastical ab-stention, arguing courts should not interfere in internal church governance, as well as constitu-tional claims of equal protection and due process, and nonprofit immunity for its directors and trustees.

The case, now involving multi-ple parties and legal claims, is ex-pected to test how Kentucky courts will navigate the intersec-tion of religious doctrine, prop-erty law and organizational governance.

The Kentucky Conference filed the intital lawsuit a few weeks ago against the local congrega-tion, seeking to take control of its church and other financial as-sets.

Ancient wisdom for fathers

Father’s Day in the United States, like Mother’s Day, has its roots in pain. There are two stories associated with its origin. The first is a memorial service held in Fairmont, W. Va., in July 1908. A catastrophic explosion in the coal mine at Monongah the previous December left at least 361 dead. This prompted Grace Golden Clayton to propose a service to honor fathers – especially those that had died in the mining accident.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

followed up with, “These words that I command you this day shall be written on your heart, and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

The first nine chapters of Proverbs are fathers (and mothers) teaching sons (and daughters) to pursue wisdom and run away from foolishness. It is love that trains and disciplines children. Proverbs 3:11-12 says, “My son, do not despise the LORD’s discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.”

Paul’s instruction to fathers in Ephesians remind them not to provoke their children to anger, but rather to do as Deuteronomy instructs to bring them up, “in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” It is a short simple guide that can be difficult to live up to. This “provoking to anger” does not mean that fathers do not occasionally annoy or even anger their children. It means continually do-

ing or saying things that do not teach or build up. Fatherhood is a long game and extends beyond one’s immediate family and past the years that children are at home.

Fatherhood is not biological, it is relational. It takes no skill at all to physically father a child. It takes immense energy and wisdom to be in a lifetime relationship with children. It takes self-control and selflessness to teach our children how men should treat women. It takes integrity to teach the next generation the importance of education and a strong work ethic. It takes high character to teach our sons and daughters to take responsibility for their own actions and learn how to hold others accountable for theirs while still teaching.

More ancient wisdom comes from John Chrysostom (c. 347 – 407) in his homily on Ephesians 6. He emphasizes the primacy of spiritual ties because the natural ties will follow the spiritual. When children hear scripture, one of the first things they hear is, “honor your father and your mother.” Then he says something that sounds remarkably contemporary.

“For their (children) is an age full of folly; and to this folly are superadded the bad examples derived from stories, where they are made acquainted with those heroes so admired

among them, slaves to their passions . . . How is it not absurd to send children out into the trades, and to school, and to do all you can for these objects, and yet, not ‘bring them up in the chastening and admonition of the Lord?’” (Homily 21, Ephesians). The encouragement for believers is that the first duty of fathers is to make their children believers. This will prepare them to go out into the world and not only be good at what they do but do it with honor and integrity.

As for children honoring their fathers, the command is not dependent on the quality of one’s father. It depends upon the faith and character of the child. There is no harm in honoring a father more than he knows he deserves. It is, in fact, humbling. I have seen it change people in amazing ways.

Fathers, may we do all we can to deserve respect and honor. May we be fatherly to all in the generations that follow us. Children, do all you can do to honor your fathers (and mothers). It is a reflection on your character and saves the dignity of the generations before you.

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We find all the help we need in God’s care

Question: I worship regularly, but now my faith is shaken. My wife was recently diagnosed with Stage III cancer. Last Friday I received word the company I’ve worked at for years is folding. I’m in my late 50’s and my body has its fair share of aches and pains. My circumstances are dire! What am I going to do?

Answer: Certainly, the challenges ahead of you seem overwhelming. They are huge to say the least. There’s an old saying that’s often true—“It’s not what

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

you know, it’s who you know.” You said you worship regularly; so, you know God. That changes everything!

King David was in the desert wilderness fleeing from His rebellious son, Absalom. The place he was in was dark, desolate and isolated, yet, He fixed his mind

on God. He recorded his thoughts, “On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help; I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me,” (Ps. 63:6-8).

When we don’t look to God for help, we start to

feel overwhelmed, alone and afraid. When we think about His faithful care for us and come to Him in worship, we find the help we need.

It’s time for you to dig deep into your faith. Don’t put your confidence in yourself, instead put your trust in God. He loves you and has all power to help you. Keep your mind on Him and His provision and He will provide a way through all that lies ahead.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Religious Outreach

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■ 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.

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■ Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of severe weather.

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

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Sinking of the steamer “City of Golconda”

In The Crittenden Press Aug. 22, 1901 are the headlines and story of the disaster of the steamer boat City of Golconda that was on its way to Paducah. What makes this story connected to Crittenden County is that two of its passengers were from here, and most likely picked up at the Tolu dock, where they lived nearby in the town of Tolu.

One perished by drowning and one lived to tell the story. Here is that story.

Disaster of the Steamer Golconda

Tuesday morning Mr. R. C. Walker, editor of The Crittenden Press, received a telegram from Mr. J. M. Worten of Paducah, stating that the steamer Golconda had sank. Later dispatches brought the following details of the awful accident.

The steamer City of Golconda sank four miles above Paducah Monday night and 17 lives were lost. The boat was caught in a storm which came up suddenly and there was scarcely a moment's warning. The disaster occurred between six and seven o'clock. Most of the passengers were at supper. The boat was turned completely over by the force of the wind, the stacks and pilothouse resting on the bottom of the river. There were about 30 people aboard. The little craft was en route to this city from Golconda and was due here at 7 o'clock. Shortly after six a heavy gale having the proportions of a hurricane, swept down on the boat as she reached the bar and set her to rocking. Capt. A. A. Peck, who was at the wheel in the pilothouse, rang the signal to stop.

When he rang the bell to go ahead there was no response. The maddening winds and threatening tongues of fire being belched out in quick succession from the clouds above them put the passengers in a panic.

Capt. Peck rang again, but no response and he and Charley Courant, a passenger from Smithland in the pilothouse with him, made for the hurricane roof. They met the engineer, his wife and little boy coming onto the roof. They had hardly reached it before a powerful wave of wind capsized the boat and completely turned her upside down, the smoke stacks, pilothouse and a portion of the hurricane roof resting on the bottom of the Ohio.

Several lives lost
Large groups of people are at the scene of



Two paddlewheel boats were tied up at the Tolu Landing in the early 1900s. The City of Golconda could possibly be one of these boats. Wallace Bennett and Eugene Guess would have boarded the boat from this landing. Thanks to Paul Lowery for sharing the wonderful old picture.

the wreck, where three divers are at work. This afternoon five of the bodies, all recovered thus far, arrived on the steamer Mary N.

They were Mrs. Dave Adams and her niece Miss Lacey Barnett, Miss Tricie Grimes, Miss Lizzie Graham and Mrs. W. A. Hogan. The two former will be taken to Birdsville this afternoon on the yacht Brookhill for burial.

Sixteen lives were lost in the terrible river disaster of last week. Nearly all the bodies have been recovered by the divers.

The disaster was certainly one of the worst that ever occurred on the Ohio River.

The U. S. Snagboat E. A. Woodruff received permission from headquarters to go to the wreck and raise it. The big steamer, with all the modern facilities to do such work, succeeded in turning the Golconda partly over and lifting her close to shore.

The steamer did not capsize, as reported, but careened, resting at an angle of 40 degrees. Her hull projected three feet out of the water. When the boat went over, the cabin floated on the surface, but early Tuesday morning the boat settled down. The stacks were buried in the mud, and made an anchorage for the wreck.

The hull of the Golconda was only three feet deep. About one year ago she was condemned, but the owner made certain repairs, and she was permitted by the inspectors to resume business; however, the Golconda has always been regarded as unsafe by river people.

The Paducah Democrat says: Local river men unite in saying that the City of Golconda should never have been used as a passenger packet, being too narrow of beam for her upper works. This, so they



Wallace Bennett, a successful young farmer from near Tolu, was one of the victims of the ill-fated Golconda steamer. His body was recovered and he is buried in the Bennett family plot at Mapleview Cemetery.

say, made her top-heavy, unwieldy in a wind and dangerous except when carefully loaded and in smooth water.

Recovering the bodies

The work of recovering bodies began Tuesday morning. The body of Miss Barnett was rescued from the same vicinity of the stateroom as that of the first body rescued. Miss Barnett was an 18-year-old orphan girl who was adopted by her uncle Mr. David Adams, whose wife also met death in the disaster. Miss Barnett was the only daughter of Col. Thomas Barnett, deceased, who left his daughter property valued at \$50,000. (Col. Thomas Barnett's family owned property in the western tip of the county, just outside of Tolu and close to the Livingston County line). She and Mrs. Adams were en route to the city of Paducah to prepare her clothing and books for a term at the Hopkinsville College. Mrs. David Adams was a daughter of the late J. L. Hibbs and a sister of Mrs. James Fleming of this place.

From the time of rescuing Miss Barnett's body it was exactly an hour and thirty-two minutes before the body of Mrs. David Adams was brought to the surface and laid beside that of her niece. She was dressed in conventional black, while her kid gloves were still covering her hands.

It is said that Mrs. Adams told her husband before leaving home that she had a presentiment

that something terrible would happen during the trip. The remains of Mrs. Adams and her niece were taken to Birdsville for burial.

The body of Mr. Watts Davis of Lola was found in a standing position, with one arm holding to a hog chain. When the boat was going over Mr. Davis no doubt expected the boat to right itself and clung to the chain, but the boat sunk instead. A watch taken from the deceased had stopped at 6:17.

The body of Wallace Bennett, the prominent young farmer of Tolu, was recovered Thursday. His father, A. J. Bennett of Tolu, was at the wreck when the body was recovered near where the steamer went down. It showed evidence that young Mr. Bennett had been trapped under the steamer.

Mr. Bennett, 25 years old, was on his way to Paducah to buy household goods when he lost his life. A young wife, Azelie, and 16-month baby daughter, mourn the sad and untimely death of husband and father. He was a prosperous young farmer, popular with all who knew him. (The Bennetts lived in the plantation home of Westwood, located just outside of the community of Tolu.)

His body was returned to his home and burial was in the Bennett family plot at the new cemetery (Mapleview) in Marion.

Eugene Guess tells the story

Another Crittenden Countian was also on the ill-fated City of Golconda, but lived to tell the story was Mr. Eugene Guess of Tolu. (the grandfather of our own Gordon Guess.)

Mr. Eugene Guess related his experience to The Press as follows:

Most of the passengers were sitting out on the guards when it began to rain, we went in.

I walked inside, and was standing at the side door, Wallace Bennett was behind me, I said to him I believed the captain was trying to out run the storm. "Yes" he said, "but it looks like it will catch us." He then turned and walked away,

I could reach the upper side a man ran over me and knocked me to the lower side again, and I had all my work to do over again, but I worked, swimming and climbing furiously, my way to that part of the boat that was on top.

When I got there I found myself with others on the bottom of the boat, as the craft had turned completely over. We found a yawl hanging to the stage, baled the water out, and about 30 people went to shore in that yawl, making three or four trips.

It was a most horrifying experience and I am thankful to be alive.

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

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Friday, June 13
• Laugh and Learn will be at Crittenden County Public Library starting at 10:30 a.m.
Monday, June 16
• WITS Workout starts at 1 p.m. at the Crittenden County Public Library.

- Tuesday, June 17**
• Feed and Read will be held at 10 a.m. at Crittenden County Elementary School.
Wednesday, June 18
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Larry & Sandy Barnes	0 Maple Street (Lot)	\$ 5.68
Willam & Jamie Barnes	100 East Main Street	\$ 22.70
Willam & Jamie Barnes	624 East Main Street (Garage)	\$ 79.45
Jamie Bryan	149 South Hayden (MH)	\$ 5.68
Mona Lisa Buchanan	137 South Church Street	\$ 51.50
Stacy Davis	226 South Hayden	\$ 51.08
Michael & LeeAnn Keller	0 Glenn Drive (Lots 88 & 89)	\$ 18.45
Michael & LeeAnn Keller	0 Glenn Drive (Lots 97 & 99)	\$ 28.38
Michael & LeeAnn Keller	0 Glenn Drive (Lot 98)	\$ 14.19
Michael & LeeAnn Keller	104 Oaklawn Street	\$ 269.56
Jonathan Eric Moore	210 East Lion Drive	\$ 49.66
Constance Delaine Riordan	419 East Main Street	\$ 89.66
Trina Service	403 North Hayden Ave	\$ 90.80
Lisa Tabor	728 East Main Street	\$ 79.45
Shelby Tabor	732 East Main Street	\$ 61.01
Jaci Watson	132 Babb Lane	\$ 70.94
Joseph Workman	161 Mill Street	\$ 80.01
Harve Pickens	0 Mill Street (lot)	\$ 2.84

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CUSTOMER NOTICE OF RATE ADJUSTMENT						Unauthorized Connection Charge – for three-phase AMI meter replacement	New	256.00
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in a May 30, 2025, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric rates and charges to become effective on and after July 1, 2025.						Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (One-Time)	\$39.00	\$74.00
						Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (Monthly)	\$15.00	\$24.00
						Redundant Capacity - Secondary	\$1.33	\$2.26
<u>KU CURRENT AND PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATES</u>						Redundant Capacity - Primary	\$0.90	\$1.65
						EVSE – Networked (Option A) Single Charger	\$132.09	\$191.81
						EVSE – Networked (Option A) Dual Charger	\$193.62	\$330.34
<u>Residential Service – Rate RS</u>						EVSE – Networked (Option B) Single Charger	New	\$161.21
						EVSE – Networked (Option B) Dual Charger	New	\$254.60
						EVSE – Non-Networked Single Charger	\$80.14	\$85.01
Basic Service Charge per Day: Plus an Energy Charge per kWh: Infrastructure: Variable: Total:						EVSE-R – Networked (Option A) Single Charger	\$121.79	\$144.03
						EVSE-R – Networked (Option A) Dual Charger	\$173.02	\$234.79
						EVSE-R – Networked (Option B) Single Charger	New	\$113.44
<u>Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service - Rate RTOD-Energy</u>						EVSE-R – Networked (Option B) Dual Charger	New	\$159.05
						EVSE-R – Non-Networked Single Charger	\$30.58	\$37.24
						EVC-L2 – Charge per kWh	New	\$0.25
Basic Service Charge per Day: Plus an Energy Charge per kWh: Off-Peak Hours (Infrastructure): Off-Peak Hours (Variable): Off-Peak Hours (Total): On-Peak Hours (Infrastructure): On-Peak Hours (Variable): On-Peak Hours (Total):						EVC-FAST – Charge per kWh	\$0.25	\$0.25
						Solar Share Program Rider (One-Time)	\$799.00	\$799.00
						Solar Share Program Rider (Monthly)	\$5.55	\$5.55
KU is also proposing changes to the rates for other customer classes. These customer classes and their associated annual revenue changes are listed in the tables shown below. KU is also proposing to change the text of some of its rate schedules and other tariff provisions. KU's proposed rates reflect a proposed annual increase in electric revenues of approximately 11.5%.						Excess Facilities – w/ no CIAC	1.14%	1.27%
						Excess Facilities – w/ CIAC	0.46%	0.51%
						TS – Temporary-to-Permanent	15%	15%
The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed electric rates will apply for each electric customer class are as follows:						TS – Seasonal	100%	100%
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.43	\$33.02
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$32.16	\$38.50
<u>Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service - Rate RTOD-Demand</u>						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.05	\$31.52
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.71	\$36.75
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.73	\$33.05
Basic Service Charge per Day: Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Infrastructure): Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Variable): Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Total): Plus a Demand Charge per kW: Base Hours Peak Hours						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$32.56	\$38.59
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.33	\$31.55
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$31.09	\$36.84
KU is proposing to expand the number of customers limit of GTOD-E and GTOD-D customers to a maximum of 500 customers combined.						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.27	\$32.07
						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$31.55	\$36.56
						SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$27.94	\$30.62
KU is proposing to migrate all PS customers from a maximum load charge per kW to kVA. In addition, KU is proposing to transition all PS customers from a seasonal maximum load charge to a time-differentiated 3-tier maximum load charge, similar to the TODS, TODP, and RTS rate schedules. New PS service initiated on or after January 1, 2026 will be required to enter into a contract for an initial term of one year.						SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.12	\$34.93
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.39	\$31.99
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$31.96	\$37.06
KU is proposing a new rate schedule titled Extremely High Load Factor Service. This rate schedule will be for customers contracting for capacity greater than 100 MVA and an average monthly load factor above 85%.						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$28.05	\$30.54
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.51	\$35.38
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
KU is proposing to split its wireline pole attachment charge into two charges, a two-user wireline pole attachment charge and a three-user wireline pole attachment charge.						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$12.81	\$0
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$12.03	\$0
KU is proposing to add an adjustment clause called Renewable Power Purchase Agreement. This adjustment clause will recover the cost of renewable generation power purchase agreements approved by the Commission.						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$15.42	\$0
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
KU is proposing to add an optional program called Pre-Pay. This program will give residential customers with AMI meters the option of moving from traditional post-paid service to a deposit-free pre-paid service.						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$14.49	\$0
						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$10.10	\$0
KU is proposing to expand the Terms and Conditions rules for Deposits. This expansion looks to provide clarity to the business processes surrounding deposits and makes deposits mandatory for customers taking service under TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS and EHLF.						SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$9.49	\$0
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
KU is proposing to modify the Terms and Conditions related to Billing by making paperless billing the default option for new customers and for those whom the Company has an email address.						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$8.93	\$18.94
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; T ransmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$8.39	\$17.80
KU is proposing a new tariff in its Terms and Conditions for Rules for Transmission-Level Retail Electric Service Studies and Related Implementation Costs. This will apply to any proposed retail electric service requiring KU to submit a Transmission Service Request to its Independent Transmission Organization.						A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes, terms and conditions and rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by e-mail to myaccount@lge-ku.com or by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department, 2701 Eastpoint Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, 40223, or by visiting KU's website at https://lge-ku.com/ku-2025-rate-case.		
						A person may examine KU's application at KU's office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, 40507, and at KU's website at https://lge-ku.com/ku-2025-rate-case. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or may view and download the application through the Commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.		
						Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2025-00113.		
KU is proposing new terms and conditions for Net Metering Service Interconnection Guidelines.						The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.		
<u>Other Charges</u>								
KU is proposing the following revisions to other charges in the tariff:								
Other Charges						Current Charge	Proposed Charge	
Wireline Pole Attachment						\$7.25	Removed	
Two-User Wireline Pole Attachment						New	\$10.13	
Three-User Wireline Pole Attachment						New	\$10.46	
Linear Foot of Duct						\$0.81	\$1.22	
Wireless Facility at Top of Company Pole						36.25	\$51.46	
Net Metering Service-2 Bill Credit						\$0.07534	\$0.03859	
Returned Payment Charge						\$3.50	\$3.00	
Meter Test Charge						\$79.00	\$89.00	
Meter Pulse Charge						\$21.00	\$24.00	
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/o remote service switch						\$37.00	\$87.00	
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/ remote service switch						\$0	\$0.00	
Unauthorized Connection Charge – without meter replacement						\$45.00	\$57.00	
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase standard meter replacement						\$66.00	\$78.00	
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase AMR meter replacement						\$87.00	\$99.00	
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase AMI meter replacement						\$149.00	\$151.00	
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for three-phase meter replacement						\$154.00	\$167.00	

Magistrates considering passage of UTV ordinance Livingston County pitching in to help with Smithland sewer

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County Fiscal Court last week discussed a slate of infrastructure and community development items, including the first reading of an ordinance that would allow the use of utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) on county roadways. The ordinance will require formal approval at a later meeting.

The court session also included updates on aging storm sirens, sports lighting upgrades, road paving priorities and initial discussion about an ambitious regional sewer project that could reshape wastewater management in Smithland.

Judge-Executive Michael Williams said about half a dozen storm sirens across the county remain non-functional. Some repairs have been made, but several units are still offline as maintenance crews work to restore full coverage. With so many recent severe storms, Williams said it is highly critical that those are repaired as soon as possible. Work continues toward that end, he added.

The court also discussed lighting at Roy Ringstaff Field, which was installed in the 1980s and is now due for an upgrade. A grant has been submitted through the federal Land and

Water Conservation Fund, which would require a 50 percent local match. The county has applied for an additional grant aimed at LED lighting for all five fields, but even if awarded, Williams said, “the earliest construction could begin would be mid-summer 2027.” He noted that planning and securing funding involves significant legwork and patience.

Road maintenance remains a high priority, and the county continues participating in the state’s County Priority Projects Program (CPPP), which includes a pavement condition inventory taken with road photos every 300 feet. Of about a dozen roads submitted for paving under the program last year, only Ostle Loop near Tiline and Duley Road near Burna were selected. The state funded 100 percent of last year’s paving, but this year the formula shifts to 90/10, requiring a 10 percent county match.

In a more complex matter, Williams addressed mounting concerns over the deteriorating wastewater system in Smithland. He emphasized that while sewer issues fall under city responsibility, the county can no longer ignore the worsening state

violations tied to aging infrastructure.

State and local officials recently met with a representative from the Pennyrite Area Development District (PADDD) to initiate a feasibility study, which will evaluate system capacity, pipe condition and cost of either building a new treatment plant or tying into Ledbetter’s existing system. Williams noted that the state strongly favors regionalized utility systems, meaning a stand-alone solution for Smithland may struggle to receive funding. While consolidating with Ledbetter might be more expensive, Williams said, it might prove more attractive for state or federal funding.

Livingston County receives \$170,000 annually through the TVA’s Regional Development Agency Assistance Program (RDAP), part of a \$6 million pool split among 39 counties. Those funds roll over year to year and could be earmarked to help address Smithland’s sewer crisis.

“This is going to be a massive problem to tackle,” Williams said. “But we’ve got to start somewhere, and today is the day.”

The sewer project is expected to take between two and four years.

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NOTICE TO CRITTENDEN COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl K. Tabor, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that 2024 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in The Crittenden Press on Thursday, June 19, 2025. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. local time each weekday at the Office of Crittenden County Clerk located in Crittenden County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Dr., Ste. B, Marion, Ky. This list may also be inspected on the Crittenden County Clerk’s website. The (URL) of the website is crittenden.clerkinfo.net.

The tax sale will be held Wednesday, July 23, 2025, beginning at 9 a.m. local time. All interested participants must register with the Office of Crittenden County Clerk by the close of business Monday, July 14, 2025. Please contact the Office of Crittenden County Clerk or visit crittenden.clerkinfo.net for more information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts needed. Taxpayers may continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the Office of Crittenden County Clerk any time prior to the tax sale.

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Some delinquencies, although they have been advertised, will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Crittenden County Clerk at 270-965-3403.



Crittenden County Schools

2025-26 Calendar

AUGUST
15–20 – Professional Development
21–22 – District Planning
25 – Opening Day for Staff
26 – First Day for Students
SEPTEMBER
1 – Labor Day
OCTOBER
2 – Progress Report #1
6–10 – Fall Break
31 – End of 1st Quarter
NOVEMBER
3–14 – Parent-Teacher Conferences
7 – Report Card #1
26–28 – Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER
11 – Progress Report #2
22–31 – Christmas Break
JANUARY
1–2 – Christmas Break Continues
5 – District Planning Day
19 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
20 – End of 2nd Quarter
27 – Report Card #2
FEBRUARY
16 – District Planning Day
26 – Progress Report #3
MARCH
2–13 – Parent-Teacher Conferences
20 – End of 3rd Quarter
27 – Report Card #3
30–31 – Spring Break Begins
APRIL
1–3 – Spring Break Continues
MAY
5 – Progress Report #4
25 – Memorial Day
28 – Last Day for Students
29 – Closing Day for Staff
JUNE
1 – District Planning Day

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- Regular Instruction Day
- First & Last Day For Students
- Opening / Closing Day
- Holidays


- Professional Development
- District Planning Day
- Non School Day

School Day - 7:55 AM - 3:00 PM

School site-based councils set for 2025-26


STAFF REPORT
Site-based, decision-making councils are set for the coming academic year at Crittenden County schools.
CCES: Laurie Holcomb, Jenny Croft, Tiffany Brown, Amanda Harris, Shayann Board, Becky Bailey.
CCMS: Ashley Frederick, Ashley Morries, Maddie Ryan, Ben Thompson, Jessica DeBurgo, Neal Bryant.
CCHS: Josh Cook, Aaron Brown, Jennifer Hardesty, Howard Suggs, Deonna McCord, Derrick Ford.

The mission of School-Based, Decision-Making (SBDM) Councils in Kentucky is to improve student achievement by ensuring that decisions about curriculum, instruction, and school management are made by the people closest to the students, including principals, teachers and parents. According to statute, the specific purpose of SBDM Councils is to “promote student achievement by allowing greater decision-making authority at the school level.”



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FOOTBALL

Young Rocket camp

The Crittenden County Rocket Youth Football Camp will be held June 16-18 at Rocket Arena for ages 5-15. The camp, running from 9-11:30 a.m. each day, costs \$30 per participant, with a \$10 discount for additional siblings. Instruction will cover all areas of football, led by Rocket coaching staff, current players and alumni. Campers will participate in flag football games daily, and lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. in the multipurpose room. Registration will be accepted on the first day of camp starting at 8:30 a.m.

West KY districts 25-26

Here is a look at Kentucky High School Athletic Association's football realignment for the coming season:

Class A

District 1 – Ballard Memorial, Caverna, Fulton County, Russellville
District 2: Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Kentucky Country Day, Louisville Holy Cross

Class 2A

District 1 – Caldwell County, Crittenden County, Fort Campbell, Mayfield, Todd County Central, Trigg County
District 2: Fort Knox, Hancock County, McLean County, Owensboro Catholic

Class 3A

District 1 – Hopkins County Central, Murray, Union County, Webster County
District 2 – Adair County, Butler County, Edmonson County, Glasgow, Hart County, LaRue County

Class 4A

District 1 – Allen County-Scottsville, Calloway County, Franklin-Simpson, Logan County, Paducah Tilghman, Warren East
District 2 – Elizabethtown, John Hardin, Marion County, Nelson County, Taylor County

Class 5A

District 1 – Apollo, Graves County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Marshall County, Muhlenberg County, Owensboro
District 2 – Barren County, Bowling Green, Grayson County, Greenwood, Ohio County, Warren Central

Class 6A

District 1 – Christian County, Henderson County, Hopkinsville, McCracken County
District 2 – Central Hardin, Daviess County, Meade County, South Warren

Cobb nominated for hall

Former Kentucky star Randall Cobb has been named to the 2026 College Football Hall of Fame ballot. Cobb is one of 79 FBS players and nine coaches selected, along with 100 players and 35 coaches from lower divisions. A dynamic all-purpose athlete at UK, Cobb was a 2010 first-team All-American and finalist for the Paul Hornung Award. That season, he ranked first or second on the team in rushing, passing and receiving, the only FBS player to do so. He also set the SEC single-season record for all-purpose yards with 2,396 and holds the Wildcats' career touchdown mark at 37.

Also making the ballot is Eastern Kentucky running back Markus Thomas. A two-time Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Thomas rushed for 5,149 yards, third-most in FCS history, and scored 52 career touchdowns.

The National Football Foundation will announce the 2026 Hall of Fame class early next year.

GOLF EVENTS

Ladies at Deer Lakes

The Flamingo Classic, a two-lady golf tournament, will tee off at 1 p.m., Thursday, June 19 at Deer Lakes Golf Course. The shotgun start event includes 18 holes, flighted play and a meal. Entry is \$40 per person, which includes a cart. Mulligans and tosses will be available for \$5 each. The tournament will also feature door prizes and proximity hole contests. To register, call Ric Hughes at (270) 988-4653.

Men play at Deer Lakes

Deer Lakes Golf Course will host a two-man scramble tournament June 21-22 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. each day. Cost is \$160 team entry, which includes meal and practice round prior to tournament. Saturday scores determine flighting, with cash prizes, closest-to-pin contests, and a skins game Saturday. A player's pool will be held Sunday. To register, call the Deer Lakes Pro Shop at 270-988-4653.

Basketball Honors

Crittenden County High School's girls' basketball team held its annual awards ceremony last week. Among those honored were (front from left) Breanna Walker, manager recognition; Chloe Hunt, Lady Rocket Pride Award; Bristyn Rushing, X Factor Award; Anna Boone, Most Valuable Player, Fear Factor Award, Best Teammate Award and statistical awards for 3-point shooting, free throws, points, rebounds, deflections, steals, assists and blocks; Andrea Federico, Warrior Award; Georgia Holeman, Spark Award; Elliot Evans, Dog Award; (back) Kylie Hunt, manager recognition; Brodi Rich, Hustle Award; Sarah Grau, Most Improved Award; Jordyn Hodge, Iron Woman Award; Adri Berry, Impact Award; Morgan Stewart, X Factor Award and statistical award for best field goal percentage; and Abigail Champion, Challenge Award.



Lady Rocket Softball Awards

Crittenden County High School's Lady Rocket softball team held its annual awards ceremony last weekend. Among those honored were (from left) Elliot Evans, Hits and Runs Awards; Anna Boone, Gold Glove Award; Andrea Federico, Slugger Award; Elle McDaniel, Leadership Award and Hustle Award; Caroline Martin, Best Teammate Award; and Brodi Rich, Most Valuable Player Award. Not pictured was Hannah Jent, Best Teammate Award.

2025 CCHS ROCKET BASEBALL HITTING AND FIELDING STATISTICS

	GP	PA	AB	AVG	OBP	OPS	SLG	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	BB	SO	HBP	SAC	SB	TC	A	PO	F%	E
Summers, Quinn	25	90	76	.447	.511	1.169	.658	34	23	6	5	0	20	20	8	7	4	0	10	94	54	35	.947	5
Conyer, Chase	22	79	62	.371	.494	.913	.419	23	20	3	0	0	22	11	12	14	4	0	0	78	6	70	.974	2
Stokes, Hudson	27	105	81	.309	.462	.820	.358	25	21	4	0	0	8	33	19	20	4	1	25	66	34	19	.803	13
Duncan, Jaxton	27	94	67	.239	.447	.760	.313	16	11	5	0	0	14	15	25	15	1	0	6	49	7	36	.878	6
Young, Drake	25	82	61	.230	.400	.630	.230	14	14	0	0	0	11	7	17	27	1	2	1	58	29	16	.776	13
Lovell, Eli	27	98	75	.267	.427	.694	.267	20	20	0	0	0	9	28	18	10	3	2	10	155	9	142	.974	4
Rich, Jake	15	37	29	.207	.378	.620	.241	6	5	1	0	0	4	5	4	13	4	0	2	10	5	2	.700	3
McCord, Asa	21	64	57	.193	.281	.544	.263	11	8	2	1	0	2	11	5	20	2	0	4	20	5	9	.700	6
Rustin, Zack	12	36	26	.192	.389	.620	.231	5	4	1	0	0	9	0	8	12	1	0	0	63	1	58	.937	4
Perryman, Davis	26	50	41	.146	.265	.412	.146	6	6	0	0	0	3	8	6	13	1	0	10	24	2	211	.958	1
Pierson, Keegan	22	72	55	.145	.347	.529	.182	8	6	2	0	0	4	11	14	30	3	0	4	65	3	58	.938	4
Dayberry, Brady	13	28	26	.077	.111	.188	.077	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	10	0	1	0	47	22	19	.872	6
Herrin, Eli	1	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0
Nesbitt, Cameron	12	5	4	.000	.200	.200	.000	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	.000	0
Team Totals	27	848	663	.256	.405	.716	.311	170	140	24	6	0	110	158	142	196	29	6	74	735	177	488	.905	70

2025 CCHS ROCKET PITCHING STATISTICS

	IP	GP	GS	BF	W	L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	ERA	WHIP	BAA
Duncan, Jaxton	15	8	3	95	1	2	0	23	28	18	19	18	5	8.40	2.8	.324
Conyer, Chase	21.1	6	6	107	1	4	0	21	20	16	19	26	5	5.25	1.875	.263
Summers, Quinn	2.1	3	0	22	0	0	0	7	7	4	7	4	1	12.00	6.00	.500
Young, Drake	20	5	5	107	2	3	0	26	24	18	8	16	5	6.30	1.70	.283
Stokes, Hudson	25.1	7	5	133	3	2	0	23	25	19	21	34	14	5.25	1.737	.237
Pierson, Keegan	1.2	2	1	13	0	0	0	1	6	6	6	0	0	25.2	4.20	.143
McCord, Asa	50.1	10	6	238	2	4	0	51	41	22	13	45	8	3.06	1.272	.241
Lovell, Eli	1.2	1	0	17	0	0	0	7	10	6	4	3	0	25.2	6.6	.538
Rich, Jake	24.2	12	1	110	1	0	1	20	10	5	14	28	2	1.42	1.378	.215
Team Totals	163	27	27	842	10	15	1	179	171	110	111	176	40	4.72	1.779	.264



Stats Acronym Key: GP games played, PA plate appearance, AB at bat, OBP on-base %, TC total defensive chances, A defensive assists, PO put outs, FPCT fielding %, E errors, INN innings pitched, GS games started, BF batters faced, WHIP walks & hits per inning, BBA opponent batting average.

Lady Rockets, boys kick off summer league hoops action

STAFF REPORT

In summer league high school basketball action last week, Crittenden County's girls went 3-1 against high-caliber competition. All four opponents were 2025 regional semifinalists in their respective areas.

The Lady Rockets finished the week with a split at Bowling Green, losing 37-33 in overtime to the event host Lady Purples. There was some dispute about the final score at the end of regulation, with the CCHS scorebook indicating Crittenden had won. Nonetheless, the Lady Rockets failed to garner an offensive possession in the one-minute overtime and lost by four. Crittenden beat Edmonson County 54-43. Edmonson features 6-foot-2 center Cariann Williams, who is committed to Campbellsville University.

Edmonson was runner-up in the Third Region last year to Daviess County, a 21-game winner and a team Crittenden defeated earlier last week 40-31 at the Hopkinsville Grind event. CCHS also beat a fa-

miliar opponent, Hopkins Central, 46-44 at Hoptown. The Lady Storm returns at full strength from its semifinal finish in March.

The Lady Rockets, 23-8 this past season, lost nothing to graduation and figure to be a regional contender again in 2025-26 after being a regional finalist in two of the last three years. The girls are in Poplar Bluff, Mo., this week for the Rib City Classic, facing teams from out of state. Next week, the Lady Rockets will be at Lindsey Wilson for team camp.

The Rockets played four games late last week at Union County and Caldwell County, seeing action against the hosts at each venue, plus games against Carlisle County and Gallatin County, Ill. CCHS was winless in those games but was playing without a number of regulars. CCHS is coming off a winless season and is under the direction of new coach Kenny Jackson, who said it's going to take hard work and patience to improve prospects for next winter's season.



Lady Rocket Andrea Federico cradles a rebound during Crittenden County's summer high school basketball actions last week at Bowling Green. CCHS went 3-1 against stiff competition last week.

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Year in jail softens man accused of strangulation

STAFF REPORT

A Princeton man who last year drew a 12-month contempt of court sentence after cursing Judge Daniel Heady has been released from local custody after serving almost 13 months in Crittenden County Detention Center.

Clayton Austin Cotton, 35, entered a plea agreement last Thursday in Crittenden Circuit Court that will allow him to avoid further prison time if he successfully completes long-term rehabilitation and a five-year probation term.

Cotton pleaded guilty to an amended charge of second-degree strangulation and felony wanton endangerment, plus three misdemeanors stemming from a May 2024 domestic incident in Marion. He was sentenced to a total of six years in prison, but the term was conditionally discharged under the plea deal. As part of the agreement, he must complete six months of in-patient treatment followed by six months of outpatient care and remain compliant through the entirety of his five-year probation.

In court, Cotton also apologized to Judge Heady for a profanity-laced outburst that resulted in a contempt of court

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sentence last June. He had been ordered to serve one year behind bars after disrupting proceedings during his arraignment and accusing the judge of violating his rights.

"It was a pretty good cursing," Heady remarked in court this week, recalling the 2024 incident that had raised eyebrows in the courtroom and led to heightened security.

Cotton, who was rather contrite on this visit in front of the judge, was released from jail one week early to begin in-patient treatment. Prosecutors had previously offered a two-year prison sentence, but the final plea took into account Cotton's willingness to seek help and the wishes of the victim, with whom discussions occurred prior to sentencing.

His sentence included time for misdemeanors for second-degree disorderly conduct (90 days), resisting arrest (365 days) and third-degree terroristic threatening (365 days). It will run concurrently to five years for strangulation and one year for wanton endangerment. The court also dismissed an original first-degree stran-

gulation charge as part of the agreement.

Cotton was originally arrested on May 28, 2024, after a 911 call brought police to a home on Yandell Street in Marion. Marion Police Chief Bobby West reported that a woman at the scene claimed Cotton had assaulted her and that Cotton became combative with officers. He was ultimately taken into custody after allegedly resisting and issuing threats toward law enforcement.

If Cotton fails to complete treatment or violates probation, he could be ordered to serve the remainder of his six-year sentence.

In other court proceedings last week:

- Marcus Andrew Menser, 31, of Marion pleaded guilty to a Class D felony charge of trafficking in marijuana more than 8 ounces but less than 5 pounds and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Court records indicate that Marion police officers received a complaint about drug sales and outstanding warrants for individuals at a residence on Main

Street in Marion. When officers arrived at the home at 9:15 p.m. Feb. 2, they smelled a strong odor of marijuana, according to the citation. Further investigation led to the charges. Menser was sentenced to one year in prison on the felony and 365 days on the misdemeanor, with the time to run concurrent. He was given credit for time served, which amounts to about three months.

- Travis Whitehair, 27, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree sexual abuse involving a 12-year-old male victim. A relative of the victim provided an impact statement, which was read aloud in court. Whitehair was sentenced to serve 18 months in prison on this charge, consecutive to a five-year sentence he's facing in Missouri in an unrelated case. The court also ordered the defendant to complete a five-year post-incarceration program and meet other sex offender obligations.
- Kevin W. Bingham, 59, of Marion was arraigned and pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). The court

ordered a six-month in-house substance abuse treatment program with six months of aftercare on a three-year sentence probated for five years.

- Tony Christopher Williams, 40, of Salem had his probation revoked on two 2023 felony drug cases. He was ordered to complete an in-house substance abuse treatment program. Failure to comply will result in him being required to serve the balance of his sentences. Williams admitted to various violations of his probation, including testing positive multiple times for methamphetamine use.
- Jeffery Marshall Gernigin, 34, of Marion pleaded guilty to flagrant non-support and being a persistent felony offender. Court records indicate that his child support arrears dating back to at least May 15, 2019, amount to \$5,784.78. The court sentenced him to five years for flagrant non-support with a PFO enhancement of five more years for a total of 10. The time was probated for five years under material terms of his probation, including completion of a substance abuse treatment program.

Grand Jury hands down indictments; two are unsealed from May session

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Grand Jury handed down indictments last week. A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence; it merely decides whether a case should continue to be prosecuted in circuit court.

Following are new indictments, plus two recently unsealed from the May grand jury.

- Chealse M. Williams, 30, of Marion was indicted on a Class D felony charge of theft by unlawful taking (controlled substance under \$10,000) and a Class D felony for second-degree escape. Court records allege that Williams took 187 doses of morphine sulfate from a home she was visiting in September of last year. She is also accused of escaping

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GRAND JURY

from Crittenden County Detention Facility after being charged with the above felony. Court records say she was granted furlough by the jail on Oct. 30, 2024, and did not return under terms of the temporary furlough.

- Payton Riley, 23, of Marion was indicted on a Class C felony charge of second-degree assault. The charge stems from an incident at 1 a.m. April 6, where he is alleged to have gotten into a fight with another individual and, during the altercation, bit off part of the victim's ear. Marion Police Department investigated the incident and charged the suspect on April 21.
- In a case recently un-

sealed from May's term of the grand jury, Jessica F. Long, 31, of Marion was indicted on a Class C felony charge of first-degree trafficking in methamphetamine for allegedly selling 3.44 grams of the drug to a cooperating witness on Feb. 7.

- In a related case recently unsealed from May's term of the grand jury, Makenzie E. Watson, 22, of Marion was indicted on a Class C felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and for being a persistent felony offender. Court records allege that Watson helped facilitate the alleged drug transaction for which she is charged.



Street Closed

Due to a culvert failure, North Walker Street is closed at a point near the PACS building and Crittenden County Food Bank between Second Street and East Mound Park. The street will be closed to through traffic until city crews can make repairs.



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