

## Marion lifts boil order, investigates further

The City of Marion on Tuesday lifted a boil water advisory that had been in place for a week, the town’s fourth such alert in 2025 and second tied to excessive ammonia levels in its raw water reservoirs. Mayor D’Anna Brown said the Kentucky Division of Water is now investigating the unusual ammonia concentrations at the city’s request.

## Fredonia History Ride

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society will host a unique historical experience Saturday with its “Hayride Through Fredonia’s Past” beginning at 5 p.m. The event features a guided hayride tour through town, complete with historical reenactments at key locations such as Crider Tavern, the John Rice Home, the site of the burning of the Rice Tobacco Barn, the Wilson-Blair One Room School Memorial, 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 Fredonia’s colorful history. Admission is \$5 per person, with children 12 and under free. To reserve a spot, text 270-832-8272.

## Juneteenth holiday

In observance of the Juneteenth holiday, public offices such as Crittenden County Office Complex and Marion City Hall will be closed Thursday. The Crittenden Press will also be closed. Juneteenth has been a federal holiday since 2021. It is a holiday celebrated on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the U.S. Civil War, enslaved people were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 19 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., on Monday, June 23 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, June 24 at the courthouse.
- Livingston Fiscal Court meets at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, June 24 at the county office complex in Smithland.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, June 26 at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden County Public Library Board meets at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 26 at the library.

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Local fisherman Jason Brown found a few bass in Lake George last week. He says the lake is bouncing back well.

## Disingenuous George

### Fishing fares better than drink sourcing

STAFF REPORT  
On a warm afternoon last week a few days ahead of summer, Jason Brown was angling for what’s left in Lake George while leaders at city hall were searching for new answers to the problematic raw water source bleached by ammonia. Ironical it is that last Thursday’s catch coincided with new Marion water troubles, heightened by the city’s fourth boil water order of the year. The advisory was triggered by yet another disruption

in chemical treatment caused by elevated ammonia levels. Though the order has since been lifted, Marion’s water woes are sure to continue until the town can get fully connected to Crittenden-Livingston Water District, which is expanding to help out. Lake George, less than half its historic depth since being crippled by a faulty earthen dam in 2022, now appears less than adequate to dilute

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A lifelong Crittenden Countian, Randy Conway spent two decades as warden.

## Gamechanger

### Conway says warden job outgrew his interest

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR  
Randy Conway has spent the better part of his life among the woods, rivers and wildlife of Crittenden County. Now, after more than two decades in uniform, the longtime conservation officer has officially retired from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. At 59, Conway stepped away from his post a few weeks ago, closing a 22-year chapter in law enforcement. But his love of the outdoors won’t fade. He lives on his family’s century-old farm in northern Crittenden County, literally next door to the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area. “I wish I had been a game warden years before I actually became one,” Conway said. It used to be more of a romantic, adventurous

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## MPD is full force with new officer

STAFF REPORT  
Marion Police Department welcomed its newest officer, Rome Dickerson, last week, marking the first time in more than two years the department has been fully staffed with five full-time officers. Dickerson, 23, of Morganfield, was sworn in during a ceremony at City Hall and will begin police academy training on July 13 in Madisonville. He is expected to graduate in January 2026 and will begin solo patrols after completing field training and a probationary period. Chief Bobby West said the addition of Dickerson brings relief to the department, which has operated under



New Marion Policeman Rome Dickerson was issued a badge last week by MPD Chief Bobby West during a ceremony at city hall.

## Clear and present dangers

In this town, where the city clock at Main and Bellville tolls not so much the hour as it does the last vestiges of civility, there now appear to be roaming bands of motley dogs dragging their shadows down city streets like unfounded accusations scrawled on social media. Here, too, we’re steeped in sanctimonious litigation running parallel with holy streets. Like the dogs, they are neither lost nor found, but something in between, like so much else we have failed to reckon with.



Chris EVANS  
Press Editor & Publisher  
About Town

And the people, Lord help them, sit on porches with mouths full of complaint, spitting caustic words like they’re a cure to all that ails. Makes you wonder if Isaiah’s first chapter of castigation was honestly for old Salem rather than our own humble hamlet. It used to be that a dog loose in the street was a neighbor’s pet, a friend’s dog, a dog who would walk a child to school or lie patiently in front of the post office until his master emerged with the mail and a treat. Now these pit hounds are akin to German bulls, full of wildness and a willingness to snap at first glance like robo dogs that simply learned from watching us. And the water... oh, the water! She comes out of the tap colored like hard mash and the smell of forgotten sin. Oh! they mourn, spitting yet with wet mouths course posts seeking pity against unsurmountable odds as tolls heighten and pipes grow older than our broader municipal miseries. How quick we are to forget Granny straining wiggle worms with her apron from the cistern’s charge only to keep the kids from puking. A free drink indeed, yet feebly sanitary in those now-forgotten days. In our digitally-compromised contemporary world, we pour our souls out on an iPhone like social media is some sort of confessional booth. “We pay for this?” they question, as if payment ever guaranteed anything. Sure, it stinks, but so does Crooked Creek. The water is safe, modern minds insist, yet we pour it alone into our tubs and dog bowls. And then, because every tragic farce demands its chorus, come the clowns. Not in painted faces, mind you, but on tablets and handsets. As the city’s tower clock with its dual set of time – one today and the other tomorrow’s – we TikTok back and forth between reality and baldly bleached lies like String Theory. A multiverse indeed, with chords plucked to different tunes depending on the source punching lyrics onto those tiniest of keyboards. One reads the minutes of the last meeting while another adjusts his cap, and the third scrolls through texts and mail. And somewhere outside, a child walks past a loose dog and says, “That one’s got no collar.” And the dog, indifferent to bylaws and council votes, lifts his leg on a campaign sign next to a dry hydrant. Afloat we are in the absurd, marginally tiptoeing on the sharp edge of reality, wondering why our dogs run free, our water runs foul and our dignity fades as we sip coffee and muse of tragedies and comedies that may, or may not, exist in our remote realm of the multiverse. Yet the clock tolls tighter as we move nearer the void... a place with no narratives from home, no truth and only consequences.



# Deaths

## Little

Shelby Jean Little, 82, entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9:15 pm at the Cotton Point Living Center in Matthews, Mo.

She was surrounded by her loved ones as she was welcomed into the arms of her Savior.

She was born in Providence Sept. 14, 1942 to the late Aubrey and Christine Simpson. She graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1960. On June 25, 1961, she married her high school sweetheart, Jewel Little, who survives. She was an avid fan and follower of Kentucky Wildcats Basketball.

She was the loving mother of two sons, Richard Alan Little, who preceded her in death in April, 2003; and Charles “Chuck” Little from East Prairie, Mo., who survives. Also surviving is her favorite daughter-in-law, Denise Little of East Prairie, Mo.; a precious granddaughter, Decinda (Shane) Howell of Charleston, Mo.; and a great-grandson, Tarek Howell, who was “her boy” and lit up her whole world.

Additional survivors are brother- and sister-in-law, James and Betty Little of Marion and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and son, she was preceded in death by a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Walter and Debbie Simpson; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dennis and Bonnie Little.

She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion. Upon moving to East Prairie, she attended Full Gospel Church.

Services were Friday, June 13 at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Kirk

Greenfield, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, and pastor Eric McGruder, pastor of Full Gospel Church officiating.

*Paid obituary*

## May

Billy Joe “B.J.” May, 94, of Marion, died Sunday, June 15, 2025 at Livingston Hospital.

He was a member of Marion Baptist Church where he was an active deacon for many years and served in various other roles.

In 1949, he graduated from Salem High School and went to work for the state’s highway engineers who had an office in Marion. In 1952, he entered the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany. Upon returning to the U.S., he eventually worked as a land surveyor for Reynolds Aluminum Company. The company performed core drilling in Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties. While at Reynolds Aluminum, he traveled to Mexico, the Pacific Northwest, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida and Illinois. He also had several opportunities to visit and work in Brazil. After retiring from Reynolds in the mid-1980s, he went into business for himself as B.J. May Land Surveying. In 2012, he retired his surveyor’s license. He said one of the greatest satisfactions of his career included gathering information in fields and determining angles and distances and then bringing the work back to the office to view. A lot of things you work on for weeks, months or years and don’t see any actual evidence, but with surveying you can see what you’ve done, he said.

After his second retirement from B.J. May Land Surveying, he was asked

to return to work as a land leasing consultant for Appalachian Spar. He was a founding member of Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum Board of Directors and previously served on the Marion City Council.

Surviving are two daughters Pat Waddell and Donna (Bennie) Johnson of Marion; three grandchildren, Sandie Waddell of Marion, Scotty Johnson of Salem and Troy Johnson of Greenville; five great-grandchildren, Taylor Crabtree of Salem, Cheyanne Doom of Dycusburg, Hailey Johnson of Salem, Avery Johnson of Fredonia and Miley Johnson of Salem; and five great-great-grandchildren, Kayson Crabtree, Paisley Doom, Ivy Doom, Sage Doom and Kaleb Crabtree.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Louise Edwards May; his parents, Raymond and Elizabeth Farris May; a brother, Donald May; and infant sister, Mary Ella May.

Services are at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 19 at Myers Funeral Home with Bro. Chris Clarke and Bro. Aaron Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Mapleview Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday evening between the hours of 5-8 p.m., and from 8 a.m., until service on Thursday.

## Fritts

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Shirley Ann Fritts, 85, who went to join her Lord and Savior on June 10th, 2025 surrounded by the love of her closest family members at Wellington Parc in Owensboro. Shirley was born on March 5th, 1940 to the late Roy Ashley Brown and Lennie Marie Hunt Brown in Marion, Kentucky. She attended Crittenden County High School where she met and later married her best

friend and loving husband of 68 years, James Doyle Fritts. Shirley worked for more than 30 years at Potter and Brumfield before retiring. Upon retirement, she enjoyed living part of each year with her husband at The Good Life RV Park in Florida for over 18 years, enjoying the warm weather, playing card games, bike riding, and forging cherished friendships. In her later years, Shirley moved to Owensboro, Kentucky to be closer to her daughter, Debbie, where she was able to watch her great grandson grow. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, beloved grandmother, and cherished great grandmother who treasured her family and spent most of her time caring for others. Never one to sit still, Shirley was always the first to volunteer to lend a helping hand, and she was known for her kindness and generosity. She dedicated decades of steadfast service to her hometown church, Emmanuel Baptist, in Marion. While living in Owensboro, Shirley attended Crosspoint Baptist Church. She always said, “God’s been good to us,” and she strived to pass that goodness on to others.

Shirley is preceded in death by her sister Betty, brothers Joe and Tildon, and her parents. She is survived by her husband, Doyle, as well as her daughter, Debbie, and son-in-law, Steve. She will be lovingly remembered by her grandson, Bryce (with his wife Sheena); granddaughter, Cassey (with her husband Ben); as well as her three great grandchildren, Rowan, Hudson, and Charlie. A loving and kind soul to her last day, she will be greatly missed. We love you, Mamaw.

Visitation will begin at Myers Funeral Home in Marion on Friday June 13th at 11am, followed by funeral services beginning at 1pm. Burial at Mapleview Cemetery.

*Paid obituary*

## Community Calendar

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

### Thursday, June 19

• Crittenden County Public Library Friends of the Library will meet at 6 p.m. in the meeting room.

### Friday, June 20

• Fabric Door Hanger will begin at 10 a.m. at Crittenden County Public Library

### Monday, June 23

• Positive Employability will be at 9 a.m. at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. This is a Community Christmas Credit.

### Tuesday, June 24

• Feed and Read begins at 10 a.m. at Frances Fire Dept.

### Wednesday, June 25

• A Walk in the Park will start at 3 p.m. at the City-County Park.



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It was organized on June 22, 1805.

Records show 60 members from 40 miles around met once a month in members' homes until 1808, when a log cabin was built on Sandy Creek near Salem.

In 1822, a frame building replaced the cabin. The cabin was replaced in 1858, when a building was constructed at the current location.

After serving the membership for 96 years it was replaced by the current structure in 1954. Additions in 1967 and 1997 completed the current facility. The current membership at Old Salem may seem small in comparison to the long life of the church. Many of the former families have moved away for better jobs and some for the amenities offered by larger churches; however the faithful that are left have been inspired by those bold founders to persist in reaching their community for Christ.

# Be prepared when traveling with kids

Traveling with children is different from traveling alone or with other adults. Here are a few tips to help you prepare for fun trips with your children.

Before you go: Talk about the trip. Start with a conversation about where you're going, why, who you'll see, and what you hope to experience. Explain how you'll travel — car, plane or train — to help build excitement and ease anxiety. Identify potential challenges. Prepare your children for differences in routines or environments. If you're traveling during hot weather or hiking through nature, discuss safety concerns like drinking water, staying on the trail, and avoiding unfamiliar plants. The goal is to build awareness, not anxiety.

Set behavior expectations. Remind children how to behave in different settings: visiting grandparents, eating in restaurants, or sitting next to a sibling. Simple reminders like, “We keep our hands to ourselves,” or “We don't ask for candy at the store,” work for all ages. Even adults use this — like telling yourself you're not going to buy anything not on your list. Speaking expectations out loud helps build self-control.

Get kids involved in packing. Let kids help create a short, simple packing list. It teaches organization and builds excitement. Be patient — they'll need help.

Entertainment options. Travel is a great time to connect. Start with conversation, then move to games: travel bingo, coloring books, 20 questions, cards, karaoke. Screens are fine, but books, puzzles and word searches are great alternatives.

Plan for delays. Travel with kids typically takes longer. Add 30 to 45 min-

utes for every 3 hours on the road. Plan pit stops so kids can move, snack and use the bathroom. While this can add time to your travels, it makes for happier travelers.

During your trip: Stick to routines. Try to maintain regular meal, nap and bedtime schedules. It may take creativity, but it is worth the effort.

Let kids take the lead. Invite your children to make decisions: “Which trail should we take?” or “What do you want to see first?” This builds confidence and keeps them engaged.

Safety. Carry a few basics — water, snacks, flashlight and a small first-aid kit.

Expect meltdowns. They happen, no matter how prepared you are. Expecting a few tough moments helps you stay calm and respond with patience.

After your trip: Reflect together. Ask your family: What did you love most? Least? What

are you glad we did? What would you do again? What will you remember most? These moments build connection and help shape fu-

ture trips.

Source: David Weisenhorn, Ph.D.; Specialist for Parenting and Child Development

## THANK YOU

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all who reached out during the illness and death of our beloved father, Frank Pierce. The kindness, generosity, and support offered by so many during this difficult time will always be remembered.

While there are too many to thank individually, we would like to take a moment to recognize the Marion Methodist Church for hosting the celebration of life meal in honor of our dad. Thank you also for the continuous prayers, messages and acts of service as we take this time to grieve.

We want to extend our deepest thanks to the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home for honoring our dad in such a beautiful way. Thank you, Brother Curtis Franklin, Brother David Cozart, Chris Evans, and Steve Pardue, who spoke at the funeral and shared beautiful memories of Dad.

Thank you to all who walked with us in our grief, including, but not limited to, Chris and Allison Evans, Nathan and Lee Anna Boone, Jimmy and Denise Croft, Rebecca Woodall and Roger and Sheryl Watson.

We are overwhelmed by the love and support shown to our family during this time. Thank you for being a source of comfort and strength for our family as we grieve. Thank you to those of you who visited, sent flowers, gifts, and food, and were there for us at the funeral. Your presence meant a great deal to our family.

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Due to various delays getting started on construction of Crittenden County's new justice center, the target date for completion has been moved up a few months. A formal groundbreaking for the new building and demolition of the former courthouse was held last fall.

# After soil setback, courthouse construction getting on track

STAFF REPORT  
After years of planning and delays, visible construction work is now underway at the site of Crittenden County's future judicial center, a \$20 million infrastructure project that leaders say is entering a new phase, despite setbacks and public confusion about the scope and funding.

Contractors are currently focused on foundational work, including excavation and installation of rebar and footers, after delays caused by weather and unexpected subsoil issues. According to Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, crews discovered unstable material and remnants from structures as old as the 1800s beneath the prior courthouse footprint, which significantly slowed early progress.

"Back in the 1960s when the old courthouse was built, there was obviously no requirement for soil stabilization," Newcom said. "Once they got into it, the core drilling showed problems that had to be addressed before moving forward."

The construction contract was officially let in December, but little visible progress had been made until recently.

As of the last project update, a revised completion target of February 2027 has been established, a two-month push from the original December 2026 forecast.

To mitigate supply chain issues and control material costs, contractors have secured and stored many of the needed components, particularly mechanical and steel elements, stag-



Here is a computer-generated rendering of the new courthouse that will be open in 2027.

ing them offsite with vendors due to limited space at the downtown construction spot.

Despite widespread belief that the project is being funded with local tax dollars, the judge clarified that the judicial center is financed entirely by the Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) through a 15-year note with the Kentucky Justice Cabinet. While it is technically classified as a county facility, the AOC will lease the property from the county for the duration of the loan. Once paid off, ownership will revert fully to the county.

Court security will be a continuing cost to the county. Under state rules, the county will be required to provide additional court security officers beyond the the customary bailiffs. AOC reimburses \$15 per hour per employee, but counties must cover any wages above that rate.

"We're expected to staff 15 part-time positions, with around five working on any given day, usually three at the entry, one in the courtroom, and one in the hallway," Newcom explained.

Most centers rely on retirees. It will not be an easy task to fill these

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roles, the judge projected.

One of the next visible steps in construction will be the building of elevator shafts, expected to rise first from the site where the old courthouse once stood. Full vertical progress, the phase most noticeable to the public, could begin by the end of summer.

Meanwhile, city officials and contractors are preparing to make traffic changes around the construction zone for safety. Court Street, which runs behind the court square on the west side, will soon become a one-way northbound route with outbound on West Belleville Street. Carlisle Street will remain a one-way segment between Farmers Bank.

While it's been a long road to reach the construction phase, county leaders hope the public will begin to see steady visible change, and come to understand that it is the state footing the bill and the county's budget will not suffer.

# 10 indicted on felony charges

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County Grand Jury returned indictments last week on 10 individuals on a variety of charges. A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence; it merely decides whether there is sufficient evidence for a case to proceed in circuit court.

Here are the indictments:

•Matthew Ryan Eggleston, 36, of Paducah, was indicted on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (opiates), third-degree fleeing or evading police, receiving stolen property under \$10,000, and as a persistent felony offender. Eggleston also has a burglary and theft case pending in Livingston Circuit Court.

•Travis Reasons, 46, of Ledbetter was indicted for first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. The charges stem from a traffic stop on US 60 in Led-

## LIVINGSTON COUNTY

## GRAND JURY

better on Jan. 21.

•Robert Ray Sanders, 53, of Smithland, was indicted for first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), operating a motorcycle without approved eye protection, driving on a DUI-suspended license, failure to surrender a revoked operator's license, DUI and violation of conditions of release.

•Ty Peck, 21, of Ledbetter was indicted on a felony charge of fraudulent firearm transaction.

•Zoe Skinner, 25, of Grand Rivers was indicted on a charge of theft by unlawful taking of a firearm. An April investigation between Livingston and McCracken authorities led to the charge.

•Felony charges of animal torture and animal cruelty were amended to a dozen misdemeanor charges of second-degree cruelty to animals against Regina Kaye Tackwell, 45, of Smithland and remanded to district court.

•Jason S. Reed, 21, of Paducah was indicted on

charges of receiving stolen property valued between \$1,000 and \$10,000 by complicity and for being a first-degree persistent felony offender.

•Richard F. Watkins, 62, of Grand Rivers was indicted on charges of receiving stolen property valued between \$1,000 and \$10,000 by complicity and for being a first-degree persistent felony offender.

•Darrian D. Scarbrough, 22, of Paducah was indicted for theft by unlawful taking of a firearm.

•Matthew Shane Robertson, 38, of Smithland was indicted for flagrant non-support.

•Nataasha Rittenberry, 37, of Salem was indicted on a charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of marijuana. The charges stem from a traffic stop on May 7 in Cedar Grove when Rittenberry was allegedly operating a side-by-side UTV on the roadway.

# POLICE

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staffed since early 2023. The agency includes Sgt. George Foster, Officers Jerry Parker and Corey Golightly, and now Dickerson. West said the new hire will help the department rotate shifts more efficiently and allow officers to take regular time off. Former Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal also works part time and serves as court security at city hall.

Soon, Dickerson will begin his 20-week basic training at the Department of Criminal Justice Training Center in Madisonville. Until then, he will ride alongside experienced officers for hands-on orientation.

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"It's going to be very fast-paced for him," West said, pointing out that the academy covers everything from law to firearms to driving and defensive tactics. Then there's another six months of probationary work.

A graduate of Union County High School, Dickerson lives outside of Morganfield but plans to relocate to Marion. He is recently married and says his desire to help people, inspired by family members in ministry and military led him to the career.

Though he originally explored a position in Morganfield, circum-

stances changed, and Dickerson said he was drawn to apply in Marion, where he already has family ties.

"I have spent a lot of time in Marion," he said.

The city's ceremonial swearing-in included the traditional Kentucky constitutional oath, which still includes a historical reference to dueling. Dickerson laughed when asked if he had heard that part before. "No sir," he said.

Dickerson said he's excited to get started.

"I like the idea of helping folks and being out there doing good things."

West said he's confident Dickerson will be a good fit for the police force.



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## Bubbling with Excitement

Adalin Congenie (right) chases bubbles being sprayed by Finleigh McLevain at City-County Park last week, entertaining themselves while their older siblings participate in local youth softball and baseball leagues.



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## Greenwell graduates from KY Wesleyan

Sammy Greenwell of Marion has graduated cum laude from Kentucky Wesleyan College and was named to the President’s List for his final semester. The President’s List recognizes students who achieve a perfect 4.0 GPA while completing at least 12 credit hours. Graduation honors are awarded based on cumulative academic performance.

## Three area students on MTSU Dean’s List

Three students from Union County have been named to the Dean’s List at Middle Tennessee State University for the spring 2025 semester. Elijah Baird, Maggie Baird and Cannon Sheffer were among 5,986 students recognized for academic achievement. To qualify, undergraduate students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher while completing at least 12 credit hours for the term.

## Boyd graduates from College of Charleston

Derrin Boyd of Princeton recently graduated from the College of Charleston with a Certificate in Urban and Regional Planning. Boyd was among more than 1,700 graduates who participated in the South Carolina university’s spring commencement ceremony for 2025.

## Area counties join KDFWR’s CWD zone, Sept rifle season added

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife officials have expanded the state’s Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Surveillance Zone to include Henderson, Union and Webster counties following confirmation of a CWD-positive deer just across the state line in Posey County, Ind. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission approved the measure this month, adding the three counties to a growing list of western Kentucky areas under heightened disease monitoring. The original zone already included Ballard, Breckinridge, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hardin, Hickman, Marshall, Meade and McCracken counties. With the expansion, new regulations are now in place for hunters in the added counties, including mandatory testing, carcass transport restrictions and a ban on rehabilitating deer.

Hunters in Henderson, Union and Webster counties must submit their deer for testing during the first three days of modern gun season, Nov. 8–10, by visiting a staffed check station or using a CWD sample drop-off site. Hunters may not transport whole deer or high-risk parts out of the surveillance zone. Only de-boned meat, clean skulls and teeth, hides, antlers and mounted trophies may be taken beyond county lines. However, deer harvested elsewhere in the state may be brought into the zone without restriction. To encourage deer harvest and manage herd density, baiting is now permitted throughout the CWD Surveillance Zone. The rule change overrides a prior baiting ban but still prohibits bait in contact-style feeders, such as troughs and gravity devices. Statewide, feeding remains banned from March 1 through July 31, and all baiting continues to be prohibited on Wildlife Management Areas.



Fish and Wildlife officials caution that baiting may increase the risk of disease transmission due to close contact between deer. CWD spreads through prions found in saliva, urine and feces of infected animals. A special antlerless-only gun season will be held Sept. 27–28 in all counties under surveillance. Hunters may take deer without visible antlers, including button bucks, but antlered bucks may not be harvested by any method that weekend. Hunters must submit deer heads for testing and comply with hunter orange requirements.

Since 2002, Kentucky has tested over 60,000 deer and elk for CWD. Although the disease is always fatal in infected animals, it is not known to spread to humans. Still, the CDC recommends not eating meat from any deer that tests positive or appears ill. Free CWD testing remains available throughout the hunting season via drop-off locations or mail-in kits. Results are typically returned in 4–6 weeks. For details on regulations, testing, and reporting sick or dead deer, visit fw.ky.gov/cwd or contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 800-858-1549.

## Area students on Campbellsville list

Campbellsville University has named Kelsie Adams of Princeton and Patricia Cheatham of Waverly to its President’s List for the spring 2025 semester. The academic honor is awarded to students who achieve high academic performance.

## Project development board meets monthly during coming year

During the coming fiscal year July 1 through June 30, 2026, Crittenden County Project Development Board will meet at 4:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month at the county office complex. The project development board provides oversight for construction of the new courthouse.

## Receive emergency notices from Marion through text system

City of Marion has launched a new system for provide important announcements via text. Residents can sign up for the texting system on Marion’s web portal at marionky.utility-district.com. Once there, find “Manage Notifications” and add your mobile number. Updated information about Marion, including things like boil water orders, will be passed along on the texting system.

## Kenergy/Conexon fiber broadband meeting Tuesday

Kenergy will be hosting a Fiber Town Hall meeting at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 24. The meeting will be held at the Kenergy office on Mott City Road. Representatives from Conexon and Kenergy will answer questions and provide information about the fiber

project that will soon bring broadband to underserved areas of Crittenden County.

## Cost of stamp, other USPS mailings will go up starting July 14

U.S. Postal Service will raise rates for several mailing services beginning July 14. The cost of a First-Class Mail stamped letter will rise from 73 cents to 78 cents, while metered letters will increase from 69 cents to 74 cents. Domestic postcards will go up from 56 cents to 62 cents. International rates are also changing. Postcards and 1-ounce letters mailed outside the U.S. will each increase from \$1.65 to \$1.70. The price for each additional ounce of a single-piece letter will increase from 28 cents to 29 cents.

## Elections board will look at annexed area on McMican Road

Crittenden County Board of Elections is scheduled to meet at 3:30 p.m. Friday for a regular meeting at the county office complex. On the agenda will be redrawing the precinct of SW Marion No. 2 to include the area annexed into the City of Marion for the new housing development on McMican Road.

## Wonder what the best, healthiest snacks are?

KY HEALTH NEWS  
If you have ever wondered what the healthiest snacks are, Anahad O’Connor with The Washington Post has done the research for you, having analyzed the nutrition labels of dozens of ultra-processed and packaged snack foods. O’Connor opens the story by pointing to a large study that found “that compared with people who snacked on nutritious whole foods, like apples, oranges, nuts and seeds, those who snacked on junk foods, such as cookies, candy and potato chips, had more visceral fat around their internal organs and higher body weights, blood sugar levels and triglycerides, a type of fat that circulates in the bloodstream.” Federica Amati, a medical scientist at Imperial College London and head nutritionist at Zoe, a personalized nutrition company, advised caution when choosing snack foods, telling O’Connor that even if you tend to eat nutritious meals, snacking on junk foods can undo the metabolic benefits of eating healthy meals. For each of the best snack options, O’Connor includes what he calls “red flags” and healthier options for that category. For example, he notes that popcorn is a good choice, but can be high in sodium and sometimes sugar. He also offers five best popcorn choices, including SkinnyPop Original Popcorn, which has only three ingredients and is low in sodium. Other suggestions include chips made with simple ingredients that provide modest amounts of fiber, whole grain, nut and seed crackers, nuts, which he called “a nutritional powerhouse and an optimal snack,” beef jerky, protein and snack bars, because they are often available when real food isn’t an option or when you need something sweet, and some cookies in moderation.

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## 10 YEARS AGO

### June 18, 2015

■ Citing difficult access to the Crittenden County Courthouse’s third-floor courtroom, state and local officials developed a plan to move family court to Marion City Hall.  
■ Crittenden County High School graduate Cory Hamby was honored as Kentucky State Police’s Trooper of the Year for Post 1 in Mayfield.  
■ Crittenden County Circuit Clerk’s staff, including Clerk Melissa Guill, Lindsay Morrison, Lisa Beard, Reagan Parent and Ilyana Perryman, were recognized for their success in the National Donate Life Month for organ donor participation.  
■ Crittenden County FFA members Megan Chambliss, Catherine Hutchison, Logan Shuecraft, Alexis Tabor, Cali Parish, Kasey Herrin, Alyssa Curtis, Emmalee Barnes, Dustin Collins and Jessi Brewer attended the state convention in Lexington.  
■ CCHS baseball awards were given to Adam Driver, Jared Lundy, Nick Castiler, Taylor Yancy, Shelby Robinson, Dylan Hollis, Alex Cosby, Ryan James, Adam Beavers and Kyle Castiller.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### June 15, 2000

■ Awards were presented to Crittenden County’s softball team, including Lindsay Thompson, Patti Johnson, Stephanie Tinsley, Sara Green, Kayla Bebout, Lyndsey Hall, Leslie Belt and Raylin Hunt.  
■ Thirty-two teams participated in the Crittenden County Relay for Life that raised nearly \$60,000 for cancer research and education.  
■ Marion City Council set in motion plans to remove Marion’s parking meters, many of which were inoperable. Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander also encouraged the council to begin pursuing alternate drinking water source from Crittenden-Livingston Water District.

## 50 YEARS AGO

### June 19, 1975

■ Rev. Charles Brantley began serving the Salem-Hampton Methodist churches.  
■ Donnie Beavers, a member of the Teen Club, was recognized as Reserve Junior Champion for his Hereford heifer calf at the 4-H Beef Heifer Show.  
■ Fifth- and sixth-grade students from Crittenden County attending Camp Currie were Don Head, Jim Hall, Bill Thornsburg, Grant Gibson, Steve Brantley, Porter Gibson, Stuart Collins, John Gibson, Robert Kirk, Darron Millikan, Roy Jennings, Ellis Simmons, Greg Crider, Chris Young, Scott Ray, Tracy Hunt, Nicky Jennings, Jeff Matz and John Martin.  
■ Playing with his Crittenden County High School golf teammates, Tracy Brewer scored a hole-in-one on the par 3 seventh hole at Marion Country Club.  
■ Participants of Marion’s softball team competing in a nine-team league were Janet Loyd, Judy Belt, Anna Browning, Debbie Jepsen, Cindy Jepsen, Janice Johnson, Ramona Artman, Madeline Henderson, Debbie York, Lori Harris, Mona Kirk, Cherri Threlkeld, Molly Asbridge, Cheryl Hina, Sherri Martin and Connie Gilland. They were coached by Gary Kirk and Tommy Hughes.

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

# City officials looking into kratom in town

STAFF REPORT  
Marion City Council heard from health professionals and others Monday night as it began probing kratom sales at local convenience stores. The herbal substance, sometimes referred to as “gas station heroin,” has been available in Marion and across Kentucky without significant oversight. It is legally sold in pill or powder form near energy drinks and supplements. Healthcare specialists Laura Harris Wood and Kaitlin Loveless from Livingston Hospital addressed the council, sharing both risks and potential benefits associated with kratom use. “It’s not regulated. A 10-, 11- or 12-year-old could walk in and get it,” said Wood, a Marion resident and nurse practitioner. “That’s not good, especially because of the addiction risks.” Loveless added that kratom acts as a stimulant in small doses but can mimic opiates in larger amounts. She noted some people use it in recovery, but its unregulated status poses safety concerns. “It doesn’t show up on standard five- or seven-panel drug tests,” Wood said. “And people can get hooked on it.” Kentucky healthcare professionals and organizations have issued warnings about kratom, and a few states have banned the substance altogether. It is not approved by the FDA. A representative from a local convenience store told council members that kratom is kept behind the counter and that buyers must be 21, with ID required and scanned at purchase. Mayor D’Anna Browning said the city will continue discussions to determine whether any local measures should or could be taken against the herbal supplement. “We don’t want to create another problem,” she said. Legal counsel Bart Frazer added that current enforcement or state regulations, such as ID requirements, are enforced through civil, not criminal, means. The mayor suggested that more research be done by City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield and the city’s lawyer. The city administrator said kratom is sold at three places in town. “We will further discuss this matter at a later time, once we get more information,” Browning said.

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# Praying requires practice, study and growth

Over the course of the years my prayer life has ebbed and flowed like the tides in the Bay of Fundy (location of the most extreme tides in the world). There have been stretches when it was so difficult to pray that I nearly gave up. There have been times when desperate prayers poured out of the depths. There have been times when prayer was easy, if ever it is truly easy.

On reflection, what is remarkable is that the ebbs and flows have not been concordant with the highs and lows of my life. I suspect that this is because prayer is not based upon how life is going but whether I am choosing to practice the discipline of communing with God. What I pray is affected by the immediacy of my life, but the depth or quantity is not. Nor does it seem to be affected by how my prayers are answered. For some this may sound

strange, especially if you are gifted with prayer.

It helps me to remember that prayer is a discipline. It requires practice and study just like any other discipline, spiritual or otherwise. It requires us to continue to grow in knowledge and wisdom. It helps to remember that prayer moves far beyond the horizon of my life, my needs, and my wants. This helps because a self-centered prayer life leads to the same pitfalls as a self-centered life in general.

Prayer has no limit beyond the limits that we place on it. Some of these limits are due to our mortality and finiteness. Some are due to our inability to see beyond ourselves. Some are because we run out of words. All these limitations have a remedy if we allow ourselves to push beyond our comfort. The physical and spiritual resources are immense if we

do not limit ourselves.

This is not about praying for miracles, which may be among the most common prayers outside of formal worship times. This is not about limiting God – he is not the limiting factor. It is me. Do I pray for that person? Do I pray for God to judge a nation or someone who has harmed another? Do I pray for science to be genuine in truth seeking? Wisdom in how Christians respond to each other's responses to LGBTQ+? Human rights? Praying for both sides in war? Christians have prayed such prayers for centuries.

Paul wrote to Titus about setting things in order in the church on the island of Crete. He had some strong words for those who were working against him. He said something about character that is important when praying – or doing anything else, “To the pure all things are pure, but to the corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are corrupted.” (Titus 1:15, RSV). If we are pure in heart, we can say what we like during prayer because nothing impure, corrupting, or hurtful will come out of us. A high

standard.

Anyone familiar with what the Bible says knows that we are to pray for our enemies, the king (president) and ruling authorities. We are to pray for a “peaceable” life. We are to pray for each other. The Psalms have some strong words prayed concerning enemies. They can be hard to read, but what they are doing is expressing to God the deepest of emotion and then leaving it up to Him to do what He will.

I find it helpful to find the prayers of people who have lived through difficult times and had the grace to write their prayers for us

to read today. Some have found their way into our regular worship. Others have been preserved and translated for us.

Here is a prayer of an early Christian (first generation after the apostles) who was eventually martyred for his faith. “May God the Father, and the Eternal High Priest Jesus Christ, build us up in faith and truth and love, and grant to us our portion among the saints with all those who believe on our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for all saints, for kings and rulers, for the enemies of the Cross of Christ, and for ourselves we pray that

our fruit may abound and we may be made perfect in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.” (Polycarp)

Other good sources are from outside our culture and faith tradition. The variance in prayer from one denomination to another can be striking. Add to that language and culture and the words expressed to God are nearly limitless. Pray to the limit – then keep going.

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## CRITTENDEN COUNTY TAX SALE

### 2024 CERTIFICATES OF DELINQUENCY

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 / 9 A.M. CDT

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl K. Tabor, pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that 2024 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) are hereby published in The Crittenden Press on Thursday, June 19, 2025. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. each weekday at the County Clerk's office 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/home-taxes](http://crittenden.clerkinfo.net/home-taxes).

The 2025 Tax Sale will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, beginning at 9 a.m. CDT. All interested third-party purchasers must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on Monday, July 14, 2025. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need more information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts needed. You may also visit our website at [crittenden.clerkinfo.net/home-taxes](http://crittenden.clerkinfo.net/home-taxes).

Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office any time prior to the tax sale. Please note, all payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments for delinquencies purchased by third parties and received after the tax sale will be returned without exception. Personal and business checks are **not** acceptable forms of payment to satisfy a Certificate of Delinquency. The 911 Service Fee on tax bills is not included in the Due Now total; that is payable to the County Treasurer and is a flat \$36.00 fee plus a flat \$36.00 penalty.

Some real property delinquencies, although they have been advertised herein, may be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b). Tangible delinquencies will not be eligible for purchase at the tax sale. Amount due is good through June 30, 2025.

REAL PROPERTY									
NO.	OWNER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	MAP ID NO.	DUE NOW	NO.	OWNER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	MAP ID NO.	DUE NOW
21	ADAMS EDNA A	6580 US 60 W	034-00-00-043.00	\$60.30	5733	PARKER LYMAN P JR &	270 EAGLE MINE RD	023-00-00-006.05	\$471.14
27	ADAMS MINNIE		010-00-00-023.00	\$88.44	5809	PEEK DONALD RAY	49 FIFTH ST	039-10-13-004.00	\$74.36
257	BARNES JERRY EST	OLD FORDS FERRY RD	053-00-00-020.00	\$81.41	5810	PEEK DONALD RAY	9 FIFTH ST DYCUSBURG	039-10-13-005.00	\$54.18
361	BELT BOBBY L	705 CHADD ST	058-80-03-010.00	\$645.13	5881	PERRY PAT T CUSTODIAN FOR	SR 295	039-00-00-046.05	\$74.36
588	BLANCHETTE JAMES	SR 2132	034-00-00-028.00	\$1,252.99	5882	PERRY RICHARD W	6034 US 60 W	034-00-00-013.00	\$102.48
608	BODEAU RANDALL	SULPHUR SPR CEM RD	061-00-00-010.03	\$95.49	6067	PRYOR KENNETH R JR	503 W BELLVILLE ST	058-80-01-010.02	\$293.40
677	BOWMAN RICKEY BRADLEY	4375 SR 70	049-10-04-016.00	\$341.70	6088	QUINTERMOUS JIMMY D & CHERYL	2243 BARNETT CHAPEL RD	004-00-00-005.00	\$60.30
698	BRADFORD BERNIE AUSTIN EDWIN	6006 US 60 W	034-00-00-014.00	\$88.44	6120	RANKIN R L EST	OLD FORDS FERRY RD	053-00-00-002.00	\$40.14
756	BREWER HARRISON G	4088 SR 70	049-10-03-010.00	\$60.30	6142	READER LACEY 1/2 & RENNEN RUSTY 1/2	162 CARR ST	070-40-06-004.01	\$82.37
808	BROWN EDDIE C & HAZEL MILLNER EST	4050 SR 70	049-10-03-011.00	\$95.49	6192	RICE FAYE	2760 US 60 E	069-00-00-030.04	\$200.98
995	CALE PHILLIP	216 S WELDON ST	058-20-14-013.00	\$152.68	6218	RICHARDSON JAMES R II &	9632 SR 70	039-10-11-002.00	\$95.49
1203	COFFER STORES INC	STURGIS RD	070-10-14-005.00	\$480.52	6230	RILEY BARBARA	CLARK ST	070-40-08-007.01	\$61.26
1204	COFFER STORES INC	221 STURGIS RD	070-10-14-006.00	\$1,067.17	6279	RILEY RETA	1080 FORDS FERRY RD	069-00-00-014.00	\$279.74
1205	COFFER STORES INC	223 STURGIS RD	070-10-14-013.00	\$3,149.40	6280	RILEY RETA	1110 FORDS FERRY RD	069-00-00-014.01	\$95.49
1206	COFFER STORES INC	STURGIS RD	070-60-06-001.01	\$715.48	6415	ROBISON AUSTIN	683 CHAPEL HILL RD	058-30-10-019.00	\$1,376.75
1211	COLE JONATHAN & OCOTLAN &	AXEL CREEK RD	025-00-00-015.01	\$136.44	6502	RUSHING GREGORY J & PHYLLIS	1953 SULPHUR SPRINGS RD	061-00-00-039.10	\$222.84
1219	COLEMAN MARY LEE	4193 SR 70	049-10-04-004.00	\$362.79	6508	RUSHING ROBERT M 1/2 & RUSHING GREGO	7808 SR 506	091-00-00-022.01	\$96.44
1314	CONNER MELBURN & MELISSA	609 N WELDON ST	057-50-02-002.00	\$504.44	6514	RUSSELL AUSTIN SHANE	302 W ELM ST	058-20-10-005.00	\$1,095.34
1317	CONRAD CLETIS O	156 SHADY GROVE LANE	106-00-00-035.02	\$109.56	6580	SCHWARTZ ELI & RUBY	SR 654 N	067-00-00-007.00	\$74.36
1389	CORLEY LARAE ANN &	1370 SR 1668	045-00-00-019.00	\$524.67	6784	SISCO CHRISTOPHER	202 ROCHESTER AVE	070-70-01-007.00	\$405.92
1411	COTTON MICHAEL & CODY CZOBAT	SR 506	091-00-00-024.01	\$144.74	7039	STINNETT RODNEY PAUL & TAMMY ANN	8520 SR 70	038-00-00-017.02	\$974.82
1637	CRUCE HERBERT EST	BRIDWELL LOOP	057-50-01-001.00	\$28.88	7049	STONE GARY & STACEY	525 ZION CEMETERY RD	022-00-00-016.02	\$130.67
1688	CURNEL RICKY EST	638 S MAIN ST	058-20-35-010.00	\$743.64	7103	SUN INDUSTRIES INC	251 CLUB DR	070-70-03-007.00	\$785.81
1809	DAVIS T H EST	RED RD	037-00-00-034.00	\$88.44	7184	TABOR COY ALLEN	1289 SR 855 N	049-00-00-003.00	\$81.41
1864	DETWEILER RAY R & RACHEL A	294 MT ZION CHURCH RD	067-00-00-014.02	\$2,097.08	7259	TADDICKEN DAVID	1951 SR 91 N	057-00-00-027.00	\$397.95
1882	DICKEY BRADLEY	207 W MOUND PARK AVE	070-10-03-008.00	\$117.53	7262	TALLEY JAMES C	700 SR 365	077-00-00-023.05	\$617.17
2334	FALLINGWATER ZELVIN	7761 FORDS FERRY RD	054-00-00-008.06	\$222.10	7266	TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING LLC	421 S WALKER ST	058-20-41-006.00	\$82.37
2360	FAULKNER WILLIAM J	8391 SR 70	038-00-00-017.01	\$313.54	7292	TEETERS BRANDON & KAYLEE B	8342 SR 70	038-00-00-016.01	\$3,886.94
2695	GIPSON SHELBY EST	307 ROCHESTER AVE	070-70-02-003.00	\$504.44	7293	TEETERS BRANDON L & KAYLEE B WALLAC	8338 SR 70	038-00-00-015.00	\$1,607.89
2737	GRADY JOYCE ET AL	WESTON RD	066-10-02-044.01	\$67.36	7315	THATCH BARBARA EVELYN	318 WATSON CEMETERY RD	010-00-00-011.01	\$60.30
2761	GREEN BRIAN JEFFREY & DAVID GREGORY	LEVIAS RD	034-00-00-001.01	\$200.98	7457	TODD DARRELL E JR	9038 SR 297	007-00-00-010.03	\$271.33
2852	GUESS BRYAN G	CAMPBELL LANE	071-00-00-025.06	\$168.18	7684	TRUSNER ROBERT J & VERNA E	COUNTRY VIEW DR	071-00-03-018.00	\$172.87
2853	GUESS BRYAN G	220 WELDON RD	071-00-00-026.00	\$1,789.49	7685	TUCKER DAVID D	218 W DEPOT ST	058-20-15-003.00	\$532.57
2941	HACKNEY EDDIE	121 S YANDELL ST	058-20-02-007.00	\$54.18	7693	TURLEY KATHERINE EST	DYCUSBURG	039-10-05-002.00	\$40.14
2984	HAIRE LARRY D	390 COOL SPRINGS RD	100-00-00-006.01	\$1,436.32	7743	UNKNOWN OWNER	LEWIS ST	070-10-03-022.00	\$40.14
3056	HARDESTY KENNETH JR	223 KEELING ST	058-20-05-039.04	\$190.71	7799	WALKER BETTY S	2641 SR 365	077-00-00-002.03	\$665.42
3250	HELEN M HUNT LLC	SR 654 N	078-00-00-019.01	\$1,003.01	7813	WALKER ROCKY	120 N YANDELL ST	058-20-05-030.00	\$54.18
3355	HIGGINS STEVEN & EDDIE ELLES	1775 SR 855 S	050-00-00-020.07	\$1,132.77	7819	WALLACE JENNA & WOOD COLE	2903 SR 855 N	024-00-00-008.01	\$524.57
3490	HODGE LINDA SUE	4587 SR 723 S	015-00-00-008.01	\$144.74	7829	WALTON ANDY LEE & SHIRAL LENE	SR 91 N	044-00-00-008.04	\$29.92
3491	HODGE LINDA SUE	SR 723 S	015-00-00-008.02	\$54.18	7830	WALTON ANDY LEE & SHIRAL LENE	2704 SR 91 N	056-00-00-031.00	\$433.39
3638	HUGHES DOUG & MILLER KELSEY	120 SHADY LANE	058-30-07-006.00	\$61.26	7855	WATSON CHARLES	529 E BELLVILLE ST	070-40-06-017.00	\$933.56
3641	HUGHES J B EST	SR 387	066-00-00-016.00	\$186.94	7876	WATSON MARY ELIZABETH	201 CHERRY ST	058-20-46-005.00	\$68.28
3654	HUGHES RONALD D	429 W BELLVILLE ST	058-20-01-016.00	\$68.28	7940	WESMOLAN JENNIFER	203 E CENTRAL AVE	070-10-09-009.00	\$258.24
3716	HUNT HELEN M LLC	2498 SR 1901	068-00-00-004.00	\$2,747.56	7952	WESS RAYMOND A & CARL LVELL	DYCUSBURG NEAR	039-00-00-003.02	\$77.18
3717	HUNT JACKIE DON	1087 TOWERY RD	098-00-00-001.01	\$88.44	8201	WINTERS JACKIE DALE	3269 MOIT CITY RD	060-00-00-009.00	\$834.11
3745	HUNT TRACY L	US 60 E	078-00-00-031.00	\$526.19	8230	WITHROW KAREN	301 MEXICO RD	061-00-00-039.02	\$60.30
3747	HUNT TRACY LYNN	SR 1901	068-00-00-004.01	\$68.28	8398	YODER AMMON J & CHRISTINA	2710 HEBRON CHURCH RD	041-00-00-004.00	\$1,971.20
3953	JEFFERS ANDREW	WRIGHT RD SALEM	010-00-00-021.04	\$74.36	8471	YORK MANDY	1804 SULPHUR SPR CEM RD	061-00-00-030.02	\$285.51
4083	JOHNSON JAMES EST	N WELDON ST	057-50-01-008.00	\$75.33	The average amount now due is about 1.7 times the face value of the 2024 tax bill. Total now due is \$53,381.34.				
4121	JONES JESSE & POLLY	FIRST AVE (OFF)	011-10-03-003.00	\$74.36					
4133	JONES ROY R	3741 US 60 E	079-00-00-034.00	\$272.30					
4251	KING VICTORIA	581 BROWN SCHOOL RD	056-00-00-013.04	\$974.82					
4258	KINNIS BARNEY	9554 SR 70	039-10-14-001.00	\$60.30					
4262	KINNIS DEE ANNA	1024 SR 295	039-00-00-046.09	\$397.95					
4350	KDON ERIC MICHAEL	COUNTRY VIEW DR	071-00-00-003.04	\$369.80					
4450	LARUE JAMES D & SHARON	428 N COLLEGE ST	070-10-13-001.00	\$1,172.73					
4555	LOCKE KENNETH R JR	403 S COLLEGE ST	058-20-33-005.00	\$701.40					
4636	LUNDY MARGARET DIANNE	46 SR 2132	046-00-00-021.00	\$645.13					
4646	LYNCH DAVID RAY & MELISSA	684 MONROE HARRIS RD	047-00-00-008.01	\$111.70					
4650	LYNCH ROBERT	955 SR 297	033-00-00-023.00	\$186.94					
4779	MARSHALL KEMBERLY & SCOTT MATTHEWS	1113 SR 295	039-00-00-050.00	\$763.78					
4780	MARSHALL KEMBERLY & SCOTT MATTHEWS	SR 295	039-00-00-051.00	\$31.04					
4840	MASON LISA M	N WELDON	058-20-11-018.00	\$54.18					
4866	MATTHEWS JEFFREY D & PHYLLIS M	111 SPRING ST	039-10-13-001.00	\$60.30					
4879	MAXFIELD TROY ESTATE	202 LARK LOOP	037-00-00-001.02	\$139.06					
4892	MAY LLOYD R & ET AL	NUNN SWITCH RD & RAILROAD	087-00-00-000.00	\$64.54					
4920	MCCAIN J C	S MAIN ST	058-30-06-003.01	\$117.53					
4932	MCCLURE LURA MRS	899 LEVIAS RD	033-00-00-040.00	\$144.74					
4934	MCCLURE TROY EST	108 WALNUT ST	070-40-02-003.00	\$82.37					
5013	MCGEE WAYNE P	NICHOLS LN	058-20-17-010.00	\$82.37					
5064	MCKINNEY TYLER & KAITLYN	232 W BELLVILLE ST	058-20-13-004.00	\$420.04					
5135	MILLER BRENDA		071-00-00-001.05	\$180.43					
5136	MILLER BRENDA	1800 VALLEY RD	071-00-00-001.10	\$96.22					
5167	MILLER SHANNON & ASHLYNN MILLER	1790 SR 70	062-00-00-023.03	\$360.83					
5194	MILLNER HAZEL ESTATE	4034 SR 70	049-10-03-012.00	\$116.58					
5360	MURRAY H H	OLD FORDS FERRY RD	053-00-00-021.00	\$70.16					
5417	NELSON ANGELA DON	306 N YANDELL ST	058-20-05-001.00	\$82.37					

TANGIBLE PROPERTIES (not available for purchase by third-party)		
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# Stories reveal locals' tasty fruits

When I receive my first fruit, vegetable and flower catalog in the mail in the spring, it always gives me a renewed spirit that spring isn't too far away. But this year I didn't receive any, only ads for hearing aids, health brochures and other depressing items. But then I hadn't ordered anything from these catalogs for several years. Postage became too expensive. It's fun to look back in the past of how orchards and other fruity items were so popular and added tasteful memories for our lives.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

**Forgotten Passages**

Crittenden County, many years ago, had some fine fruit producing orchards and many stories to tell about the size and quality of the fruit grown.

**Wheeler's Peach Pie**

There is a legend about Crittenden County's first peach pie. It was told by the late R. F. Wheeler. It goes like this.

When I was a boy under 10, in the late 1870s, my father told the tradition of the first peach pie in Crittenden County, as was told to him by my grandfather, John Wheeler. I think, but am not sure, that the pie was made by the folks of Mose Shelby, brother of Isaac Shelby, the first governor of Kentucky. Mose Shelby and John Wheeler, my grandfather, had served together in the Revolutionary War. In after years they migrated to Kentucky and settled near each other in what is now Crittenden County. As was customary, they planted fruit trees the first year, that the wait for fruit might not be long delayed.

One of their peach trees, thriving best, bore a few peaches before the others. There seemed to be enough, if all could be saved, to make a pie. The peaches were closely watched. No one, black or white was allowed to touch them.

In late summer, when they were good and ripe, the peaches were gathered and a pie made on Saturday evening. At last the lid was taken off the dutch oven in which the cobbler had been baked. The young folks all gathered around to view the tempting pie, something they had not seen since

leaving their North Carolina homes several years before. To say they were ready to start on the pie might be deemed an understatement.

But it was suggested, and agreed to, that a hot cobbler was not so good as a cold one. They decided to set it away to cool overnight, so that the Sabbath could be celebrated by eating it the next morning.

Accordingly, the dutch oven was set in the cabin window to cool out through the

night. During the night an old cow, rummaging about the yard, came across the delicious aroma of the peaches, found the pie and ate it. So the first peach pie wasn't enjoyed by the human hands that made it, but was savored by the family cow.

I wonder if her milk was sweeter the next day, or bitter, from the memory of the family that dreamed of that peach cobbler.

**Brownie Moore's Blackberry Cobbler**

Here is a true story shared with me by the late Miss Helen Moore. It's titled "The Blackberry Cobbler." Brownie Moore was her father.

Brownie Moore stood beside the kitchen table as he was being tantalized by the delicious smell of a blackberry cobbler that had just been taken out of the oven. Brownie had gotten up early that June morning and picked the blackberries. Now he could hardly wait to taste the pie.

Just then the slave boy, who was supposed to keep a lookout during the day for raiders, came running into the kitchen saying riders were seen coming. It was Brownie and the slave boy's job to take what stock they had left to the woods behind the house and hide them there until the raiders were gone.

Brownie started out the door to help hide the animals, when he turned and ran back in the kitchen and grabbed up the blackberry cobbler saying, "I'm not going to let any raiders have my pie," and off he ran with his prized blackberry cobbler.

The raiders came and searched the house. They



This picture of Dan Stone's apple orchard was taken during the early 1900s. Stone had a cannery located at the orchard that people could use to can their apples.

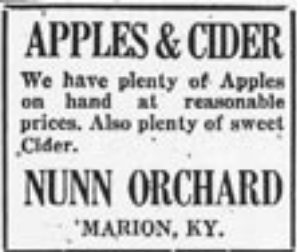
emptied out the flour barrel and found the silver that Brownie's mother, Nancy, had hidden in the bottom of it. One of the men said, "Won't you women ever learn that the flour barrel is the first place we look for valuables? All you women hide your silver in the bottom of a barrel."

The raiders took all the food and valuables they could find, but Brownie had saved his blackberry cobbler.

**Brantley Peaches**

Another family history passed down through generation of Brantley families in Crittenden County is that one of the wives of an early Brantley family moving to Kentucky from Georgia brought peach seeds with her in her apron pocket. These Brantley families lived in the Fish Trap-Cave Spring area.

The Brantley peaches were well known in the early 1900s as docu-



This ad appeared in The Crittenden Press for Dr. Frederick Nunn's apples and cider.

mented in The Crittenden Press. In The Crittenden Press in September of 1904, Lorenzo Dow Brantley of Gladstone had an ad saying, "Brantley peaches for sale to be ripe by the middle of September enough to supply the town. Wait and get the best."

In September of 1913, The Press tells us that Zeke Hughes brought some of the finest Brantley peaches to town we have ever seen. They measure 10 1/2 inches in circumference and were as perfect as one ever sees anywhere on the globe.

**Stone's Apple Orchard**

Dan W. Stone of the Tolu area is reported to have had another of the finest apple orchards in the county. When it came to canned apples that have the looks, flavor and taste, he is reported to have excelled other orchardists along that line. Stone reports that he has 50 acres in apple trees and he figures that if the trees where planted in a single row it would reach more than 12 miles. He has not failed to have a good crop of apples in nine years.

The late Mona McDaniel, who is the great niece of Dan Stone, remembered the large apple orchard and the cannery located in the orchard. Every fall people would come and help pick, peel and can the apples. The apple trees are all gone now just as the old roads leading to the orchard from S.R. 723 have disappeared through time.

**Nunn's Apple Orchard**

Another large apple orchard was that of Dr. Frederick W. Nunn. He even had a sorter which would automatically select the different sizes of apples. A representative of The Press visited the Nunn orchard a mile or so from Marion in November of 1926 and saw basket after basket of Starks Delicious, Black Twig, Wine-saps and several other fine varieties packed and ready for the cold storage warehouses.

Dr. Nunn's packing plant was of extensive proportions. In this building there was a sorter into which the apples were dumped as they were brought in from the trucks. An endless belt carried the fruit along, and the culls were picked out before they reached the stations where the sorting was done for size. The arrangement for sorting into sizes was quite an ingenious one. At the side of the trough, the bottom of which was formed by the conveyor, there were slots of various sizes, the first one being for the smaller apples, then a lightly larger one, and son on, thus sorting the applies for uniformity of size. Operators stationed at these slots see that the correct sizes go through and into the proper baskets. The power for the sorter was furnished by an oil engine.

After sorting, the apples were packed into baskets to either be taken to market or for storage, as market conditions would justify. Under the packing plant was a storage cellar which would hold many hundreds of bushels of apples.

Nunn's Orchard was located on Chapel Hill Rd.

(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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Minister of Music Mike Crabtree

Pastor: Morgan Smith

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Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.

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Phone: (270) 965-2220

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We invite you to be our guest

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Barnett Chapel General Baptist

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

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Freedom General Baptist Church

Pastor: Ross Atwell

87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion (about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)

CHURCH TIMES:

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church

College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232

Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holman

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.

WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., ANNA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

Crooked Creek Baptist Church

261 Crooked Creek Church Rd.

P.O. Box 442, Marion, Ky. • (270) 704-0914

Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

"Come and Worship with Us"

Pastor: Hank Coyce

Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.

Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

David LeNeave, Pastor

growing in grace

2 Peter 3:18

PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church

Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem

Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

Marion Church of God

334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.

Morning Service 11 a.m.

Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.

"Where salvation makes you a member."

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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m.

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South College St.

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Worship service: 11 a.m.

Children's Church ages 3 & up ... 11 a.m.

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Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West

Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee

Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.

Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.

Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

Unity General Baptist Church

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Bro. David Perrymann, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Marion Church of Christ

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for sale

Used dining table with leaf and 6 chairs, in good condition. Asking \$200. Call Bettie Travis, (270) 969-8175. (1t-24-p)

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employment

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services

CONCRETE WORK: Parking lots, garages, steel buildings, walls, sidewalks, driveways, room additions, rock driveways, clean ditches. Call for quote (270) 724-4672, Joe Mattingly Concrete Construction. (12t-28-p)

notices

\\Donations for the upkeep of Old Mt. Zion Cemetery may be sent to: Old Mt. Zion Cemetery may be sent to: Old Mt. Zion Cemetery, % Colleen Harbour, 246 Cotton Patch Rd., Marion, KY 42064. (1t-24-p)

No hunting or trespassing on Don Herrin Farms LLC. Will prosecute. (42-tfc).

bid notice

The Crittenden County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for the following lots:  
Lot 1: 125 - Wood Top Student Tables; Lot 2: 12 - Wood Tables; Lot 3: 16 - Wood Chairs; Lot 4: 2 - Small File Cabinets; Lot 5: 2 - Large File Cabinets; Lot 6: 2 - 2 Door Metal Cabinets; Lot 7: 9 - Teacher's Desks Lot 8: 3 - Misc. Rectangle Cart and Tables; Lot 9: 1 - Corrosive Metal Cab; Lot 10: 1 - Flammable Metal Cab; Lot 11: Box of Dictionaries. Sealed bids must be submitted to CCOBE at 601 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064, by Friday, June 27, 2025 at 1 p.m. at which time they will be opened. Sealed bids must include the lot numbers) for which you are bidding. For more information, contact Brian Kirby at 270-704-1166. Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. (1t-24-c)

legal notices

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 24-CI-00087  
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
PLAINTIFF  
v.  
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEE, LEGATEES OF BOBBY L. BELT, DECEASED; WENDY L. BELT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WENDY L. BELT, IF ANY; BOBBY L. BELT, JR.; BETH BELT; SHAWN C. BELT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHAWN C. BELT, IF ANY; MICHELLE A. WATSON; DONNY WATSON A/K/A DONALD WATSON; ASSET ACCEPTANCE, LLC; LVNV FUNDING LLC,  
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 10:00 a.m., Monday June 30th, 2025, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive (the Crittenden County Courthouse being under demolition), Marion, Kentucky, the following described property: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 705 Chadd Street, Marion, Ken-

tucky 42064  
PARCEL NO.: 058-80-03-010.00

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT: LOT NO. 10 IN GREGORY SUB-DIVISION NO.1 AS SHOWN UPON A PLAT IN DEED BOOK 95, PAGE 475 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY COURT. THIS PROPERTY IS CONVEYED SUBJECT TO ALL RESTRICTIONS AND COVENANTS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 109, PAGE 574, IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE. BEING THE SAME FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED FROM MOTT AND SONS LUMBER COMPANY, INC., ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF KENTUCKY, BY WILLARD MOTT, PRESIDENT TO BOB- BY L. BELT AND JOANN BELT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, JOINT TENANTS, DATED 12/06/1973 RECORDED ON 12/08/1973 IN BOOK 114, PAGE 637 IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY RECORDS, COMMONWEALTH OF KY.

ALL REFERENCES HEREIN TO THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above: At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 11.35200% 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. 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. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The Master Commissioner does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions. Dated this the 10th day of June, 2025.

REBECCA J. JOHNSON  
MASTER COMMISSIONER  
217 WEST BELLVILLE STREET  
P.O. BOX 415  
MARION, KY 42064  
270-965-2222 (1t-24-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 24-CI-00016  
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN

PLAINTIFF  
ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2019-22TT  
vs.  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF BETTY WALKER  
UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES, DEVISEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS AND THEIR SPOUSES, IF ANY, OF BETTY WALKER  
CRITTENDEN COUNTY 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 10:10 a.m., Monday June, 30, 2025, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive (the Crittenden County Courthouse being un-

der construction), Marion, Kentucky, the following described property: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2641 State Route 365, Sturgis, KY 42459  
PARCEL NO.: 077-00-00-002.03  
A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, on the water of Hoods Creek, and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake on the West side of KY. 365, said stake being 30 feet from center of road and 36 feet North of the center of an 18 inch concrete pipe crossing said road, also being about 0.7 miles North of Baker Church and about 2.5 miles North of US 60 and being a new corner; thence with said highway S 40-3/4 E 306 feet to a stake, being 45 feet from the center of the highway and on the East side of an old road and corner to J.D. Russell; thence with the East side of the old road and Russell's line due South 232 feet to a stake, S 15 ¼ E 208 feet to a stake, S 29 ½ E 288 feet to a 12 inch hickory on the West side of the old road and corner to E.O. Phillips; thence with his line N. 86 ¼ W passing said Phillips and Orbie Walker's corner then continuing with Walker's line 428 feet to a stake, a new corner and in the East line of a 40 feet R.E.A. power line easement; thence with said easement N 9 W 700 feet to a stake on the North side of a draw, a new corner; thence with another new division line N 36 ½ E 243 feet to the beginning containing 6.04 acres by survey, as surveyed by Billy J. May, Surveyor, LS 878, on March 9, 1974, and a plat as made by said surveyor is attached to this Deed and made 1 A part hereof, and to be recorded herewith. If the right of way for highway 365 is 60 feet in width all along the frontage of; this property, then it would appear that as the first call is 30 feet from the center of the highway and the second call is 45 feet from the center of the highway and if there is any land belonging to first parties between the said, highway and the first line of this survey which is 306 feet long, and if first parties own any land between the highway and this line of 306 feet long, then first parties do hereby convey any and all land which they own between the highway and this boundary line of 306 feet. SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to Bobby Walker and Betty Walker, husband and wife, jointly with right of survivorship, from Aubrey Phillips and his wife, Sue Phillips, by Deed dated 03/23/1974, recorded 03/30/1974 in Book 115 Page 494, Crittenden County Clerk's Records, and being know as 2641 State Route 365, Sturgis, KY 42459. The said Bobby Walker died on January 3, 1994. Pursuant to the survivorship clause of the above referenced Deed, all interest, right and title became solely vested to Betty Walker upon the death of Bobby Walker. The said Betty Walker died on September 23, 2022.

ALL REFERENCES HEREIN TO THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above: At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful purchaser, any deposit or sale bond shall be waived, and Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obligated to pay the court costs, fees, and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes payable pursuant to the Order of Sale. Any other party who is the successful purchaser of the property may take credit against any judgment in that party's favor against the Defendant(s) property owner for the required deposit and purchase price to the extent that the sale price is sufficient to pay such judgment considering the priorities and amounts previously adjudicated in the action. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes for the year 2025. No written bids are allowed and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The Master Commissioner does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions. Dated this the 10th day of June, 2025.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 24-CI-00064  
DOT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC  
PLAINTIFF  
v.  
ZELVIN GARTH FALLINGWATER  
DAVID L. TADDICKEN  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID L. TADDICKEN  
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF 1951 SR 91 N.  
CRITTENDENCOUNTY, KENTUCKY  
LVNV FUNDING, LLC  
PALISADES COLLECTION, LLC  
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 10:00 a.m., Tuesday July 8, 2025, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive (the Crittenden County Courthouse being under construction), Marion, Kentucky, the following described property: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1951 State Route 91 N., Marion KY, 42064  
PIDN NO.: 057-00-00-027.00  
A certain tract or parcel of land situated in Crittenden County, Kentucky near Freedom Church, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake or stone in the west line of Ollie James State Highway, corner to Sunderland, and corner to small tract of land conveyed to R. S. Richardson, by Gladys Graves; running thence with a line of said survey S 55 W 9 ½ poles to a stone, corner to said survey, and said Sunderland, Ellis Nesbitt and said Richardson; thence with a line of same S 44 ½ W 43 poles to a stone in said line, a division corner; thence with a division line S 45 E 18 ½ poles to a stake or stone, a division corner; thence with a division line N 44 ½ E 47 ½ poles to a stake or stone in west line of said highway, division corner; thence with west line of said highway N 21 W 18 ¼ poles to the beginning, containing 5 ½ acres more or less as shown on plat. SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to Earnestine Earls, Zelvin Garth Fallingwater, and David L. Taddicken by Deed dated January 23, 2002, of record in Deed Book 191, Page 609, in the Office of the Crittenden County Clerk. Said property is subject to any valid restrictions and/or easements of record in said Clerk's Office. As evidenced by an obituary at the website of the Myers Funeral Home of Marion, Kentucky, Earnestine Earls died on November 18, 2017. By virtue of the survivorship clause in the above described Deed, upon her death, her interest in the property passed to Zelvin Garth Fallingwater, and David L. Taddicken. ALL REFERENCES HEREIN TO THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Kentucky Dept of Fish and Wildlife, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601, has filed an application with the Energy & Environment Cabinet to construct 970 feet of levee to build one moist soil unit near the Tradewater River totaling 13 acres. The property is located on the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area and State Forest, located north of KY-365, 2.3 miles SW of Sturgis in Crittenden County, KY. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

adjudicated in the action. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes for the year 2025. No written bids are allowed and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The Master Commissioner does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions. Dated this the 10th day of June, 2025.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 24-CI-00064  
DOT CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LLC  
PLAINTIFF  
v.  
ZELVIN GARTH FALLINGWATER  
DAVID L. TADDICKEN  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DAVID L. TADDICKEN  
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF 1951 SR 91 N.  
CRITTENDENCOUNTY, KENTUCKY  
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PALISADES COLLECTION, LLC  
DEFENDANTS  
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CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 24-CI-00009  
BAILEAH BARNES (now COLLYER)  
PLAINTIFFS/  
CRUCE COLLYER COUNT-ER-DEFENDANTS  
v.  
VALERIE BOWERS  
ESTATE OF GLENDA BARNES  
(FORMERLY GUESS)  
RICKY GUESS  
MIDLAND FUNDING LLC  
CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NA  
CACV, INC.  
TAX BRAKE KY, LLC  
DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF SALE  
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PARCEL NO.: 023-00-00-007.01

BEGINNING at an iron pin on the South side of the View Road, about 0.25 mile East of U.S. 60, being 15 ft. from the center o the road, corner to Betty Hunter and at approximate Kentucky Coordinates (South zone) N. 354,600 ft., E. 1,290,500 ft.; thence with Hunter's line S. 18 deg. 05 min. W. 260.10 ft. to an iron pin in Jhe center of Dry Creek; thence with new lines and meandering down the center of the creek S. 77 deg. 39 min. W. 50.27 ft., N. 78 deg. 09 min. W. 37.32 ft., N. 53 deg. 12 min. W. 54.56 ft., S. 82 deg. 31 min. W. 40.66 ft., S. 31 deg. 37 min. W. 49.09 ft., S. 81 deg. 42 min. W. 86.54 ft. to a point at the center of the intersection of the creek and a branch; thence generally with

the center of the branch N. 39 deg. 51 min. E. 378.42 ft. to an iron pin on the South side of the View Road, and being opposite the South end of an oval concrete pipe crossing the road; thence with the South side of the road S. 83 deg. 39 min. E. 119.95 ft. to the beginning, containing 1.13 acres by survey. SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to Ricky A. Guess and wife, Glenda G. Guess, by Deed of Conveyance from C.R. Wring, Jr. et ux dated the 11th day of May, 1993, and of record in Deed Book 165, at Page 496; Subsequently, Ricky A. Guess and Glenda G. Guess dissolved their marriage and the survivorship provision in said Deed was void, and the parties held title as tenants in common. Glenda G. Guess, now deceased, died intestate and her one-half undivided interest vested in Valerie Bowers. See Affidavit of Descent of record in Deed Book 249, at Page 393. Ricky A. Guess conveyed his one-half undivided interest to Baileah Barnes and Cruce Collyer by Deed dated May 9, 2022 and recorded in Deed Book 245, at Page 628. Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office. ALL REFERENCES HEREIN TO THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above: At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% 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. 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. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The Master Commissioner does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions. Dated this the 10th day of June, 2025.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

In accordance with 7 CFR 1780.39, the City of Fredonia is accepting Statements of Qualifications for engineering services, including planning, design, construction administration, inspection, and a preliminary engineering report. The City of Fredonia will be seeking grants and funding for wastewater system improvements.

You are invited to submit a Statement of Qualifications no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, June 19th, 2025. Three Copies of your Statement of Qualifications must be submitted to the City of Fredonia at PO Box 152, Fredonia KY 42411.

This Request for Qualifications can be obtained at Fredonia City Hall at 312 Cassidy Ave., Fredonia KY 42411 or by calling 270-545-3925. The contract will be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City of Fredonia.

The City of Fredonia does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aides and services necessary to afford and individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs, and activities.







LEAGUE STANDINGS  
**Lakes Area Baseball/Softball**

**FINAL REGULAR SEASON RECORDS**  
**12u Baseball Standings**

- 1. Trigg Orioles 12-0
- 2. Livingston Cardinals 8-4
- 3. Dawson Pirates 8-4
- 4. Lyon Dodgers 7-5
- 5. Lyon Blue Jays 7-5
- 6. Trigg Braves 6-6
- 7. Trigg Reds 6-6
- 8. Crittenden Party Animals 5-7
- 9. Caldwell Kekambas 4-8
- 10. Caldwell Diamond King Mafia 2-10
- 11. Crittenden Bananas 1-11

**10u Baseball Standings**

- 1. Caldwell Braves 11-0-1
- 2. Lyon Party Animals 11-1
- 3. Livingston Cardinals 9-2-1
- 4. Crittenden Bananas 9-3
- 5. Caldwell Dodgers 7-5
- 6. Crittenden Tailgaters 5-6-1
- 7. Dawson Giants 5-7
- 8. Caldwell Reds 4-8
- 9. Lyon Padres 4-8
- 10. Trigg Yankees 3-9
- 11. Webster Astros 3-9
- 12. Trigg Rangers 3-9
- 13. Trigg Orioles 1-10-1

**8u Baseball Standings**

- 1. Trigg Orioles 12-0
- 2. Crittenden Bananas 11-1
- 3. Livingston Red Sox 10-2
- 4. Trigg Reds 10-2
- 5. Caldwell Cardinals 9-3
- 6. Trigg Yankees 9-3
- 7. Crittenden Party Animals 8-4
- 8. Crittenden A's 7-5
- 9. Livingston Thunder 6-5-1
- 10. Caldwell Twins 6-6
- 11. Caldwell Tigers 5-6-1
- 12. Webster Phillies 5-7
- 13. Webster Cubs 4-8
- 14. Caldwell Astros 4-8
- 15. Dawson Angels 3-9
- 16. Caldwell Giants 2-10
- 17. Lyon Dodgers 1-11
- 18. Lyon Mets 1-11
- 19. Trigg Braves 0-12

**12u Softball Standings**

- 1. Crittenden Party Animals 11-1
- 2. Webster Sooners 10-2
- 3. Crittenden Lady Rockets 9-3
- 4. Dawson Lady Panthers 4-8
- 5. Caldwell Cardinals 4-8
- 6. Caldwell Gators 3-9
- 7. Trigg Lady Wildcats 1-11

**10u Softball Standings**

- 1. Dawson Tigers 11-0-1
- 2. Livingston Lady Cardinals 11-0-1
- 3. Trigg Governors 9-3
- 4. Caldwell Hilltoppers 7-5
- 5. Trigg Lady Wildcats 6-6
- 6. Lyon Lady Lyons 5-7
- 7. Crittenden Girl Power 3-9
- 8. Crittenden Lady Rockets 3-9
- 9. Webster Longhorns 3-9
- 10. Caldwell Eagles 1-11

**8u Softball Standings**

- 1. Webster Ducks 12-0
- 2. Livingston Lady Cardinals 10-2
- 3. Livingston Redbirds 10-2
- 4. Dawson Longhorns 8-4
- 5. Crittenden Lady Rockets 7-5
- 6. Crittenden Sooners 6-6
- 7. Trigg Lady Wildcats 5-7
- 8. Lyon Beavers 5-7
- 9. Caldwell Tigers 5-7
- 10. Trigg Hilltoppers 2-10
- 11. Caldwell Jaguars 1-11
- 12. Lyon Racers 0-12

**Postseason tournaments**

**This Week I These Locations**  
**SOFTBALL**

12u at Crittenden County

10u at Livingston County

8u at Webster County

**BASEBALL**

12u at Dawson Springs (Princeton)

10u at Lyon County

8u at Trigg County

**OUTDOORS**

**WMA proposes levee**

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct a 970-foot levee and establish a 13-acre moist soil unit near the Tradewater River in Crittenden County. The proposed work is located within the Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area and State Forest. Once implemented, the plan will support the development of waterfowl habitat near Stump Lake. The project is expected to be completed this fall. The League of Kentucky Sportsmen and Kentucky Ducks Unlimited have partnered with Fish and Wildlife on the effort.

**BASEBALL**

**Belt new Lyon skipper**

Marion resident Tony Belt has been chosen as Lyon County's new baseball coach, replacing Ricky Baker, who resigned after seven seasons as head coach. Under Banker, Lyon had finished runnerup in the All A state championship game and won two Second Region championships.



This digitally colored photo was made in the 1930s and was originally black and white. The Fredonia baseball players pictured (from left) are Brice Catilla, Ruble Akridge, J.E. Crider and Elbert Beck. They are standing in front of Valley Grocery Company. It was owned and operated by Wm. M. Young. Ivan Bennett was manager of the team for several years.



The 1941 Fredonia Baseball Team included (front from left) Raymond Moore, scorekeeper; Jim Nelson, Dago Perryman, Doc Moore, Teddy Crider, and Wilford Baker, coach; (back) Rex Adams, team sponsor; Paul Rushing, Willis Butts, Euclid Quertermous, J.B. Quertermous, Clifford Baker and Carlton Tabor. In front is Billy Harmon, the bat boy.

Remembering area’s boys of Summer

*Editor’s Note: This is Part 1 of a two-part series on baseball in the Fredonia Valley. It is also available digitally at EarlyBirdKy.com.*

**BY PAM FAUGHN**  
FREDONIA HISTORIAN

Summer is upon us. Fredonia is a busy place in the summer with activities, events, and of course, baseball! Baseball’s history in the valley will be our main topic for this article, but it is also time for youth leagues to start up at Buddy Rogers Park.

Baseball has always been a favorite pastime in the Fredonia Valley during the summer. Since it was first purchased by American Legion Post 103 in the 1930s, the American Legion Ballpark, now known as the Buddy Rogers Park, has been the hub of activities in the summertime.

The late Dean Akridge once recalled that Fredonia had a baseball team as long as he could remember. His dad, T.R. “Ruble” Akridge played in the late 1920s and 1930s. Some of the managers were Roy Boisture, Euc Quertermous, and Dave Perkins. Some of the players that Dean recalled are Willis Butts, Ted Crider, J.B. Quertermous, “Big” Lewis, Ed Phelps, Wilford and Clifford Baker, Ted and Eldred Boisture, Bob Fraliex, Henry Peek, and Dock Baker. The games were played on Sunday afternoon. You knew the game was ready to start when you heard Byrd Guess, local auctioneer, yell “BATTER-UP!” They played other communities like Crider, Mexico,



Taken in 1949 in front of the old grandstands at the American Legion Ballpark (now Buddy Rogers Park) this photo show (front from left) Buddy Rogers, Eldred Boisture, Keith Rogers, Bob Fraliex, Elwood Dorroh, and Euclid Quertermous, (back) unknown, coach unknown, Henry Peek, Bill Fraliex, Charlie Quertermous and Ted Boisture.

Tiline, Dycusburg, etcetera.

A 1939 baseball scorebook for local teams lists the following players for the Fredonia team: J. Quertermous, T. Crider, J. Crider, W. Butts, J.B. Quertermous, B. Moore, John Perkins, Dave Perkins, E. Phelps, E. Quertermous, W. Moore, and Dalton.

After the Korean Conflict and the boys came back home, the American Legion sponsored a team in the Twin States League. Some of the names of those who took part in this were Ted Boisture, Eldred Boisture, Bob Fraliex, Steve Fraliex, Keith Rogers, Buddy Rogers, Henry Peek, Dommer Fraliex, Charlie Quertermous, Pedro Faight, Mac Nelson, Bill Rogers, Carl Rogers, Buck Travis and probably others.

Akridge remembered playing on the men’s team in the 1950s. They competed in the Twin States League that had teams from Princeton, Murray, Grand Rivers, Lola, Calvert City and Salem. The American Legion sponsored the team then, and before that Rex Adams’ Fredonia Cheese Factory was the sponsor. Home plate was down by the railroad track in the early years, but was moved to its present place in about 1949 or 1950.

Jimmy Riley and Akridge once told about a team called the “Red Hots” that played there one summer. They were Riley, Akridge, Tom Jones, Elwood Dorroh, Sam Goheen, Clifford Baker, Jim Tom Hearod, Edwin Moore and Dick Rice.

A fast-pitch softball league existed in about 1950-52, as lights had been installed. Some of the teams were Brockmeyer’s Drug Store, Valley Grocery, Ruble’s Grocery, Lafayette Mines and Enon (Walnut Grove).

The men’s baseball teams ended about 1957 or 1958. But as that era ended, a youth program was started that has remained active through the years. Boys and girls softball and baseball teams and teeball teams have involved many youth each summer. The Fredonia Lions Club and the Fredonia American Legion Post 103 were sponsors of this very successful program until recent years. Buddy Rogers spent many years with the youth program and maintaining the field, and in 1992, the American Legion Ballpark was renamed the Buddy Rogers Park.

In the mid 1980s, Pam Faughn and Beth Drennan saw the need for a teeball league. With permission from the Lions and Legion, a tee-ball league was organized by them.

The Summer Ball Programs of the American Legion and the Lions Club provided baseball, softball and teeball for children of the area for about 60 years. For the past few years, the Fredonia Activities Committee and others have stepped up to provide quality teeball and baseball programs for the youth at the Buddy Rogers Park.

*-Stay tuned for part two next week.*



The Fredonia Pony League Team from 1960 included (front from left) Billy Baker, David “Butterball” Fraliex, Jack Story, Jimmy Brasher, Stevie Baker, Donnie Phelps, Dennis Traylor, Van Yandell, (back) Richie Burton, manager; Danny York, Jimmy Baker, Larry Riley, Gene Brasher, Tandy Easley, Rondall Cooke, Edwin Story, and Pete Peters, manager. Yandell said that this Fredonia squad was in a four-team league, including three teams from Princeton. The Fredonia boys won the league championship that year.



This photo of the 1961 Fredonia Little League team was taken at Old Eddyville Ballpark. This park is now under water. Pictured are (front from left) are Roy Rogers, Donnie Boone, Larry Fraliex, Wayne Fraliex, Lowell Green, Macky Fraliex and Earl Fraliex, (back) Robert “Peanut” Fraliex, Roy Boisture, Larry Belt, Mac Boone, Dewayne Davis, Jerry Fraliex, Bobby Fraliex and Joe Yates.



Youth baseball and softball is winding down with postseason tournaments this week in between rain. Pictured above is Boone Tabor of the 10-under Marion Bananas and at right are Olivia Mattingly pitching for the 12-under Marion Lady Rockets and (below) Danielle Farmer taking a throw at second base.







While Lake George is a mere fraction of its former self, the lake continues to be a source of recreation. It was closed to the public for months while temporary repairs were made to shore up the troubled earthen dam. Now, it's back open to fishing and picnicking.



A fairly steep dropoff at the edge of the former boat-launching area at Lake George prevents watercraft from being launched right now, but city officials are looking at improving the spot for boater access.

# GEORGE

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runoff from its agriculture-heavy watershed. And while the maligned reservoir remains necessary yet problematic for city drinking water, it's quietly bouncing back as a source of recreation.

"For a while, it felt like Lake George was done," said Brown, a 42-year-old competitive fisherman from Salem. "But it's not. It's trying to come back."

Brown, who fishes 20 or more tournaments a year on the bigger lakes like Kentucky and Barkley, stood ankle-deep in mud along the swampy bank last week, casting a artificial lure into scattered pockets of open water. All around him, willow saplings and water primrose thickened the shoreline, evidence of how far the water has receded, and how hard nature is working to fill the void.

"I wouldn't say this place is thriving, but it's alive," Brown said. "I've been out here twice lately. Caught a few small bass, only 10 or 11 inches, but they were fat, healthy. That's a sign of life if nothing else."

And that's more than some might expect from a lake that



**Built in 1955, Lake George is named for the surveyor who helped create a co-operative between the 13 landowner/farmers, the Soil Conservation District and the City of Marion. The lake includes a picnic area and pavilion.**

was largely drained three years ago, suffered a mass fish kill during the heat of summer that followed, and has only recently begun to refill to a usable depth thanks to a coffer dam built to take pressure off of the failing earthen levee.

The water is about 50 feet away from the old shoreline in most places. What's left is all

brush and grass and willows. But that's the kind of stuff fish love. They need cover. They're ambush predators, Brown explains. "Anything they can get up against or hide in, they're all about it," he said.

Brown likens the situation at Lake George to the drawdown at Lake Cumberland a few years ago. When repairs to that dam left the lake drained for months, vegetation exploded across the exposed bottom. When it refilled, the cover transformed the lake into a fishery boomtown.

"Same thing could happen here," Brown said. "All this stuff, the weeds, willows and other cover... it's structure. And that's what the fish like."

Bluegill beds dot the shallows, and Brown said fry are visible from shore. Shad, the primary food source that once supported Lake George's larger bass, are likely gone due to temperature sensitivity and the draining, but bluegill, crappie and likely catfish remain.

"Algae on the bottom tells me the shad are gone," Brown said. "They'd have eaten that. Shad were key for getting bass up to the 7- or 8-pound range here. But you can still grow good fish on bluegill if there's

## Rules of the Lake

- No foot, ATV or other vehicle traffic on the earthen dam. This means no fishing from the levee.
- No foot, ATV or other vehicle traffic on the rip-rap coffer dam. No fishing from coffer dam.
- While small watercraft may be used on the lake, gasoline or other fuel-powered engines are prohibited.

enough of them."

For now, Brown urges anglers to practice catch-and-release, especially with bass.

"They need a chance to rebuild, he said. Let them get some years on them. Let them spawn and rebuild."

Fishing Lake George today requires creativity and a bit of grit. The boat launching area is still not readily accessible, but Brown said it wouldn't take much to reopen it. City officials are looking at what can be done to improve the launch area. Otherwise, to fish it means getting your feet wet.

"Waders would be handy. Or a kayak. A float tube. Something small you can get into these edges with," Brown said. "That water primrose makes a canopy on the surface, tough

stuff. You can fish the edges, but if you cast into it and get hung, you've probably lost that bait."

Still, there's good sport to be found.

"A kid with a bobber and a worm can wear out bluegill here. Guarantee it," he said. "And for bass, chatterbaits, spinnerbaits or a topwater bait like a frog would be good. Anything weedless, because the cover is thick."

Though posted "No Trespassing" signs have deterred some visitors, city officials say they plan to remove those soon. However, people must still stay off the riprap around the coffer dam and the earthen levee, areas off-limits due to safety concerns.

For now, Lake George remains a work in progress. But Brown sees potential where others might only see a failed reservoir.

"Life finds a way," he said, quoting Jurassic Park. "It always does. You walk down the sidewalk, grass is growing through the cracks. That's what this is. Even after all that happened out here, the draw-down, the heat, the kill, fish are coming back. You can't count it out."

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