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Notice issued about purses, phones, etc. in Marion courtroom

Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head has issued a notice about courtroom safety in Marion. Going forward, no purses, back-packs, fanny packs, pocket knives, food or beverages will be allowed in the courtroom during district, circuit or family court. Cell phones must be silenced before entering the courtroom. If a phone rings during court, the phone will be confiscated by bailiffs and kept for the remainder of the proceedings. The sheriff said these rules are being enforced to provide for general safety and security.

Nominations sought for Ag Hall of Fame

Nominations for the 2023 Crittenden County Agriculture Rural Leadership Hall of Fame are now being sought. The purpose of the local Agriculture Leadership Hall of Fame is to recognize contributions made to agriculture and community leadership. Awards will honor those who have made outstanding contributions to Crittenden County Agriculture. Nomination forms are available at the Crittenden County Extension office. Nomination deadline is July 5. Honorees will be announced during the Crittenden County Lions Club Fair Breakfast on Friday, Aug. 4. For more information, contact Dee Brasher Heimgartner, agriculture and natural resources education agent, at 270-965-5236.

Chamber After Hours

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is planning a Net-working After Hours event from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, July 27 at First United Bank on Main Street in Marion. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Tolu fireworks Saturday

The annual Fourth of July Tolu Fireworks Show will be held Saturday, July 1. Vendors will be on site to sell a variety of food from BBQ to lemon shake-ups and there will be activities for the whole family. Bring a lawn chair. Fireworks are made possible by donations from area businesses and individuals and are set off at dusk in front of the Tolu Community Center.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, June 30 at the courthouse to close out the FY23. A meeting of the Crittenden County Public Properties Corporation will be held in conjunction with this special meeting.

Is DOW recognizing CLWD limits?

Recent meetings help shed light on the current water situation

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Division of Water called a joint meeting last week in Marion with leaders of Crittenden-Livingston Water District (CLWD) and its wholesale customers from Salem, Ledbetter, Smithland and Grand Rivers. Webster County Water District was also represented at the meeting because it's currently providing water to western Crittenden County in light of the need for CLWD to help the City of Marion meet its demand for drinking water amid a raw water crisis. Marion officials also sat in on last week's gathering.

None of the agencies had a quorum of its representatives at the meeting; therefore, it was not publicly announced nor subject to open meetings laws. However, the general subject matter of the meeting was discussed publicly Monday during CLWD's monthly board of directors meeting in Salem.

There are growing concerns about CLWD operating very near its capacity. However, its board stressed that county water customers are not being placed at risk, even when CLWD is called to provide water to Marion.

"We will continue to be responsible for our 3,700 residential customers," said Alan Hunt, a CLWD director, one of three from Crittenden County. "They will have water."

CLWD has annual revenue and expenses of about \$2.8 million and is governed by a six-member commission. Three members are from Livingston and three from Crittenden. Representing Crittenden County are Hunt, Tony Travis and Darrell Simpson. Liv-



Crittenden-Livingston Water District's two-million-gallon-per-day plant sits on the northeast shore of the Cumberland River in Pinckneyville south of Salem in Livingston County.

ington's members are Dennis Fleet, Glenn Hughes and T.L. Maddux, who chairs the board.

While CLWD has its own direct residential customers, the system also sells wholesale water to several other communities. In all, it makes drinking water for more than 10,000 users.

Tim Thomas, Marion's independent consultant hired to navigate the ongoing water crisis, was at this week's

CLWD meeting and last week's gathering with DOW officials. Carey Johnson, state director of DOW, was at last week's gathering.

Thomas has also been working closely with CLWD to solve Marion's long-term water needs, and he is also helping navigate some of the regulatory prerequisites to CLWD expansion, in-

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Community gardens ready to distribute

Monday will be the first day of distribution from the Community Gardens off Old Morganfield Road.

The gardens are planted and harvested by work-release inmates from Crittenden County Detention Center with cooperation from area churches.

Typical vegetables will be available starting next week and blackberries are beginning to ripen, too, and there will be some apples soon. Distribution is Monday through Friday, except for holidays, from 9 to 11 a.m. The produce is available to everyone. Some of it also is donated the Senior Citizens Center and a portion is used to feed inmates in the jail.

Pictured at left is Deputy Jailer Gina Cox and work-release inmates working at the gardens.

Sub files legal action against Evrard

STAFF REPORT

A subcontractor has filed legal action against Evrard Company, the general contractor handling the renovation and expansion of the former Ed-Tech Center, converting it to the Crittenden County Office Complex in Industrial Park South.

Jett's Mechanical of Paducah filed a lien claim against the contractor and Crittenden County Fiscal Court in the amount of \$20,706.38 for what it says was non-payment for labor, materials and supplies in the construction and improvement of the county's office complex.

The notice and lien was filed in Crittenden Circuit Court on June 20.

During its June meeting, the Fiscal Court discussed delays on the project that have pushed work beyond the contractual deadline of May 31. At that meeting, the fiscal court went into private session to discuss what it called pending or threatened litigation. Because executive sessions are legal



Sub-contractors work inside the new Crittenden County Office Complex.

under Kentucky Revised Statutes for some discussions by public agencies like the fiscal court, it's unclear whether the subject of that private meeting had anything to do with the action against Evrard. The court meeting was held five days prior to the lien being filed in circuit court.

Jett had been contracted to do about \$250,000 worth of work at the complex.

The amount in question is less than 10 percent of the overall sub-contract and Jett says it's still under contract to provide additional labor, materials and supplies to the project.

The legal action also asks the county to hold in trust a \$10,000 retainer posted by the general contractor until completion of the project. The retainer amounts to about half of what Jett says Evrard is in arrears to its company.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said a "very productive" meeting was held a few days ago between contractors and architects. Newcom said the legal action by Jett does not affect the overall project and that work by Jett and other sub-contractors has continued in the past few days.

Evrard won the contract in January 2022 for development of the office complex with a bid of \$1.74 million. The contractual deadline to complete the work was May 31 and the agreement provides for a \$300-a-day penalty for failing to meet that deadline.



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Deaths

Vick

David Clifford Vick, Sr., 80, formally of Paducah, died Saturday, June 24, 2023 at the Hospice House of Southern Kentucky.



He was born on June 13, 1943 to Robert Watson Vick and Winifred (Turner) Vick. He was a member of the Smithland Masonic Lodge; the Moose Lodge of Okeechobee; the Shriners; the VFW and the American Legion #217. He served in the U.S. Navy. He worked at the U.S. Post Office and the Livingston, McCracken and Lyon County school systems. He earned his bachelors and masters in education from Murray State. After retiring, he held various positions for the Kentucky Department of Education.

Surviving are two children, David Clifford "Cliff" Vick II of Middleton, NY, Beth Vick (Joe) Stamps of Bowling Green; two granddaughters, Lauren (Ryan) Segers of Madison, Ala., and Taylor (Parker) Stamps-Phillips of Bowling Green; three great-grandsons, Warren Segers, Mason Segers and Lawrence Stamps-Phillips; three sisters, Shelia Vick Jenkins of Westmoreland, Tenn., Nina Vick of San Diego, Calif., and Glenda Vick of Las Cruces, NM; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Johnathon Wesley Parker Vick; his wife of 31 years, Dr. Barbara Herndon Vick; three brothers, Robert Vick, Charlie Vick and Pete Vick; and two sisters, Kathleen (Vick) Moodie and Sally (Vick) Hathaway.

Services are at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 29 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Vicks Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011; Shriners Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394; or Hospice of Southern Kentucky, 5872 Scottsville Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42104.



4-Hers attend leadership conference

Fifteen teens participated in the Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference earlier this month. The conference signaled the conclusion of Crittenden County graduate Maggie Blazina's term as state president and the beginning of senior Kailyn Stokes' year as state reporter. Teens attending are (front from left) Maddie Travis, Taylor Haire, Aly Yates, Stokes, Blazina, Tessa Potter, Emme Lynch, Gracie Orr, (back) Crittenden County 4-H Agent Leslea Barnes, Braelyn Merrill, Haylee Perrin, Jaylen Tapp, Macie Conger, Lathan Lynch, Josh Marshall, Lacey Boone and adult volunteer Brandi Potter.

Billy Joe Heady
ESTATE SALE
Thursday, June 29 & Friday June 30
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, July 1
8 a.m.-noon
678 SR 1668, Marion KY
Bedroom suite, couch, leather, La-Z-Boys, entertainment center, dining room set, refrigerator, upright freezer, miscellaneous household and kitchen items, Charbroil gas, grill, turkey fryers, 6 foot bush hog, disk, grinders, seeders, farm gates, 12-foot trailer with mesh bottom, cornhole boards, tools, Craftsman and DeWalt tools, lots and lots of miscellaneous items.



PDHD donates emergency kits

During its monthly meeting June 22, the Crittenden County Board of Education accepted six Stop the Bleed kits from the Pennyrile District Health Department. PDHD Health Educator Jaycey Clark said the PDHD purchased kits through an emergency preparedness grant. By surveying counties within the Pennyrile District, Clark found interest in Stop the Bleed kits, which contain everything from Band-Aids to tourniquets needed to treat mild cuts and severe injuries. Two kits were donated to each Crittenden County school. Also pictured with Clark is PDHD employee Aimee Lynn.

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Hams conquer national field test

Amateurs test equipment in preparedness simulation

The newly formed Crittenden County Ham Radio Club gathered Saturday to participate in a nationwide disaster preparedness event.

Hams are amateur radio operators who can use their radio equipment to contact other amateur radio operators locally, nationally or worldwide.

Saturday's event, known as Field Day, is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League and happens each year during the last full weekend in June.

Ham radio clubs are encouraged to set up in a public location and run



Jamie Davis (left) and Dan Rubino test their ham radio equipment during a simulated disaster response field day.

their equipment on emergency power (generator or battery) to simulate a disaster response.

Permission was given

for the club to set up in the parking lot at the Marion-Crittenden County James C. Johnson Regional Air-

port.

The club raised a 104-foot horizontal wire "dipole" antenna and operated from the tail-

gate of a pick-up truck.

Club members demonstrated their ability to set up and make contacts nationwide by contacting operators in New Hampshire, Louisiana, North Carolina, Minnesota, Indiana, Texas, Washington and Maryland.

Additionally, email was sent and acknowledged over ham radio to the Kentucky Amateur Radio Emergency services section manager (Charlie O'Neal, KE4AIE) using the FEMA ICS 213 form.

Local ham radio operators and their families participating in the event were Jamie Davis (K04JWH), Jennifer Daugherty (K04BIL), Annie Rubino (KD9KPK) and Dan Rubino (KD9CHL).

Anyone interested in obtaining a ham radio license can contact Dan Rubino at (630) 251-4563.

Senior menu

The following is the lunch menu for the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center for next week:

Thursday, June 29: Baked spaghetti, broccoli, tossed salad with ranch dressing, whole grain roll, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday, June 30: Bean and ham soup, collard greens, carrots, cornbread, chocolate pudding, milk.

Monday, July 3: Breaded pork chop, cooked cabbage, mashed potatoes with gravy, whole grain roll, margarine, fried apples and chocolate milk.

Wednesday, July 5: Baked chicken, brown rice, broccoli and cheese, tomato wedges, whole grain roll, margarine, fried apples and chocolate milk.

PACS senior service include the following:

- Senior Community Service Employment Program;
- SHIP - State Health Insurance Program;
- Transportation; and
- Homemaking and Home Delivered Meals.



Raelynn Berry (center) placed eighth in the national Rach Sorting Championship in Texas.



Aaron Berry (second from left) placed third in the nation for his performance at the national Ranch Sorting event.

Berrys sort cattle in national competition

STAFF REPORT

Ranch Sorting is a sport you don't hear much about but one that has grown in recent years to 30,000 members.

A Crittenden County family participated this month in the Cinch Ranch Sorting National Championships in Fort Worth, Texas. The competition honors the ranching industry with a family-oriented competitive riding experience. It's something Aaron, Davana and Raelynn Berry have made a family hobby.

This is the second year the three earned points through the competition season which culminated with participation in the national event.

Aaron Berry finished third in the nation in his class, which started with 639 teams.

Raelynn Berry, 9,

placed sixth in the nation in 2023 for end-of-year points, winning a Yeti cup and a snaffle bit for her horse.

She placed eighth in the national competition where 78 teams competed. She had the top score entering the finals.

Ranch Sorting is a timed event, not a judged event. Competitors are rated in a nine-point rating system based on statistical performance.

Ranch sorting typically consists of two-man teams sorting 10 cattle numbered 0-9 and 1 un-numbered cow for a total of 11 head.

A run starts with teams on the opposite side of the start line from cattle.

Competitors must sort cattle numerically, with the goal being to herd cattle in proper sequential order across the finish line.

Animals offer LBL entertain through August

Looking for something to do on the weekends? Try some of the programs at Land Between the Lakes.

Following is a list of some upcoming activities at Woodlands Nature Station:

- Snake Feeding Sundays: 11:30 a.m.-noon, each Sunday in July, Woodlands Nature Sa-

tion. Sunday is the only day snakes are fed. Admission is required.

- Awesome Opossum, Wednesdays, 3:30-4 p.m., July 7-26.
- Totally Turtles, Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m., July 8-27.
- Dinnertime for Bald Eagles, Fridays 3:30-4 p.m., July 9-28.
- Bites for Bobcat, Mon-

days 3:30-4 p.m., July 1-31.

- Parade of Raptors, daily 4:30-4:50 p.m., through July 31.
- Red Wolf Treat Time: Tuesdays, 3:30-4 p.m., through Aug. 1.

The following programs will be held through Aug. 31 at the Golden Pond Planetarium:

- From Earth to the

Universe

- Hot and Energetic Universe
- Firefall
- Earth, Moon and Sun
- Traveling with Light
- Discover the Stars.
- The Little Star that Could.
- Laser Legends of the Night Sky
- Back to the Moon for Good

Fancy Farm picnic is Aug. 5

Organizers of the 143rd annual St. Jerome Fancy Farm Picnic Aug. 5 received responses from candidates in this year's fall election to participate in the event, where thousands annually enjoy west Kentucky barbeque, play games and listen to political stump speeches.

Those who have agreed to participate include attorney general candidate Russell Coleman; Secretary of State Michael Adams, who is seeking re-election to a second term; State Treasurer and candidate for Auditor Allison Ball; State Treasurer candidate Michael Bowman; current Auditor Mike Harmon, current Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles; as well as the two people who will be on the ballot this fall to succeed him, Jonathan Shell and Sierra Enlow.

All of those who have confirmed their appearances so far are Republicans, except Bowman and Enlow.

In addition, three officeholders who represent Graves County, State Sen. Jason Howell of Murray, Rep. Richard Health of Mayfield and Congressman James Comer have also said they will appear.

The Fancy Farm Picnic is the major fundraiser each year for St. Jerome's Catholic Church, swelling the community's normal population of just over 400, to more than ten times that amount.

It is the traditional kick-off to the fall campaign season.

PUBLIC MEETING
Lyon County
Caldwell County
for
U.S. 641 Connect
Between
Eddyville and Fredonia
Item #1-187.50 & Item # 1-187.60



Tuesday, July 11, 2023
5 to 7 p.m., CDT
Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall
303 Cassidy Ave, Fredonia, KY 42411

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has scheduled a public information meeting to update residents on final plans for the reconstruction of U.S. 641 from U.S. 62 at Eddyville to the Caldwell-Crittenden County Line at Fredonia.

The meeting will be conducted in an open house format, allowing attendees to view various exhibits, talk to KYTC representatives, and ask questions about the project.

A form will be provided to make it easier to provide written comments at the meeting. Comments may be submitted by mail before August 15, 2023, to Kyle Poat, P.E., KYTC District 1 Office, 5501 Kentucky Dam Rd, Paducah, KY 42003.

Following the public meeting, displays and materials presented at the public meeting will be available for review at the KYTC District 1 Office in Paducah. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., CT, with comments accepted until August 15. Information will also be available online after the meeting at www.641connect.com

All written comments will become part of the official meeting record. Once compiled, the meeting record and supporting documentation will be made available for review and copying only after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records Requests must be submitted to the Transportation Cabinet, Office of Legal Services, Transportation Office Building, 200 Mero St, Frankfort, KY 40622, or via kytc.openrecords@ky.gov.

641 CONNECT
Eddyville to Fredonia

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if anyone has a disability and requires assistance, please notify Kyle Poat no later than July 10, 2023. Please call 270-898-2431, or mail request to the KYTC District 1 Office.



Grant to fund new internet

Gov. Andy Beshear said Kentucky has secured a nearly \$1.1 billion federal grant, the largest public investment in high-speed internet in the state's history, to bring affordable, reliable high-speed internet service to every Kentuckian.

Kentucky's funding allocation is part of the \$42.45 billion Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) program, created through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021.

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Area students named WKCTC Dean’s List

Several area residents are among more than 700 full-time and part-time students recently named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester at West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC).

To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time student must earn at least a 3.5-grade point average (GPA) or higher and successfully complete 12 hours or more of coursework numbered 100 or above for the academic term.

Following are students named to the WKCTC Spring 2023 Dean's list from this area.

From Crittenden County: Luz-Dalia Gott, Marion, Associate in Arts; Carly Guess, Health Science Technology; Kaitlyn Guess, Health Science Technology; Blake Martin, Associate in Arts; and Ethan Stone, Practical Nurse.

From Fredonia: Cameron Baker, Visual Communication Multimedia.

From Livingston



County: Alexandra Waters, Cosmetologist; Charles Barlow, Criminal Justice; Justin Burk, Nursing; Ashleigh Dunkerson, Diagnostic Medical Sonography; Tana Durard, Business Administration; Mason Fuller, Business Administration; Daphne Hanson, Grand Rivers, Criminal Justice; Abbey Mason, Associate in Science; Scott Newman, Grand Rivers, Computer and Information Tech; Zachary Poindexter, Electrical Technology; Emma-Leigh Smith, Associate in Science; Tyler Suits, Associate in Science; Layken Thomas, Gen Occupational Tech Studies; Madalyn Walker, Diagnostic Medical Sonography; and Emily Williams, Practical Nurse.

Weight limit on KY 120 Bridge

Motorists should be reminded that a 5-ton load limit has been posted at the overflow bridge on KY 120 across the Tradewater

River at the Crittenden-Webster County Line. The load rating – which will limit agriculture traffic, buses, ambulances and more – was ordered reduced after an inspector found significant deterioration of the bridge substructure.

The bridge is one of two bridges that cross a slough immediately west of the main Tradewater River bridge between Marion and Providence. A project to replace the bridge is expected to start sometime this fall. At that point, the highway will be closed for months.

Republican lead grows in KY’s voter registration

During the period that followed the May 16 primary election in Kentucky, voter registration grew by 4,420 new voters for a net gain of 2,266.

As of May 31, Republican registrants accounted for 45.9% of the Kentucky electorate, with 1,591,456 voters. The GOP saw its registration increase by 3,907 voters, a 0.25%

increase.

Democratic registrants now make up 44.1% of registered voters in Kentucky with 1,531,922. Democrat registration decreased by 2,664 voters, or a 0.17% decrease.

There are 347,486 voters currently registered under other political parties, which now consist of 10% of registered voters in the state. “Other” registration rose by 1,023 voters, which represents a 0.3% increase.

In the November governor’s race, incumbent Democrat Andy Beshear will take on Republican challenger (and current Attorney General) Daniel Cameron, as well as write-in candidate Brian Fishback.

Fourth of July local closings

Local government offices, banks and some businesses will be closed on July 4 next week in observance of Independence Day.

City and county government offices, including the convenience center and animal shelter, will be shuttered on Tuesday along with Marion’s banks and The Crittenden Press will be closed that day, too, along with a variety of other private retailers and professional offices.

2 area students graduate from Ole Miss Univ.

Ellie Smith of Marion and Samantha Rice of Livingston County were among 3,100 students who graduated from the University of Mississippi in May.

Smith majored in general business and Rice majored in anthropology.

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Comparing Counties			UNEMPLOYMENT RATES			
Location	Labor Force	Currently Employed	Currently Unemployed	May 2023	April 2023	May 2022
STATEWIDE	2,062,436	1,983,091	79,345	3.8%	3.3%	3.8%
CALDWELL	6,346	6,110	236	3.7%	2.5%	3.1%
CHRISTIAN	25,231	24,010	1,221	4.8%	4.1%	4.7%
CRITTENDEN	3,835	3,685	150	3.9%	3.1%	3.8%
HOPKINS	18,014	17,050	964	5.4%	3.5%	4.1%
LIVINGSTON	3,697	3,524	173	4.7%	4.2%	4.3%
LYON	3,264	3,124	140	4.3%	3.4%	3.5%
TRIGG	6,090	5,827	263	4.3%	3.5%	4.1%
MCCRACKEN	30,445	29,274	1,171	3.8%	3.2%	3.9%
MARSHALL	14,551	14,000	551	3.8%	3.4%	3.7%
HENDERSON	20,846	20,088	758	3.6%	3.0%	3.5%
MCLEAN	3,938	3,755	183	4.6%	3.5%	4.1%
UNION	5,939	5,657	282	4.7%	4.0%	3.9%
WEBSTER	5,172	4,923	249	4.8%	3.4%	3.6%
United States Unemployment Rate for December 2022				3.4%		
Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet						

CATTLE PRICES

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MARKET

From last week’s sale at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News. Head 963: Feeder 815. Slaughter 126. Replacement 22. Last reported sale the prior week there were 605 head, including Feeder Cattle 472, Slaughter Cattle 72, Replacement Cattle 61. This time last year there were 751 cattle at the market. Compared to last week: Feeder steers sold 10.00 higher. Feeder heifers sold 6.00 to 8.00 higher. Strong demand for value added feeder classes. Slaughter classes sold steady to 2.00 lower. Supply included: 85% Feeder Cattle (37% Steers, 51% Heifers, 12% Bulls); 13% Slaughter Cattle (5% Heifers, 82% Cows, 14% Bulls); 2% Replacement Cattle (77% Bred Cows, 14% Cow-Calf Pairs, 9% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 35%.

Steers: Heifers:
26 BLK/CHARX 650 LBS 238.00 27 MIXED 515 LBS 231.00
35 BLK/CHARX 617 LBS 217.00
20 BLK/CHARX 627 LBS 220.00

FEEDER CATTLE
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price
1 235 235 285.00 285.00
1 280 280 301.00 301.00 Fancy
1 300 300 230.00 230.00
2 337 337 275.00 275.00 Fancy
10 365-392 380 242.50-262.50 254.35
6 360-382 376 270.00-287.50 273.47 Fancy
11 430-448 444 243.00-257.50 247.07
10 430-433 432 266.00-273.00 271.61 Fancy
14 458-475 466 230.00-250.00 244.26
5 455-465 459 257.00-258.00 257.59 Fancy
15 505-545 529 220.00-244.00 231.97
36 501-548 533 249.00-260.00 254.02 Value Added
20 555-595 569 220.00-242.50 236.88
17 566-573 570 249.00-250.00 249.53 Value Added
12 605-648 624 220.00-236.00 230.74
16 603-637 617 245.00-249.00 247.53 Value Added
25 655-695 673 221.00-235.00 231.27
43 650-665 654 237.00-243.00 238.08 Value Added
6 705-723 720 190.00-217.00 210.86
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1 860 860 200.00 200.00

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1 420 420 220.00 220.00
1 470 470 220.00 220.00
1 510 510 190.00 190.00
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1 215 215 222.50 222.50
3 343 343 215.00 215.00
3 355-370 365 190.00-215.00 206.89
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2 662 662 165.00 165.00
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1 620 620 125.00 125.00
2 775 775 122.50 122.50
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
2 240 240 255.00-260.00 257.50
9 255-267 261 245.00-260.00 254.76
4 315-340 331 220.00-242.50 231.92
5 300-330 320 247.50-265.00 256.34 Fancy
8 350-375 366 220.00-241.00 227.95
3 365-367 366 245.00-265.00 258.36 Fancy
35 405-447 425 220.00-241.00 232.76
38 405-447 421 243.00-251.00 245.84 Fancy
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8 515-540 526 200.00-220.00 210.21
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9 550-595 574 195.00-218.00 210.94
19 550-579 569 220.00-223.00 221.24 Value Added
8 605-625 616 190.00-212.00 207.80
65 605-637 620 214.00-220.00 218.01 Value Added
27 663-695 674 197.50-208.00 206.60
1 720 720 180.00 180.00
16 706-710 709 202.00-205.00 203.88 Value Added
1 830 830 185.00 185.00 Value Added
1 955 955 142.50 142.50

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1 330 330 215.00 215.00
11 460-492 472 201.00-215.00 209.97
1 535 535 185.00 185.00
1 570 570 184.00 184.00
1 635 635 180.00 180.00
1 670 670 175.00 175.00
1 750 750 153.00 153.00
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
4 437-445 441 194.00-199.00 196.52
1 490 490 180.00 180.00
1 665 665 140.00 140.00
1 765 765 132.50 132.50
BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
2 210-220 215 265.00 265.00
5 269 269 300.00 300.00 Fancy
7 310-345 331 260.00-270.00 262.76
10 350-397 378 232.50-255.00 242.83
1 355 355 265.00 265.00 Fancy
9 400-426 417 235.00-252.00 247.28
11 455-495 483 224.00-237.50 229.92
10 515-545 538 221.00-229.00 225.19
7 560-577 569 210.00-230.00 216.22
5 605-640 623 195.00-210.00 202.55
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4 731-740 733 182.50-185.00 183.13
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1 800 800 171.00 171.00
11 936 936 143.00 143.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
1 380 380 222.50 222.50
1 755 755 159.00 159.00
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1 325 325 200.00 200.00
1 350 350 157.50 157.50
1 470 470 165.00 165.00
1 585 585 140.00 140.00
SLAUGHTER CATTLE
HEIFERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing
5 820-1285 1031 103.00-125.00 110.18 Average
1 795 795 141.00 141.00 High
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
3 1440-1545 1490 94.00-110.00 101.52 High
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)
21 1020-1350 1124 80.00-88.00 83.60 Average
38 1055-1395 1216 90.00-112.00 96.34 High
3 1100-1130 1117 70.00-75.00 73.02 Low



10 YEARS AGO

June 27, 2013

■ Magistrates voted to provide health insurance for county employees-becoming the last fiscal court in Kentucky to do so. The plan called for 70-30 cost-share to be made available to all county employees. Under the new community rating provision of Obamacare, monthly premiums were just under \$300 per employee. The county’s portion was about \$210 monthly with the worker electing to have the balance withheld from his or her paycheck as an IRS Section 125 pre-tax deduction. The pre-tax provision helps employees, too, by reducing their federal tax liability.

■ The Crittenden Health Systems Auxiliary made a recent purchase that brought comfort to their visitors. For years, dedicated CHS Auxiliary members have raised funds for the benefit of the hospital. With these funds, the auxiliary purchased 13 new recliners for hospital patient rooms. The cost of the recliners totaled \$10,000.

■ Mattoon Volunteer Fire Department received a big boost from the federal government for the purchase of new fire-fighting equipment. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the release of \$10,000 in grant money to the fire department for the purchase of a pumper fire truck.

■ Local residents visited many popular vacation destinations this summer. They also took a copy of The Crittenden Press along. Carly and Jack Porter took The Press to the Myrtle Beach Sky Wheel. Meanwhile, Cutter and Cash Singleton went fishing for speckled trout in Mobile Bay near Dauphin Island, Ala.

■ Crittenden County’s summer cheerleader camp was held at Rocket Arena and was a week-long event that was popular within the community. Some of the participants in the camp included Mallory Lynn, Ryleigh Tabor, Aliyah Fruitiger, Maggie Blazina, Lyli Wesmolan, Karsen Shouse, Addy Kirby, Hadlee Rich, Laken Hunt, Natalie Buchanan, Hannah Faughn, Jessie Potter, Laurel Brown, Kyrion Hicks, Kaitlyn Guess, Lexi Wesmolan, Callie Brown, Savannah Esquivias and Addie Hatfield. Overall there were nearly 50 campers.

25 YEARS AGO

June 25, 1998

■ At least 100 residents of Crittenden and surrounding counties will take to the track at City-County Park for the second annual Relay for Life. More than 35 teams were expected to participate in the event which started at 7 p.m. and ends at 7 a.m. The Relay was expected to exceed its 1998 collection goal of \$30,000, all of which went toward cancer research conducted by the American Cancer Society.

■ For the third consecutive year, Marion natives Ginger Orr and Shanna Moore were among a field of Kentucky women,

vying for the Miss Kentucky crown. Both girls won pageants that year which were preliminaries to the Miss Kentucky event. The event would be held at Transylvania University and the winner of the pageant would compete for the title of Miss America. Both Orr and Moore placed in the top 10 at the pageant last year and were hoping for a repeat and improved performances.

■ Ciara Barnes, an 11-year-old from Crittenden County, attended camp at the Kentucky Sheriffs’ Association Kentucky Boys and Girls Ranch in Gilbertsville. Campers are treated to a host of entertainments such as swimming, fishing and art and crafts. Barnes was congratulated by Crittenden County Sheriff’s Deputy Darron Holliman.

■ Five CCHS graduates received Murray State Scholarships. Nathan Howton received Murray State’s John W. Carr and Joe Dyer Scholarships. Jamie Mills was awarded the Leadership Scholarship. Libby Maddux was awarded a Regents Scholarship, the John W. Carr Scholarship, a Mabel Garrett Pullen Agriculture Scholarship and an Honor Scholarship at MSU. Shana Thornburg received an Honor Scholarship, and Christina Napper received a John W. Carr Scholarship.

50 YEARS AGO

June 28, 1973

■ Guy Lowery, a 64-year-old Crittenden County resident who lives near Tolu, was recently held hostage at the Eddyville State Penitentiary during his shift as a corrections officer. While monitoring the inmates visiting the commissary to purchase goods, he and another corrections officer were knocked to the floor by three inmates all flashing prison-made knives and a soldering iron. They were told they would be killed if guards were to storm the commissary. Talks between the prison officials and the inmates continued through the night, and Lowery and the other hostages were not released until the next day when prison officials agreed to meet the prisoners’ requests.

■ Nine Students presented a musical program at Marsh Music Studio on Sturgis Road. These individuals were Daphnie Dodson, Rita Shouse, Laurie Tabor, Lonette Dunning, Tenna York, Tommy Thurman, Dane Hughes, Stephen Bebout and Linda Marsh.

■ Twenty-two youngsters from Crittenden County spent a week-long learning-by-doing program at Kentucky Junior Conservation Club Camp Currie on Kentucky Lake. Youth from Crittenden that attended the camp were: Jamie Perryman, Mike Belt, Britt Ramage, Anthony Crawford, Greg Crider, Jessie Hodge, Greg Ford, Tony McDowell, Mike Wheeler, Robert Towery, Marshall Enoch, Don Hulsey, Tracey Brewer, William Whitt, Greg Holloman, Richard Ford, Billy Fox, Robert Kirk, Kurt Beavers, Jay Wood and Robert Roberts.

There is no them and us, only us

I am nearly always a little conflicted in my soul at this time of year. Over most of the past 15 years or so I have spent some time in Honduras working mostly in poorer mountain areas around the capital of Tegucigalpa. My views on Americans doing work there have evolved quite a bit in the past decade.

I have been fortunate to be in the homes of the very poorest and the not so poor of that nation. I have had discussions with preachers working with poor and middle-class churches. We have visited with educators and a few who are attempting to fund small businesses, which has the potential for long-term generational change.

What has not changed in the groups that I have been a part of are ways of thinking that I believe must be changed. Each is based on decent logic and is perfectly understandable. However, until they are thought through, well-meaning people will never see past “us and them.”

“They are just like us.” This is correct in the context of love and care for family and the need for security of food and shelter. It is true that we are all human beings, however, there are deep cultural processes that are impossible to see, much less understand, on a short-term trip. The concerns are the same, but the ways of thinking about

those concerns can be very different. The danger of saying, “they are just like us,” is that we assume too much cultural similarity and make deeper and honest communication harder.

“Those people.” I hear this a lot. In the context of an American speaking about a “third world” person, it is nearly always an economic statement. This creates a superiority or savior complex in which respect for the way things are done is diminished. I, for one, am constantly astonished at the ingenuity and strength that I see, given the resources available. (Now, for anyone paying attention you may have noticed the previous sentence is an example of an attitude of superiority while complimenting “them.” See how hard it is not to “other” people. I see no way for me personally to completely rid myself of this. I do hope, however, to recognize it when it happens and challenge it.

“I thank God that I am so blessed...(because clearly you have not been).” This one is hard as well. Of course, we are to be thankful for God’s blessings and use them to execute economic and

social justice. However, to speak this aloud in the presence of the impoverished seems a little thoughtless to me. To walk amongst people who one feels are “less blessed” is a gross misapplication of the Sermon on the Mount and flies in the face of much of the message of the Gospel. Recall, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Don’t spiritualize this verse.

Those whose spirit has been crushed by oppression of all types are the inheritors of the kingdom of God. The Beatitudes are the markers of God’s kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven.” If blessings are imbalanced and remain so for Christians, it is a signal that we have more work to do.

We are all part of a world that is full of imbalances and inequities. Governments may help or hinder correcting these imbalances. Governments by their nature define groups of people – by nationality, by citizenship, by race, by marital status, by income, by education, by wealth, by religion, and a myriad of other categories. This is done for reasons of taxation, eligibility to work or

vote, and rights of inheritance or to make medical decisions. Human beings form tribes, clubs, groups, cliques, and cultures. All of this makes the world a fascinating and complicated place to navigate.

Having said this, I would still argue that it is important to hold firm that there is no “them and us.” It is just “us.” Every group has a role to play. Every group does things that affect every other group. Understanding this puts responsibility on all of us to do what we can to fight against injustice and inequity wherever we see it, whenever we see it. It requires seeing all human beings having a common creator and deserving of being treated with honor and dignity.

In Galatians 3:28, Paul says in context of how Christians are to view each other, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” I submit that is how believers see the world. It is difficult to overstate how radical Paul’s statement was at the time. If we could get our heads around that, we would understand how radical it still is.

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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

Community Events & News

- Faith and Freedom Fellowship begins at 8 p.m., Friday, June 30 at Faith Church located at 1849 US U.S. 60 East between Salem and Burna. The event will feature homemade ice cream and fireworks at dark. For more information visit faithchurchsalem.org or Facebook & Instagram @faithchurchsalem.
 - Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.
 - Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
 - Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.
 - Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.
 - The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
 - Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
 - First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
 - The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
 - Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.
- Does your group have something planned? Let us know. We post notes here at no charge. Email to thepress@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191.

You are chosen, holy and deeply loved

Question: Growing up I could never please my father. He would remind me, “You are not as pretty as your sister.” My teachers would point out that I wasn’t as sharp in their class as my sister was. Consequently, I’ve battled against a low self-image. How can I raise my self-esteem?

Answer: It’s hard for anyone to grow up with a positive self-image in a culture that places so much value on beauty, intelligence and material things. If you don’t obviously fall in one

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



of those categories, I’ve got good news for you!

When I feel insignificant, I stop and remember I am so important to God that He sent His only, unique Son to die for me on the cross. “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ

died for us” (Rom. 5:1). If I were the only sinner on earth, I know Christ would have died for me. The same is true for you. Your value is so great Christ died just for you.

Furthermore, the Scripture speaks of Christ’s followers as, “God’s chosen

people, holy and dearly loved...” (Col. 3:12). Stop and meditate on the fact if you are “in Christ”, you are a highly esteemed person who is “chosen, holy, and deeply loved.” To be in Christ, you must turn from your sins (repent) and invite Jesus to come in and control your life. To be “in Christ” is an incredible position. Your identity comes from your relationship with Christ, not from modern cultural categories.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

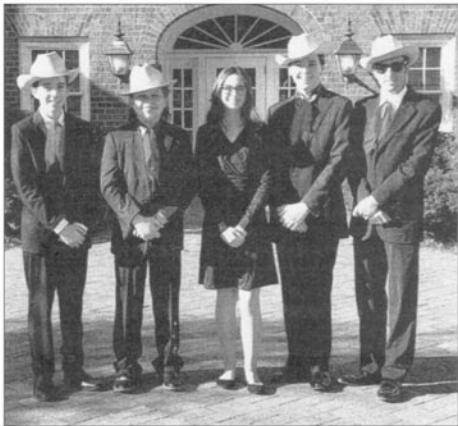
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July 9

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Pastor: Tim Burdon
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.
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The People of The United Methodist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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Bro. Ken Suits, pastor
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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 Evening 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



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Sun. School for all ages: 10 a.m.
Sun. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.
- We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ, and to make Him known to the community around us. -

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Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.
Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor
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224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
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2 Peter 3:18
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Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem
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Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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The People of the United Methodist Church
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SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 p.m.
Bro. James LAIBEN
South College St.

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Bro. Butch Gray
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Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee
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Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Bro. David Perryman, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Marion Church of Christ



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Crittenden home to Revolutionary War heroes

On July 4, our great homeland of America will be having another birthday. We have several Revolutionary soldiers who served in this first fight for freedom. After the battle at Yorktown, many of these Scottish-Irish patriots started leaving their devastated country, heading north through the mountains into Tennessee, to Logan and Christian counties in Kentucky before ultimately pioneering Livingston County (and into what would later in 1842 be Crittenden County). They brought the region a noteworthy heritage.

You would be surprised to learn just how many families are descendants from these early American heroes that are in Crittenden and Livingston counties today. Here are just a few of those men with some information from their Pension Claims that were filed at the Courthouse in Livingston County between the years 1830-1836. Some information was gathered from family history.

Livingston County Kentucky Pensioners - Pension Claims.

William Clark, born in Ireland about 1758 or 1759, came to South Carolina in 1773. That in the year 1775, in the District of Camden, State of South Carolina, at the age of 16, he entered as a volunteer private in the militia of that state under Captain Andrew Love, who afterwards became Colonel after the death of Colonel Neal, and belong to the regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Neal.

He was in the Snow Campaign in Dec. 25, 1777. He was four months a private in Captain Ross' Company. He was in the Battle of Briar Creek. He was in the Battle of Cane Brake on Dec. 22, 1775 and in the Battle of Rocky Mount on Aug. 2, 1780. He fought at Fish Dam Ford Nov. 12, 1780, the only battle fought at night in that war, was in the siege and Battle of Fridays Fort and in the Battle of Black Hole on Nov. 20, 1780.

Clark remained in York County for 22 years after the war. He married Rosa Cunningham there Dec. 20, 1792. A land grant of 200 acres had been taken in the name of William Clark as early as Jan. 11, 1799 on Pigeon Roost Creek, which was their homestead. In 1805 they migrated to what was to become Crittenden County, where he engaged in the manufacture of gunpowder at Saltpeter Cave near the Cave Springs neighborhood.

(William Clark died April 16, 1834, and is thought to be buried in what is today known as the Kilpatrick Graveyard. Rosa died sometimes after September 1855 and is probably also buried there. They are no stones for them.)

Arthur Travis - South Carolina. At the time of this application he was the age of 69 years. Early in the year 1780 from Chester County in the state of South Carolina he was first drafted to serve in the militia of that state as a private through that summer against the British and Tories.

He served during that tour in the regiment under the command of Colonel Lacy and in the company under the command of Captain McGrief and Captain Hardridge. They then joined the Army under the command of General Sumpter. For most of the time of that tour he acted in the capacity of a spy.

In January 1761 he was taken prisoner by the Tories and was thereupon carried as such to the British Army which at

that time was under the command of Lord Cornwallis. Then in the year 1780 he was engaged in the Battle of Rocky Mount under the command of General Sumpter. He also served under the various commands of Colonel Neal, Colonel Brannon and also Colonel Bratton. During the year of 1781, he acted in the capacity of a spy. He claims a pension for the period during which he was in the service of the United States of America during the War of the Revolution which amounted in all to about eight months and more than that if anything.

He had been born in Rowan County in the state of North Carolina June 26, 1764 and he had entered the service of his country from Chester County in the state of South Carolina and remained a resident of that county until the year 1799 when he moved to Livingston County in the state of Kentucky where he has remained a resident ever since that time.

His brother, John Travis, swears that he served all the tours and time that he says that he served. William Clark, James Wheeler and William Hughes swear that for some time they had been both well and favorably acquainted with him and they also state in open court and upon their oaths that in the neighborhood in which he resided he was reputed to have served the United States of America during the War of the Revolution.

He was on the Kentucky Roll of Pensions at the rate of \$26.66 per annum and his certificate of pension for the amount was issued on May 31, 1833.

(Arthur Travis settled in the area of the Travis Cemetery Road not too far from the Piney Fork area. He died March 23, 1853. He has no tombstone to mark his burial location, but it would be logical that he would be buried in the family cemetery that was located close to his home place, the Wilson-Travis Cemetery, located deep in the woods off of this road.)

John Wheeler was born in Prince Edward County, Va., and moved from Surry County, N.C. in the spring of 1776 to the frontiers on the Holstin River and there, when he was about the age of 16, enlisted in June 1776

as a private in Captain Bohannon's company. Capt. Bohannan commanded a company who was guarding the frontier, and in a few days they had a battle with the Cherokee Indians. In this battle, the indians were defeated, killing and wounding most of them, according to their own account afterwards. After the battle they were stationed to guard the frontier and remained so until Col. Christie came from Virginia with an army. They joined him at a fort they had built and then marched into the indian country and destroyed their town. He served until December 1776.

In March 1779 he reenlisted as a private in the company of his father-in-law, a Captain and later Col. Henry Clark, under Col. Evan Shelby in the North Carolina troops. They destroyed the Indian town of Chickamauga and he served two months.

In September 1780 he was commissioned lieutenant in the company of his brother-in-law, Captain Benjamin Clark, Colonel Henry Clark's North Carolina regiment.

He also served as a volunteer in campaigns under Colonels William Christian, Joseph Martin and Evan Shelby of Virginia, his friend and neighboring North Carolinans Colonels Henry Clark and John Sevier and General Francis Marion of South Carolina.

He was allowed pen-

sion on his application executed May 6, 1833, while living in Livingston County, aged 76 years. He died Nov. 24, 1838, in that part of Livingston County that was afterward Crittenden County. He married Susanna Clark on Dec. 15 1799, at her father's plantation on Kendricks Creek near the Long Island of the Holstein then Green's County, N.C. She was allowed pension on her application executed May 1, 1844 while living in Crittenden County.

(John Wheeler died Nov. 24, 1838 and is buried in the family cemetery that was started at his death, as he was the first to be buried there. He has only a hand-engraved stone that says John Wheeler. The John Wheeler cemetery is located off of KY 506 in a wooded area a short distance behind Ralph Paris' surveying office).

Daniel Travis, came to Livingston County around 1795. He served in the Revolutionary War in the Turkey Creek Volunteer Militia under Col. Edward Lacy Sr. He was born in Ireland about 1741 and died in Livingston County in 1810, and per family information, is buried at the Old Dickey Cemetery in Crittenden County. This cemetery no longer exists, but it was on KY 120 about six miles from Marion on the Roger Roberts farm.

May we never forget these brave men and,

yes, the women, who plowed the fields, fought hostile enemies and often watched their homes burn while their men were fighting for our freedom.

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Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Crittenden County High School

Class of 1973

CLASS REUNION

Crittenden Co. Lions Club Building
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July 15

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FOOTBALL

Youth camp champions

Division winners of traditional competitions in last week's Rocket Football Youth Camp were as follows: Age 5-7: 1. Drew Dodson, 2. Ayden Oliver, 3. Kaisyn Price. Ages 8-9: 1. Rex Boone, 2. Brayson Lanham, 3. Cutler Hunt. Ages 10-11: 1. Jayce Elliott, 2. Bode Merrill, 3. Brady Polk. Ages 12-up: 1. Carson Swendenburg, 2. Ethan Sosh, 3. Hayden Hughes.

GOLF

Upcoming events

•Deer Lakes Orange Jacket Invitational will be July 22-23 at the 18-hole course in Salem.

•July 10 Marion Baptist Church Junior League at The Heritage.

•July 15 Par 3 Tournament (18-hole Individual play) at The Heritage.

•July 24 Marion Baptist Church Junior League at The Heritage.

•July 26 Quarterback Club 4-Person Scramble at The Heritage.

BASKETBALL

Youth boys, girls camp

Boys and girls can sign up for the Crittenden County Youth Basketball Camp July 19-21 at Rocket Arena. Cost is \$30 per camper and there is a half-price discount for siblings. The camp is for participants in grades K through 8th. There will be two sessions per day with K-3 from noon until 2 p.m., and grades 4-8 from 2-4 p.m. All campers will receive a T-shirt. Instruction will be from Lady Rocket and Rocket coaching staffs and high school players. There will be daily ice cream and money shots. For more information, call boys' coach Matt Fraliex (615) 975-3958.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 19 - Oct 31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round
Archery Deer	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Deer Rifle Season	Nov 11-26



Almost 100 youngsters attended last week's Crittenden County Rocket Football Youth Camp on the high school campus. Below are names of most of the players who attended, however, it may not be complete.

Crittenden County Rockets Youth Football Campers			
PARKER PHILLIPS	NATE QUIMBY	CREA FARMER	AZARIAH RICH
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MACY LARUE	DALTON LYNCH	JORDY BYFORD	CARTER WYNN
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About 30 girls participated in last week's Lady Rocket Youth Softball Camp at the team's field at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Former Lady Rockets who went on to play college softball – Ashlyn Hicks and Hadlee Rich – headlined the event. CCHS players and coaches also provided instruction. Those participating in the camp (not in picture order) were Mela Kate Penn, Millie Leonard, Olivia Mattingly, Lydia Hearell, Kora Belle Penn, Aria Kinnis, Madison Teas, Brandi Hackney, Blakelee Gardner, Catelynn Maddox, Carly Crider, Whitley Lovan, Danielle Farmer, Kinley Copeland, Brodi Rich, Lilly Cappello, Melina Keller, Fiona Louden, Aubrianna Odom, London McCord, Caroline Paris, Caroline Martin, Sadie Green, Broklyn Lovell, Karlee Jent, Sydney Keller, Paysen Pierson, Ava Tabor and Addie Nelson.

SOFTBALL



Crittenden County's Lady Wildcats softball team won the Lakes Area Baseball and Softball 12-under regular-season and tournament championship for the second year in a row and completed a two-year run of going to 29-0. Pictured are (front from left) Brodi Rich, Kaylin Coleman, Erin Korzenborn, Calli Rich, Kinley Copeland, Madison Teas, (back) coach Joey Capello, Lilly Capello, Sadie Green, Abigail Champion, Hayley Moore, Caroline Martin, Brenna Kemmer, Aubrey Odom, Kiley Musser and coach Stephen Smith.



Under the direction of new CCHS boys' coach Matt Fraliex, the Rockets finished up summer league play last week at Rocket Area. Pictured at top is the new skipper with his squad during a timeout and (at right) is Kaiden Travis guarding the perimeter. The KHSAA Dead Period began Sunday and lasts for two weeks. During that time, there can be no high school sports activities or coaching by school staff. The period is designed to give athletes a break.



CRITTENDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Track and Field Records

Following is a list of school records in track and field and cross country. The records were updated and submitted June 2023 by Melora Potter.



BOYS			
Event	Time/Distance	Athlete or Relay Team	Year
100m	10.70	Tim Hill	2005
200m	22.42	Tim Hill	2005
400m	50.80	Ronnie Moss	1989
800m	1:58.3	James Willoughy	1976
1600m	4:38.49	Aaron Lucas	2018
3200m	10:25.44	Aaron Lucas	2018
110mH	15.49	Shawn Steele	2004
300mH	40.69	Shawn Steele	2004
4x100m	44.83	E.Moss, G.Davidson, B.Lamey, D.Nesbitt	2019
4x200m	1:33.30	S.Moss, S.Thompson, S.Steele, T.Hill	2003
4x400m	3:29	L.Tinsley, M.Tinsley, J.Willoughby, G.Tinsley	1976
4x800m	8:39.99	G.Davidson, A.Lucas, S.Towery, W.Tolley	2017
High Jump	6-7	Tristan Davidson	2022
Triple Jump	41'6.5"	Josh Andrews	1989
Long Jump	22-10.75	Jeremy Croft	1994
Discus	132'9"	Sean Thompson	2004
Shot Put	45-3	Justin Hill	2000
100y	10.44	Larry Tinsley	1975
440y	50.80	Larry Tinsley	1975
100m Hurdles	19.94	Will Perkins	2017
120y Hurdles	15.84	Keith Steele	1979
SMR 800m	1:45.30	Relay Team	2012
4x400mH	18.49	Relay Team	2018
DMR	12:18.83	Relay Team	2017
5K	17:39.5	Aaron Lucas	2015
GIRLS			
100m	12.7	Jeri Ann Hunt	1985
200m	27.84	Anna Jimenez	2008
400m	1:05.42	Lonna Starnes	2006
800m	2:29.77	Kate Keller	2021
1600m	5:27.91	Kate Keller	2019
3200m	12:36.56	Kate Keller	2019
100m Hurdles	16.8	S. Mills	2017
300m Hurdles	49.8	Shelly Johnson	1999
4x100m	54.02	T.Blake, J.Hunt, M.Herron, C.Martin	1985
4x200m	1:53.86	K.Moss, L.Keene, A.Jimenez, B.Coza	2008
4x400m	4:39.50	D.Easley, E.Guess, C.Steele, B.Coza	2008
4x800m	11:27.66	M.Martinez, A.Grau, P.Potter, E.Geary	2023
High Jump	4'10"	Breanna Coza	2008
Long Jump	15'6.25"	Tina Blake	1985
Triple Jump	31-11.5"	Kenlee Perryman	2018
Shot Put	34'5"	Angie Hobbs	1986
Discus	98' 7"	Karsyn Potter	2023
SMR 800m	2:17.20	Relay Team	2012
4x400mH	19.49	Relay Team	2018
DMR	16:14.50	Relay Team	2012
5K	20:16.9	Kate Keller	2019

New school year begins in 7 weeks

Board of education discusses new construction, GoFan, softball team

STAFF REPORT

Seven weeks remain in summer break, and the Crittenden County Board of Education conducted housekeeping measures at its meeting last Thursday to prepare for the start of the next school year which begins Monday, Aug. 21 for students.

Teachers will participate in professional development activities Aug. 15-16 just prior to welcoming students. Additional teacher-only days are Oct. 9 and May 30, 2024.

Fall break is Oct. 3-8; Christmas break Dec. 18-Jan. 2, 2024; and spring break April 1-5, 2024.

Preschool will begin Sept. 5 and end May 16.

About the time school begins, the district will be close to breaking ground on the long-awaited addition to Crittenden County Middle School.

Several action items were approved during last week's school board meeting, moving the project forward, including ditch work to redirect water flow near the construction site.

Design drawings for the building were given board approval, along with financial documents required before letting the project for bid.

In July, architect Craig Thomas plans to present brick samples for the 19,800 square foot building.

Thomas expects the Kentucky Department of Education to give final review for the project within the next six weeks, which will pave the way for accepting bids, perhaps by late August.

The two-story addition will be located directly behind the existing middle school and in front of the middle school gym.

Superintendent Tonya Driver reported a number of personnel matters to the board, including the hiring of curriculum coach Kara Markham at Crittenden County High School; amending the digital literacy coach position to 40 days at the high school; and adding 50 cents per hour to the food service account clerk and manager's salary schedule.

In other action, the board:

- Approved establishment of a middle school softball program. The team will play about a dozen games during the fall season ending in mid-September. There were 40 middle school girls in grades 5-8 expressing interest in the program. Crittenden has been one of the only school districts in western Kentucky that has not fielded a middle school team to this point.
- A \$500 payment was approved for recently hired CCHS basketball coach Matt Frailex for his services in June during summer workouts and games. Frailex will be an elementary school teacher this fall, but his contract does not begin until July.
- Carryover of each school's discretionary funds from last school year to the next were approved.
- Participation in the Daseam apprenticeship agreement, which will allow one or two CCHS students to work for Daseam a total of 600 hours during their junior and senior years. Participants would be hired by the board of education and assist Daseam with technology. The school, in exchange, would receive computers from the University of Louisville program.
- Approved were bids for a new cafeteria serving line at a cost of \$84,634, \$25,000 of which is covered by a grant, and the remainder paid by the food service program.
- The board approved a pest control bid from Pass Pest Control for \$5,700 per year.
- A trash bid was accepted from Waste Path for \$29,834 per year.
- Coca-Cola was given the school's soft drink bid.
- Approval was given for submission of the Community Work Transition Program application for a \$76,000 grant to pay for a job coach and inclusionary business classes for students with disabilities. This program also involves the job coach helping to find positions in the community for students with disabilities.
- GoFan will become the vendor for digital tickets for local athletic events. GoFan allows the use of credit and debit cards on site for admission to games.
- The school district accepted weightlifting equipment from the Kentucky State Penitentiary.

Crittenden County Schools

2023-2024 School Calendar

August 2023

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Regular Instructional Day

Holiday

Professional Development

First & Last Day for Students

District Planning Day

Opening/Closing

Non School Day

Aug 15-16

Professional Development Day

Aug 17

Opening Day

Aug 18

Teacher Planning Day

Aug 21

First Day for Students

Sept 4

Labor Day

Oct 2-6

Fall Break

Oct 9

Professional Development Day

Nov 22-24

Thanksgiving Break

Dec 18-29

Christmas Break

Jan 1

New Year's Day

Jan 2

Teacher Planning Day

Jan 15

No School

Feb 19

Teacher Planning Day

Apr 1-5

Spring Break

Apr 8

Teacher Planning Day

May 24

Last Day for Students

May 27

Memorial Day

May 28

Closing Day

May 29

Teacher Planning Day

May 30

Flexible PD Day

Bristyn Prowell and Eddie Perryman won last weekend's Buck and Doe Couples Golf championship at The Heritage Golf Course by shooting a 7-under-par 65 on 18 holes.

Collin Barnes of Salem won the 8-10 age division in the West Kentucky Junior Invitational Golf Tournament Monday at Drake Creek Golf Course. He shot a 39 on nine holes.

Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head is pictured with two local girls who attended the Kentucky Sheriff's Ranch Camp during the week of June 19-22. The girls were (from left) Joanna Ladd and Allyson Williams, who are standing with Camp Coordinator Jessie Moore. The camp is located in Gilbertsville. Donations help defray the cost to campers. There will be more camps in July. Contact the sheriff to learn how you can support the summertime program.

Assault at jail sends 1 to hospital

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky State Police are investigating an alleged assault inside the Crittenden County Detention Center last week.

One individual was taken to Livingston Hospital for treatment following last week's incident. The assault was purportedly committed with a handmade shank.

No charges have been filed at this point.

Jailer Athena Hayes said she requested state police to conduct the investigation. She said no further information would be publicly available until the investigation is complete.

Lyon County's Perry sizes up Kentucky signee Hart

How would 6-0, 205-pound Florida running back Tovani Mizell, a recent Kentucky commit, describe himself to those who have not seen him play?

"I am very versatile. I have played a little receiver and have done that my whole life," said Mizell. "I think I am hard to tackle. I have good hands and run good routes in the pass game. I run track, so I have good speed."

Mizell, a one-time Georgia commit, ran a 4.39-second 40-yard dash at the University of Alabama last year. He was timed in 4.37 seconds in the 40 at a Rivals camp. His fastest 100-meter dash was 10.8 seconds — and he was battling an

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injury then. He believes he can run a 10.5 100.

He had 31 scholarship offers including Alabama, Tennessee, Oklahoma, USC, Georgia, Virginia Tech, Texas A&M, Penn State, Oregon, Michigan State, Florida, Arkansas and Arizona.

The return of offensive coordinator Liam Coen made Kentucky even more attractive to the Ft. Lauderdale product.

"The way Liam Coen uses the passing game is what made my decision easier. I wanted to see how a program used running backs in the passing game. That's what the league (NFL) is changing into. The more versatile you are, the higher you get drafted," he said.

Recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow and head coach Mark Stoops both compared Mizell to Benny Snell, UK's all-time leading rusher who has played

the last four years with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Hillcrest Prep coach Nick Weaver had the leading scorer in Overtime Elite play this year, Jordan Burks, a recent Kentucky signee. However, Weaver also got to see plenty of another UK signee — guard Rob Dillingham — during Overtime Elite play.

"Rob is super shifty. We played them several times and when we played at our place he had like 26 or 28 (points) on us," Weaver said.

Dillingham is known for his scoring ability but Weaver was impressed by his playmaking ability — something that could really help Kentucky next season.

"He's hard to keep in front of you. He's so quick. He can get where he wants on the floor,"

Weaver said. "He raises up and has a beautiful jump shot. But he can also be going one way and then go the other way before you know it. He's impossible to trap."

Dillingham will have big-time talent on the floor with him next season at Kentucky and Weaver knows those players will be glad to play with Dillingham.

Lyon County star Travis Perry watched recent UK signee Joey Hart play last year in a team showcase event at Collins High School.

"They played two games before us. He's a great shooter. That really sticks out to me. That game at Collins he started with six or seven 3's in the first quarter," Perry said.

"He has good elevation on his shot and his mechanics are re-

ally good. He's wired to shoot. He's also really athletic. He can get up quick and he can guard. He's a great player."

The Linton, Ind., standout played on the Adidas circuit where Perry also played. The Lyon star said Hart played against talented players and shot over 40 percent from 3-point range.

"That (shooting percentage) is insane and translates to the next level where he will be surrounded by a lot of great players," Perry said.

The 6-5 Hart seems to have many of the same traits that UK signee Reed Sheppard of North Laurel and Perry both have. Perry calls that a "fair" comparison in his mind.

"He is a guy who likes to play the right way. He goes out to win, make shots and does what he does," Perry said.

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SIMPLY A WALK IN THE PARK



A walking group coordinated by Crittenden County Extension meets Wednesday mornings at the Marion-Crittenden County Park upper pavilion. The goal of the group is “to get people outdoors and moving,” says organizer Rebecca Woodall, a local Extension agent. “Both physical exercise and being outdoors has many physical and mental health benefits,” she added. Pictured are (front from left) Sarah Ford, Sue Ledford, Lois Gregory (back) Woodall and her mother, Lynann Woodall.

Natural resource protection cost-share programs open

Crittenden County Conservation District is the local contact for several cost-share programs that benefit local producers wanting to conserve natural resources or improve their property.

Cost-share programs reimburse producers at varying rates and caps for work completed within a certain time frame. Natural resource concerns for all programs include limiting soil erosion, eliminating sediment run-off to waterways, containing animal nutrients or using cover crops. Improvements include fencing, structures, water supply, pasture renovations or tree planting.

One program is through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), which is an agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Kentucky offers a state cost-share program with practices similar to the NRCS. Crittenden County Conservation District recently was approved for administration of a third program, the County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP) from the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy. NRCS and state cost-share programs will have deadlines in November, but interested producers are encouraged to start applications now. The CAIP program has an ongoing application period which will begin in August and continue for one year.

Applications, information, and assistance are available at the Conservation District office at 118 E. Bellville St. in Marion, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m., to 4:30 p.m. You may also call 270-965-3921, Ext. 3.

WATER

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cluding digging around state and federal pocketbooks for funding. He anticipates some earmark funding from Congress and Frankfort by 2024.

Thomas indicated that last week’s DOW meeting in Marion was not about Marion’s water crisis.

“It was about the two counties and the water district’s wholesale customers,” Thomas said. “The forum was to make sure that they were clear on the immediacy of the problem and the stress the CLWD plant is under right now during summer months, and that they needed to think about how they, as distributors, might help lessen that strain by doing things such as increased efforts toward leak detection and repair, much as Marion has done in response to its water crisis.”

Tyler Pierson, CLWD’s superintendent, added that the meeting between state and local agencies was held also to further discuss plans for a major expansion project that would double the size of the CLWD plant and improve its distribution system, two moves needed to keep up with demand. All of the wholesale customers have approved resolutions in support of the expansion project.

Pierson acknowledged that CLWD runs anxiously close to capacity at times, particularly during summers, on holidays and even some weekends.

“From now to Labor Day we can get stretched pretty thin, generally weekends, then on weekdays it cools off. But it’s nothing we can’t handle,” he said.

Clearly, however, there is growing tension about the two-county system handling all of its residential customers, wholesale clients and now Marion’s added needs. CLWD is currently selling Marion about 75 gallons of water every minute, down from 100 per minute a year ago. Tension over CLWD being responsible for some of Marion’s current demand spilled into public discussion Monday when some of the board members and staff questioned why drinking water is being sprayed on a high school athletic field.

“That’s wasting it,” said CLWD plant manager Von Summers. Others in the room concurred.



Marion Mayor D’Anna Browning, who was in attendance, responded that the school district is being allowed to keep its athletic fields alive under a strict usage plan. She said the decision to allow it was based on concerns for student safety. She said water was hauled to spray on the sports fields last year. If that was demanded again, Browning said after the meeting, it would be purchased from nearby CLWD load stations, which would effectively relieve no demand off of the county water district.

“It’s not wasting water if it keeps a student from getting hurt,” Browning said.

Other nearby water systems are also taking notice of the regional climate. Fredonia Mayor Jim Siebert said his town is being proactive in protecting its supply and system. An ordinance is being crafted to address wholesale potable water sales transported out of the Fredonia Water District. Added demand on the Fredonia system, Siebert said, is causing problems. A tax and other regulations are being considered.

A rate study, much like the one the City of Marion just completed, is now underway at CLWD. It is being conducted by Kentucky Rural Water Association.

Meantime, everyone is looking for ways to juggle water, and perhaps provide redundancies among regional providers. There was talk Monday about whether Lyon County or Ledbetter could reverse flow to push water from their systems to CLWD. Those two are historically wholesale customers of CLWD.

CLWD has moved most of its customers in eastern Crittenden County over to Webster County’s water system to ease some of the burden. That happened last summer when Marion’s crisis first began. Ledbetter can serve part of its

own need, which can ease stressors on CLWD, and Grand Rivers is periodically moved off line to be served by North Marshall Water District. It’s a juggling act that’s creating clear strains for CLWD. Meanwhile, the DOW has from the outset of Marion’s year-long water crisis urged city leaders to seek a regional solution to its problem. CLWD is widely considered the best option, but there is work to be done in order for that to happen.

CLWD’s need to expand is becoming ever more urgent for communities it serves. Together, the needs of Marion and the CLWD substantiate a regional necessity and that appears to be the motive behind greater interest from DOW that led to last week’s meeting in Marion.

For the most part, CLWD leaders wouldn’t put a timeline on how quickly they believe regulatory approval and funding could mobilize an expansion. The clock is ticking against the demands for its water, but the wheels of progress move slowly. There is not much growth in the two counties, other than around the lakes area. Still, a large housing complex proposed in Marion will create new demand. How will those needs be met?

Proposals for CLWD’s multi-phased, nearly \$40 million plan to expand have been submitted to Kentucky’s Water Management Council and a legitimacy of need has been granted. Hurdles remain. CLWD leaders are concerned about preliminary feedback from the Kentucky Public Service Commission although no formal proposal has been submitted to that agency. Some questioned the prejudicial nature of the preliminary feedback.

The first step toward improving CLWD’s position would be

adding another clear well to its plant. That would allow for another 300,000 gallons of water to be kept on site. Summers, the plant manager, said it can potentially make a good bit more water, but there’s scarcely anywhere to hold it right now. Another clear well would act as a stockpile area for reserves that could be pumped out in times of high demand.

“We need the clear well right now,” Summers said, but “the government moves at glacial speed unless you owe it money. We have some big huddles ahead.”

Marion’s water consultant agreed.

“We are going to be in for some tight summers for the next few,” Thomas said. He suggested that CLWD review its Water Shortage Response Plan that is on file with the Division of Water and be prepared to take any necessary steps to maintain its commitment to all customers.

CLWD and Marion are not the only rural water providers feeling the stress of aged infrastructure that is burdened by high demands and inflated costs that stymie improvements to meet the future. On top of capacity concerns, water districts all across the United States are bracing for the rollout of new EPA regulations on PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). Plants will be required to spend millions to guard against PFAS contamination. PFAS are chemicals that resist grease, oil, water and heat. They do not break down over time and have ended up in the country’s waterways. Current water-making procedures cannot effectively remove them. PFAS were first used in the 1940s and are now in hundreds of products including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints and fire-fighting foams to name a few.

Rural water inadequacies have been the subject of recent legislation and reports by statewide media. The Courier-Journal over the last few days published an article headlined “With billions in water funding available, small communities risk being left out to dry.”

The article, which was published with localized variations across Gannett newspapers nationwide, pointed out that billions of dollars from American Rescue Plan Act’s Biparti-

san Infrastructure Law, and other programs representing an historic investment in the country’s water infrastructure, are difficult to attain. It pointed out that most smaller, rural water companies lack expertise and time to apply for lucrative funds currently available. The largest water districts often have their own legal team or application division responsible for working on securing grants and low-interest loans for projects.

“The consequences of a water system falling behind have received the national spotlight,” the article stated. Local leaders say Marion – and even the county’s water district – could also be a poster child for this nationwide crisis.

The Courier-Journal report written by Connor Giffin said, “Thousands of under-resourced systems risk a similar fate, and small water systems — defined by the EPA as serving fewer than 10,000 people, and making up more than 90 percent of the nation’s community water systems — are in a particularly precarious position.”

Staffing problems and an aging infrastructure are among challenges rural water systems face despite a fresh infusion of federal money on the table. What’s playing out in Crittenden and Livingston counties is a near perfect illustration of the broader strains reverberating across the country due to longstanding neglect of safe drinking water resources.

CLWD’s engineer has laid out a long-term plan to upgrade and expand the plant at Pinckneyville on the Cumberland River south of Salem in Livingston County. The plan calls for plant improvements and distribution system upgrades. Once complete, it would take CLWD from a 2-million-gallon-per-day plant to 4 million. CLWD is currently pulling 1.8 million gallons of water per day from the river and finishing 1.4 millions gallons of drinking water. It needs to be able to make and store more. CLWD leaders say the issue has been building for years. Now, it is beginning to spill over into the public and CLWD wholesale customers and the DOW are taking notice. CLWD hopes government officials join their concern and some say they plan to begin rattling, even louder, the fence in their county seats, in Frankfort and Washington.

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