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TWO DOLLARS

CCMS demo event moved to June 9

A brief ceremony marking the beginning of demolition on the 1949 wing of Crittenden County Middle School will take place at 9 a.m., Monday, June 9, on the school's front lawn. Read more on page 10 about the razing of the school and its replacement which will open for classes in August.

Former councilman Frank Pierce dies

Former Marion City Councilman and longtime football coach Frank Pierce died Monday from complications of a stroke and cancer. He served on the city council in 2013 and 2014. Pierce taught school for many years before opening Coach's Cleaners on Carlisle Street. He later worked as a 911 dispatcher and appeared in multiple theatrical productions at Fohs Hall. See obituary, page 2.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Community Prayer will be held at 10 a.m., on Saturday, June 7 at empty lost next to Press office.
- Marion Code Enforcement Board meets at 5 p.m., on Monday, June 9 at city hall.
- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 5 p.m., on Monday, June 9.
- Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, June 10 at the courthouse.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., on Monday, June 16 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., on Monday, June 16 at city hall.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, June 17 at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, June 17 at the county office complex.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, June 17 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- 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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From Badge to Bar Career Cop Earns Law Degree

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Fifteen years ago, Cory Hamby left college just short of earning a bachelor's degree to pursue a steady paycheck with the Kentucky State Police. This spring, at age 37, the Crittenden County native made good on a long-held goal, graduating from Southern Illinois University's School of Law while continuing to serve as a full-time KSP detective sergeant.

"I was kind of at a point in life like I needed a job," Hamby recalled. "The state police had actually had a hiring freeze just prior to them opening up for my cadet class... When I got the opportunity and the invite to go up there, the offer of employment, I couldn't pass it up."

Hamby, who graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2006, first enrolled at Murray State University. He studied political science and took an interest in criminal justice.

"It goes back to college," he said. "They had a pre-law program, but I didn't get in it. I stuck on the political science track. I really enjoyed the classes, particularly the ones that dealt with law and the whole concept of justice and the Constitution and the system that we've created in this country."

After joining the KSP in 2010, Hamby worked five years as a road trooper, cov-



Cory Hamby graduated last month from SIU's law school.

ering nearly every county in the Post 1 district. The headquarters is between Mayfield and Paducah and the district includes all of the western-most counties in the state.

"They've all got something unique about them," he said. "That's one of the things I

love about working for the state police, I got to go to all these different counties, meet all these different people, operate in all these different court systems."

In 2015, he was promoted

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Ben E. Clement Museum directors Fred Stubblefield, David Sorrells and Andrea Clement prepare a new mineral collection that will be unveiled this week as part of the museum's annual gem and fossil show.

Museum's latest treasure to debut during gem show

STAFF REPORT

What its fans call the best kept secret in western Kentucky is gearing up for its yearly coming out party.

The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum in Marion is preparing to host its 18th annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show this weekend, and organizers say this year's event will be the biggest yet.

"This will be one of our biggest shows ever with more vendors than ever before," said Fred Stubblefield, a longtime museum board member and volunteer. "The show will be set up in Fohs Hall with some outdoors vendors, weather permitting."

The event runs Saturday and Sunday and will feature vendors from across the Midwest. Admission to the show is free, but museum tours will require a \$5 ticket - a

reduced rate.

Inside the museum, new displays have been added that deepen the historical and geological value of the collection. Among updates is a memorial to the miners who worked with hand tools during the 1800s and early 1900s, and a section dedicated to the Hudson Mine cave-in in Livingston County.

Two major new collections have also been unveiled. One includes minerals from Breckinridge County donated by a Louisville museum. The other came from the late Charlie Rubel, a southern Illinois engineer who traveled the world and left behind a significant personal collection.

"Mr. Rubel used to come down and visit

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City seeks to toughen up on dog rules

STAFF REPORT

A small group of city officials, including the county dog warden and a couple of city residents gathered earlier this week for an informal meeting at city hall to revisit concerns over animal control in Marion. Mayor D'Anna Browning and City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield were there, and a few updates to the city's dog ordinance were recommended. Those proposals are expected to come before the city council later this month.

Prompted by a recent increase in complaints and a desire to avoid future incidents, the group discussed several strategies aimed at strengthening existing ordinances and improving public awareness, including higher fines, stronger enforcement and a new notification system for dog owners found in violation of local regulations.

Under current city law, it is illegal for any animal - not just dogs - to run at large within city limits. All animals must be on a leash or properly restrained at all times. Violators can be charged with a misdemeanor and fined up to \$20 per day, per offense. However, officials say that current penalties are too low to deter repeat offenses.

Among recommendations brought forward were proposals to double existing fines and rely further on state law, which under KRS 258.235 allows for penalties up to \$500 in some cases. Officials noted that continued noncompliance could result in significant daily fines.

Suggestions also included the creation of door hanger-style warnings that could be left at the homes of pet owners when complaints are logged. The notices would serve to alert residents to alleged violations and outline potential penalties. Law enforcement would also be required to document such warnings in the CAD dispatch system to track repeat offenders.

"This could be a real deterrent," said Wanda Olson, a member of the city council. "It's a start."

City leaders appear cautious not to reopen a debate over breed-specific rules. While certain breeds, including pit bulls, mastiffs, rottweilers, dobermans and German shepherds, were mentioned as part of the discussion, there are currently no plans to introduce any breed bans or restrictions. A similar conversation emerged in 2010 after a pit bull attack led to criminal charges and a civil settlement, but the council at the time chose not to pursue breed-specific laws.

"Education about leash laws is the priority," the mayor said. "We're not picking on a breed, a poodle can bite you too."

Current city law prohibits excessive barking, howling or yelping that disturbs residents of two or more separate homes. Violations can lead to fines of \$10 to \$25 under the existing ordinance. Public nuisance violations, including chasing vehicles, attacking other animals or trespassing can carry even steeper fines, up to \$250 per day. All such offenses are considered misdemeanors, and penalties apply per animal, per day.

State law further prohibits

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Deaths

Roberts

David Stanley Roberts, 70, of Calvert City, died Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at his home. He was a member of Riverwoods Church in Benton.

Dave was a humble man with a calm nature. He was a proud father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and he always looked for ways to help others and advocate for the dairy and agriculture communities he loved.

Born Sept. 15, 1954, the son of Robert C. and Ruth A. (Bathgate) Roberts, Roberts grew up on the family dairy farm in Sussex County, N.J., where he attended high school and was involved in 4-H and FFA and showed registered Holsteins.

He graduated the two-year dairy and ag science program at SUNY-Cobleskill in 1975. Around that time, the National Park Service began acquiring land for the Delaware Gap National Recreation Area, and the family farm was eventually sold, which left the question of where to relocate.

Roberts transferred for a semester at Cornell University but then made his way to Murray State University in western Kentucky, where he graduated in 1977 with a B.S. in agriculture. This fortuitous decision led his family to relocate their 100 Holstein dairy cows to Livingston County, where he dairied until the herd was sold in 2003. During this time, he served as a Kentucky Farm Bureau board member.

The Kentucky Dairy Development Council (KDDC) formed in 2005 and hired Roberts among its first dairy consultants in 2007. He served as the western Kentucky dairy consultant and consultant supervisor for nearly 19 years until the time of his passing.

In a statement from KDDC, Roberts was described as “one of our best advocates for the Kentucky dairy industry long before he even began with KDDC. He was a friend, mentor, and spokesperson for countless dairy producers over the years. Dave never hesitated to go above and beyond to help those who sought his assistance, whether that was on the farm, at dairy events across the state, and especially within our organization. KDDC and our dairy community will feel the lasting impact of his contributions for years to come.”

Whether it was traveling to Wisconsin with a group of farmers on a cheese processing fact-finding mission, helping farmers stay up-to-date on milk markets and industry changes that affected their businesses, working with others to spearhead a relief fund and to link food and necessities to farms and the public after the catastrophic tornadoes in 2021, volunteering to help with the State Fair cheese auction to benefit youth programs, or working with youth exhibitors

Community Calendar

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

- Thursday, June 5**
- Line dancing begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Center.
 - Livingston Hospital New Beginnings will be offering free screenings and have information available for PTSD Awareness Month at the Crittenden County Public Library from 10 a.m.-noon.
- Tuesday, June 10**
- Livingston Hospital New Beginnings will be offering free screenings and have information available for PTSD Awareness Month at the Crittenden County Senior Center at 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 11**
- Walk in the Park will start at 3 p.m. at the City-County Park.
- Thursday, June 12**
- The Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW building located at 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.

at the State Fair, District youth dairy show and North American International livestock Exposition in Louisville, Roberts was a friend to be counted on.

Surviving are two sons, Sean (Lauretta) Roberts of Hampton, Va., and Dustin (Angela) Roberts of Jacksboro, Tenn; a sister, Diane (Danny) Fraley of Smithland; nine grandchildren, Ashton Roberts, Kaiya Cox, Keagan Roberts, Sloan Roberts, Narobi Cox, Jeslie Roberts, Oaklinn Brandon, Quinn Brandon, and Kaydin Green; two great-grandchildren, Alana and Allison Lawson Gunkle; and his longtime companion Barbara. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 7 at Boyd Funeral Directors. Burial will follow in Smithland Cemetery.

Paid obituary

Farley

Gene Farley, 78, of Bardstown, died Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at his residence. He was born Nov. 12, 1946 in Marion to the late Jesse Franklin and Clara Jewell Holloman Farley. He was an United States Army veteran, self employed, working in construction cleanup for many years. He loved to fish and hunt.

Surviving are his companion, Bettie Stump; two daughters, Debra (Michael) Walters and Beverly (Steven Newton) Jackson, both of Willisburg; a son, Dallas Stump of Willisburg; a sister, Sandy Fletcher of Marion; two brothers, Kenneth Farley and Billy Peters, both of Marion; 16 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five sisters, Elizabeth Jean Farley, Betty McClure, Valley Mae Vasseur, Debra Fletcher and Bonnie Decker; and a brother, Robert Farley.

Services were Monday, June 2 at Houghlin-Greenwell Funeral Home in Bardstown with Bro. Ray Johnson officiating. Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens.

Bugg

Brenda Vinson Bugg, 84, of Fredonia, died Sunday, May 25, 2025 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation.

She was born Aug. 13, 1940, in Princeton to her late parents, Arlie Vinson and Lucille Vinson. She was a member of Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed church, work, and loving on her kids, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She started her career at Pillsbury Metallurgical in Calvert City. She worked many years for Fredonia Valley Quarries as a bookkeeper.

Surviving are a daughter, Kelly Walker of Fredonia; a son, Brent (Chris) Bugg of Eddyville; four grandsons, Daniel (Ashley) Bugg, Alex Bugg, Ramsey (Jen) Walker, and Jack (Sophia) Walker; and five great-grandchildren, Tucker Bugg, Grant Bugg, Arlie Bugg, Cam Walker and Sloane Walker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Tucker Bugg; a brother, Charles Thomas Vinson.

Services were Saturday, May 31 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Steve Louder officiating and Bro. Mark Bell is assisting. Burial will follow in Fredonia Cemetery.

Expressions of Sympathy may be made to the Cumberland Presbyterian Scholarship Fund, 46 Penn Drive, Marion, Kentucky 42064.

Pierce

Frank Pierce, 64, of Marion, died Monday, June 2, 2025 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. He attended Marion Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Alec Pierce of Marion; a daughter, Francesca Pierce of Marion; a grandson, Haven Brown of Marion; Janet Pierce of Marion; his mother, Patricia

Ann Pierce; two brothers, Brian (Jennifer) Pierce and Gary Pierce; a niece, Jordan (Paul) Robinson; and nephew, Charlie Pierce.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francis Durgin Pierce, Jr.; a brother, Billy Pierce; and his dog, Harley.

Services are at 2 p.m., Saturday June 7 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Mary Hall Ruddiman Animal Shelter, 24 Just A Mere Road, Marion, KY 42064.

A webcast of the service will be available at www.gilbertfunerals.com.

Nickell

Wendell Morton Nickell, 74, died Monday, June 3, 2025 at his home. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a retired saddle builder.

Surviving are his wife, Marguerite Nickell of Marion; two stepsons, Jeff (Holly) Bowers, of Arizona and Joe (Erin) Bowers of Louisville; five grandchildren, Chloe, Riley, Kieran, Emma and Alex; a brother, Odell Nickell of Texas; a sister, Ann Thomas of West Liberty; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Genevie Nickell; a son, Geoffrey Nickell; three sisters, Velma Snyder, Rita Collins and Phyllis Holsten; and a brother, Ralph Douglas Nickell.

There will be no visitation or services at this time. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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CRITTENDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Listed are students, by classroom, who achieved high academic standards during the final semester of 2024-25 year at CCES.			
SECOND GRADE Bloodworth Class All A's Rhett Matthews A's & B's Louisa Henry Paige Maynard Bella Pierson Zaylie Tinsley Zayden Todd	Shewcraft Class All A's Dawson Curtis Colton Teeters Natalie Travis A's & B's Madison Besaw Will Gass Grace Godwin Gage Mayers Bennett Sunderland	Remi Belcher Spurlin Brylee Curnel Raelynn Forsythe Annalese Maraman Joelle Russell Ella Rustin Wren Smith Carson Story Dagen Taylor	Barret Greenwell Caleb Harris Brady Louden Adrial Nelson Landry Pollard
	THIRD GRADE Cappello Class All A's Hayden Atwell Cooper Ellington Beckett Hunt Adalynn Stone Boone Tabor Chiles Trail Addy Tinsley Koleson Tinsley A's & B's Ryan Cummings Jack Davis Sadie Gobin Arrow Jent Quincy Louden Joe Marshall Mia Rose Liz Scott Tinley Smith Ella Tramble Hezekiah Warren	FOURTH GRADE Boling Class All A's Blake Beck Josh Walker A's & B's Kayson Atwell Braylen Brown Chelsey Lynch Lucian McDowell Londyn Newcom Bennett Tabor	Jones Class A's & B's Cadie Buchanan Dakota Conner Xander Jones Emma Knowlton Carly Mardis Fiona Miller Nilony Russell Gannon Taylor Makinnah Tramel Jase Wallace
	McKinney Class All A's Bryar Whittington Ayden Oliver Felicity Galloway Asher Belt A's & B's Ivy Thacker Audrey Smiley Jemma O'Neal Cassius Souvongkham Kailea Mason Connor Buchanan Colton James Elizabeth Dunbar Wayland Kern Grayson Congenie	Harris Class All A's Nathan Travis A's & B's Mury Amaya Trace Belt Asher Blake Jaxson Congenie Gracie Freeman Norrissa Manus Davis Polk Grayson Pritchett Harper Riley Aliyah Taylor Gage Fitzgerald	Perez Class All A's EmmaShae Holland Catelynn Maddux Sam Morries Mattie Moss A's & B's Ben Brantley Aaliyah Butts Cam Cornwell Graiclynn Curtis Callie Hildebrand Melina Keller Addie McMackin Wil Myers Luke Stokes Jack Wright
	Stowe Class All A's Anna Beth Blackburn Chloe Cates Owen Flahardy A's & B's Arianna Connor Toni Grace Cosby Alexis Jones Avery Epley Kynzeleigh Herrington Phoenix Dorniny Kiyah Rowley Almonzo Wilkins	Parker Class All A's Ryker Bryant Reagan Stokes A's & B's Logan Alexander Trinity Clifford Keegan Conger Liam Cooper Brilee Gardner Macy LaRue	Wheeler Class All A's Parker Brown Levi Curnel Kayleigh Duvall Wyatt Maddox Connor Partee Seth Schambeck Liam Schultz Paige Tinsley A's & B's Phillip Barnes Jaxon Courtwright Asher Dalton Bryce Dayberry Danielle Farmer Aria Ford Cutler Hunt Kora Bell Penn
	Young Class All A's Drew Bryant Mckenzie Greenwell Hadlee Henager A's & B's Leighton Bumpus	Schoensiegel Class All A's Alexis Arnold Adelyn Cosby Hudson Cummins A's & B's Steven Cox Bailey Cummins Omar German Christian Peek Audrina Rich Rylann Thomas	Winders Class All A's Knox Champion Tia Belt Elizabeth Greenwell Jared Rogers Kynslee Shepherd Russell Vince Griffin Wright A's & B's Addy Adamson Raelynn Berry Aiden Carroll Blaklie Green Parker Lingerfelt Jonah Waters Koltynn Woodall
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	Scott Class All A's Lauren Boone Serenity Clifford Crea Farmer Bryleigh Godwin Jagger Renfro Koooper Wagoner Nora Waters A's & B's Heaton Davis Lynleigh Hubbard Maci Tinsley	FIFTH GRADE Frallex Class All A's Cade Hart Waylon Wood A's & B's Adalin Aguilar Tate Cavanah Landyn Claybrooke Bryan Curnel Brooke Dahl John Dreihaupt	



Grain Bin Safety Funding

Crittenden County FFA hosted a Grain Bin Safety Class last week at Crittenden County High School, offering critical rescue training for first responders and presenting a check for \$1,354 to Crittenden County Rescue Squad. The funds, part of a Raising Hope grant, will help purchase grain bin rescue equipment to enhance emergency response capabilities. The training course was held at Rocket Arena Conference Room, where attendees heard presentations by the Kentucky Fire Commission and Raising Hope representatives. A screening of the movie Silo followed, and the session qualified as continuing education for firefighters. Donated funds will go toward acquiring a "Red Wall", a key piece of equipment used to stabilize victims during grain entrapments. It will complement a "Turtle Tube" and handheld grain auger already provided to the rescue squad by Crittenden County Farm Bureau.

LAW

Continued from page 1 to detective and worked cases ranging from theft to murder and the Marshall County High School shooting. In 2020, he was promoted to detective sergeant.

"Law school was still in the back of my mind, but I hadn't even finished my bachelor's degree at the time," he said, needing only a handful of hours to finish up.

Hamby enrolled in an online program through Indiana Tech and completed his degree in organizational leadership, which required 30 hours of coursework.

Law school came next. Hamby was accepted to SIU and began classes in August 2022. State police worked with him to allow a flexible schedule.

"I went to a position where I was kinda like a quality control guy for our casework," he said. "Every case that came through post came through me and I had to approve that... so I was kind of doing that when I started law school."

Still, the routine was difficult with three young children at home. He didn't sleep much.

"I would drive up to Carbondale for classes, start at 9 o'clock. They'd last till about 2:30. I'd come home, change and go to post and go to work till about midnight. Come home and do it all again the next day."

He and his wife Mariah, who graduated from Livingston Central, have lived in Paducah for 13 years. Their children are ages 11, 8 and 7. They are heavily involved in activities, but he still figured the timing was best to go ahead to law school now.

"I missed some of their things," he said. "But my girls hadn't really started doing anything, although my son had. So we were at that critical point where if I was going to (go to law school), it had to happen right then."

He considered a part-time law program, but it would have taken four years instead of three.

"We just kind of made the agreement to just put our heads down and get it done," Hamby said. "And that's what we did."

With his law degree now complete, Hamby will take the Kentucky Bar Exam in July. He hopes to stay within the KSP and take on a legal training or advisory role in the future.

"Historically, the agency has had troopers do exactly what I've done," he said.

He has a great interest in teaching future troopers about the law.

"I'd like to see the agency really kind of beef up its legal training," Hamby said. "I could teach (recruits) things like constitutional law, appropriate search and seizure – all those kinds of things that they need to know."

As he prepares for the next phase, Hamby said he's focused on the bar exam.

"After that, we'll kind of see where it takes me," he said. "After I get these next few years under my belt and I get to retire, I'll still be in my early 40s, and I'll go into private practice."

CCHS POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS | APPOINTMENTS

Among Crittenden County High School graduates recently honored were the following who earned scholarships or appointments to the following services or institutions.			
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West Kentucky Community and Technical College Braelynn Pate Danielle Riley Tallyn Tabor	<i>*Indicates Murray State Farmers Bank Scholarship recipient</i>	Jeanette Campbell Scholarship Will Jarvis Mary Martinez Asa McCord Madisyn Switzer	
Murray State University Harriet Hatfield*			

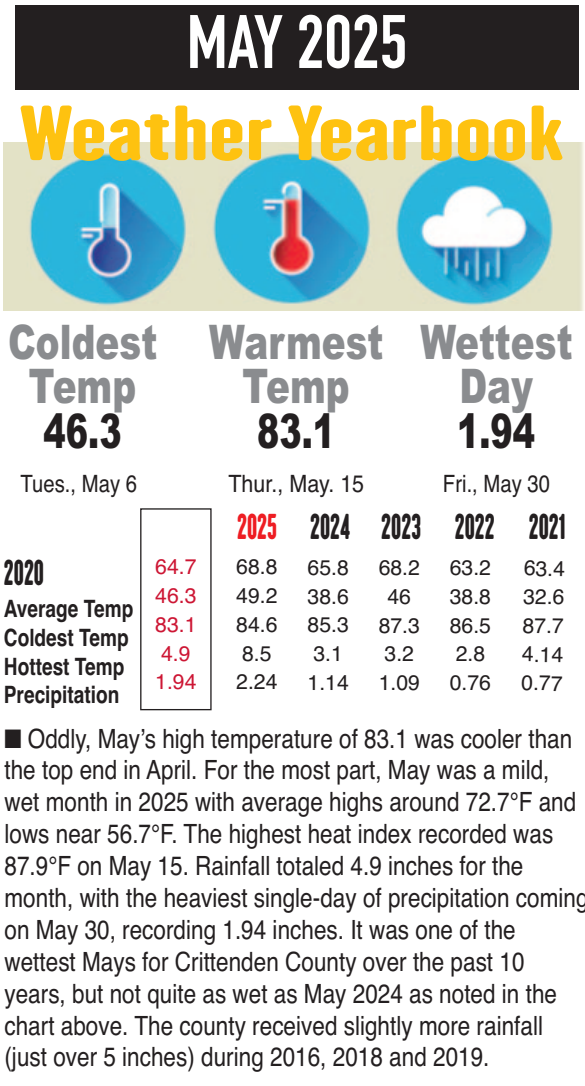
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Murray State announces spring academic honors

Murray State University has announced its President’s and Dean’s Lists for the recent semester, recognizing full-time undergraduates who excelled academically.

Students earning a 4.0 GPA were named to the President’s List, while those earning a GPA of 3.5 or higher qualified for the Dean’s List. Students are awarded only the highest honor for which they qualify.

The following students from the area received honors:

- Marion**
President’s List: Maggie Blazina, Kiley Croft, Caden DeBoe, Kacie Easley, Michael Kirk, Karsyn Potter, Emma Williams
Dean’s List: Tanner Beverly, Steven Barnhart, Tyler Boone, Holden Cooksey, Cade Crider, Jayden Dance, Addie Hatfield, Ali Hollis, Micah Newcom, Tucker Sharp
- Fredonia**
Dean’s List: Aliyah Frutiger
- Salem**
President’s List: Josie Howard, Mckenzie Quertermous, Dennon Wilson
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- Sturgis**
President’s List: Jaci Curry, Aubrey Davis, Dalacy King, Maggie White
Dean’s List: Olivia Goben, Gabriel Henshaw

Free fishing weekend

Anglers can enjoy Kentucky’s lakes, rivers and streams without a license June 7–8 as the state hosts its annual Free Fishing Weekend.

The event waives all fishing license and permit requirements for residents and out-of-state visitors alike, offering an open invitation to fish public waters statewide.

Regulations on size and creel limits remain in effect, and fishing on private property still requires landowner permission.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources encourages families to explore local events, many geared toward young anglers, and to take advantage of online resources at fw.ky.gov — including how-to videos, fishing forecasts, and maps of stocked waters.

For mobile access to regulations, lake locations, and fish stocking reports, download the “Fish Boat KY” app.

14 earn academic honors from Madisonville CC

Fourteen Crittenden County students were named to academic honor rolls at Madisonville Community College for the Spring 2025 semester.

Nine students earned a perfect 4.0 GPA to land on the President’s List: Mollie Blazina, Ella Geary, Gavin Grimes, Alexandria Jones, Baylee Muff, Carly Porter, Angela Starkey, Mary Stephens and Aly Yates.

Five others, Lacey Boone, Collin Epley, Seth Guess, Hayden Hildebrand and Carly

Tharp, were named to the Dean’s List for achieving at least a 3.5 GPA.

Students must complete at least 12 credit hours in 100-level or higher courses to qualify for the recognition.

Guess named to President’s List

Crittenden County native Taylor Guess has been named to the President’s List at Lindsey Wilson College for the Spring 2025 semester.

The honor is reserved for full-time undergraduates who earn a perfect 4.0 GPA while remaining in good academic standing.

2 on Morehead list

Ethan Lane Newsom of Fredonia and Lily Savannah Hoard of Princeton have been named to the Spring 2025 Dean’s List at Morehead State University.

To be eligible for the honor, students must complete at least 12 undergraduate credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the semester. The recognition reflects their academic achievement and Morehead’s continued commitment to student success.

Mosquito problem? Call for state help

With warmer weather comes a rise in mosquito activity. County officials have been receiving several complaints about mosquito problems. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom encourages residents to report problem areas so mosquito control measures can be deployed as needed. The judge says state officials are planning spraying operations in the area. To file a mosquito complaint or request spraying, call Crittenden County Health Department (270) 965-5215.

Howell named to state task force

Sen. Jason Howell, R-Murray, has been appointed to serve on the Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force for the 2025 Interim. The group will work to strengthen the commonwealth’s preparedness and response to natural disasters. It will evaluate Kentucky’s current disaster readiness and develop strategic recommendations for mitigation, emergency response, infrastructure resilience, and long-term recovery efforts. This comes in the wake of devastating floods and tornadoes that claimed dozens of lives and left thousands displaced across the state.

Howell represents Crittenden and several other western Kentucky counties in the state senate.

“As the senator for the 1st Senate District, which includes the city of Mayfield and Graves County, there are few members of the legislature who have more personal experience with natural disasters than Jason does,” Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, said. “My district in eastern Kentucky has experienced similar destruction, albeit by flooding rather than tornado, so this task force isn’t just policy for me or him, it’s personal. I know Jason is a member of our caucus who will bring a valuable and personal perspective to the ideas and strategies the task

force may bring forward.”

“I’m thankful for the opportunity to serve on this task force,” Howell said. “My district knows firsthand how devastating a natural disaster can be, so my focus will be on identifying ways in which we can better prepare communities for the unexpected, and when disaster strikes, have in place measures that will allow our neighbors to seek help and find resources during their hour of need.”

The task force’s work will help shape legislation to strengthen Kentucky’s disaster response capacity, support impacted communities, and prevent future loss.

The Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force will meet monthly during the 2025 Interim.

Lola Road remains closed until Friday

A section of KY 133/Lola Road in Livingston County remains closed this week as Kentucky Transportation Cabinet crews work to stabilize a slide near the 13.8-mile marker.

The closure began Monday morning just east of the KY 135/Carrsville Road intersection and is expected to continue around the clock through Friday, June 6, weather permitting.

Motorists should detour using KY 135 to U.S. 60, then travel toward Salem to reconnect with KY 133.

Murray State heads to Super Regional in historic postseason

Murray State’s baseball team beat 15th-seeded Ole Miss 12–11 Monday to win the Oxford, Miss., Regional and punch its first-ever ticket to an NCAA super regional.

The Racers (42–14) exploded for 19 hits and built a 12–3 lead by the seventh inning. Despite a furious rally by Ole Miss (43–21), Murray State held on to advance to the Durham, N.C., Super Regional against unseeded Duke in a three-game set this weekend. In its regional championship, MSU beat SEC power Ole Miss two out of three games and beat Georgia Tech of the ACC.

Several western Kentucky players contributed to the Racers’ run, including Jon Hogart of Madisonville, Gunner Bingham of Lyon County and Preston Chaudoin of Hopkinsville.

Murray State’s season includes setting a record for the best mark in school history and winning an NCAA tournament game for the first time since 1979. The Racers also claimed the Missouri Valley Conference championship.

Gough HM for award

Grace Gough of Morganfield received honorable mention in the 2025 George Hopper Excellence in Undergraduate Research Awards at Mississippi State University.

Gough, a May graduate in agricultural science, was one of eight students honored in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She participated in a yearlong research project under Jessica Benson, assistant professor in the School of Human Sciences. The award recognizes top undergraduate researchers at the school.

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tucky.”

Clement, for whom the museum is named, was a geologist and mining entrepreneur who started his career after World War I. He played a major role in developing the fluorspar industry in the region, a trade that once pushed Crittenden County’s population to more than 15,000, nearly double what it is today.

“We call this place western Kentucky’s best-kept secret,” Sorrells said.

Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The museum and Fohs Hall will both be filled with displays, door prizes and demonstrations. For more details, visit the museum’s website.



10 YEARS AGO

June 4, 2015

- Crittenden County High School graduated a class of 79 seniors, led by valedictorian Cole Foster and salutatorian Lauren Beavers.
- Crittenden County softball player Cassidy Moss was chosen for the All Second Region Team for her outstanding performance with the Lady Rockets.
- Six Crittenden County track and field remembers were selected for the All Pennyrile Conference Team, including Landon Brooks, Colby Watson, Aaron Lucas, Gary McConnell, Nicole Shuecraft, and Margaret Sitar.
- Relay for Life returned to Marion’s City-Crittenden County Park for a silent auction, luminary ceremony, games and more to generate funds to help fight against cancer.

25 YEARS AGO

June 1, 2000

- A World War II B-17 Flying Fortress plane was brought to Paducah to be reunited with local veterans Jesse Hughes and Bill Hack.
- Crittenden County High School Beta Club hosted a trivia tournament for local youth. CCHS students Beckie Campbell, Anna Jill Robertson, Stephanie Kelly, and Angela Cudnik took home the championship title, and the event raised \$588 for St. Jude Research Hospital.
- The Crittenden County Library Club partnered with Judy Binkley and Darl Henley to make books more accessible to students over the summer. Through collaboration between the Crittenden County Elementary School library and the Crittenden County Public Library, reading was made easier by helping 117 students apply for a library card.
- Fohs Hall hosted a production of “Smoke on the Mountain,” a story of a rural North Carolina family played by many talented Marion natives.
- The Congressional Youth Leadership Council recognized Mary Helen Hodges for her outstanding contributions as an educator to Crittenden County High School.
- The Crittenden County baseball team secured the 5th District Championship title with an 8-5 win over Lyon County.



38 YRS AGO

Aug. 20, 1987

Crittenden County High School’s football coaching staff was featured in the newspaper. On the back row, Frank Pierce, Jack Easley and Frank Haneline. In front is head coach Steve Pardue. Pierce passed away earlier this week.

50 YEARS AGO

June 5, 1975

- C.A. “Pete” Turner was hired as the Crittenden County Extension Office’s new 4-H agent for local youth. He kicked off his career with amazing optimism and high hopes for the Crittenden County 4-H program.
- “Please Don’t Tell Me,” a song performed by Marion native Tom Asbridge, and written by City Treasurer Isabel Watson, officially circulated through over 300 radio stations in Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri and Illinois.
- Marion native Franklin Hamilton marked nine years as a local country singer, performing not only in family-style shows, but making club appearances as well.
- Students of Mrs. Arthur Byford performed in a recital featuring pieces written by everyone from Bach to Beethoven. Whether it be a vocal selection from Terri Hunt, or a piano piece by Ruth Oliver, there was music to be performed and enjoyed by all.
- After three weeks of play at the Marion Golf Club, Buck Travis and Sam Smith led the Men’s Golf League standings.

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Forgotten Passages column
at The Press Online*

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Continued from page 1 with us. He came several times and finally said, ‘I’ve got a collection. I don’t know if you guys would be interested or not, but I’m looking for a good place to put it after my death,’” Stubblefield recalled.

Rubel passed away last year, and legal arrangements were finalized this spring for the museum to take possession. Volunteers picked up the collection on April 21, and much of it is now on display.

“When we went to see it, we didn’t know what it would look like. But once we got our mouths and our eyes back in position, we

said ‘Yes, we would love to use this collection,’” Stubblefield said. “It’s an unbelievable exhibit.”

The museum, which opened in 1995, attracts more than 5,000 visitors annually from around the world. Just in recent weeks, tourists from Mexico, Thailand, Netherlands and Switzerland have stopped in Marion to see the collection.

David Sorrells of Paducah, another member of the museum’s board and an expert on the life of Ben Clement, leads many of the tours.

“A lot of people in Marion don’t even realize what’s here,” said Sorrells. “When they do see it, their jaw just drops. They can’t believe this is in western Ken-

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CUSTOMER NOTICE OF RATE ADJUSTMENT						Unauthorized Connection Charge – for three-phase AMI meter replacement	New	256.00
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in a May 30, 2025, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric rates and charges to become effective on and after July 1, 2025.						Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (One-Time)	\$39.00	\$74.00
						Advanced Meter Opt-Out Charge (Monthly)	\$15.00	\$24.00
						Redundant Capacity - Secondary	\$1.33	\$2.26
<u>KU CURRENT AND PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATES</u>						Redundant Capacity - Primary	\$0.90	\$1.65
						EVSE – Networked (Option A) Single Charger	\$132.09	\$191.81
						EVSE – Networked (Option A) Dual Charger	\$193.62	\$330.34
<u>Residential Service – Rate RS</u>						EVSE – Networked (Option B) Single Charger	New	\$161.21
						EVSE – Networked (Option B) Dual Charger	New	\$254.60
						EVSE – Non-Networked Single Charger	\$80.14	\$85.01
<u>Current</u> Basic Service Charge per Day: \$ 0.53 Plus an Energy Charge per kWh: Infrastructure: \$ 0.06880 Variable: \$ 0.03653 Total: \$ 0.10533						EVSE-R – Networked (Option A) Single Charger	\$121.79	\$144.03
						EVSE-R – Networked (Option A) Dual Charger	\$173.02	\$234.79
						EVSE-R – Networked (Option B) Single Charger	New	\$113.44
<u>Proposed</u> Basic Service Charge per Day: \$ 0.64 Plus an Energy Charge per kWh: Off-Peak Hours (Infrastructure): \$ 0.03560 Off-Peak Hours (Variable): \$ 0.03653 Off-Peak Hours (Total): \$ 0.07213 On-Peak Hours (Infrastructure): \$ 0.18813 On-Peak Hours (Variable): \$ 0.03653 On-Peak Hours (Total): \$ 0.22466						EVSE-R – Networked (Option B) Dual Charger	New	\$159.05
						EVSE-R – Non-Networked Single Charger	\$30.58	\$37.24
						EVC-L2 – Charge per kWh	New	\$0.25
<u>Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service - Rate RTOD-Energy</u>						EVC-FAST – Charge per kWh	\$0.25	\$0.25
						Solar Share Program Rider (One-Time)	\$799.00	\$799.00
						Solar Share Program Rider (Monthly)	\$5.55	\$5.55
<u>Current</u> Basic Service Charge per Day: \$ 0.53 Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Infrastructure): \$ 0.01600 Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Variable): \$ 0.03653 Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Total): \$ 0.05253 Plus a Demand Charge per kW: Base Hours \$ 3.92 Peak Hours \$ 10.13						Excess Facilities – w/ no CIAC	1.14%	1.27%
						Excess Facilities – w/ CIAC	0.46%	0.51%
						TS – Temporary-to-Permanent	15%	15%
<u>Proposed</u> Basic Service Charge per Day: \$ 0.64 Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Infrastructure): \$ 0.01866 Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Variable): \$ 0.03863 Plus an Energy Charge per kWh (Total): \$ 0.05729 Plus a Demand Charge per kW: Base Hours \$ 4.57 Peak Hours \$ 11.81						TS – Seasonal	100%	100%
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.43	\$33.02
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$32.16	\$38.50
<u>Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service - Rate RTOD-Demand</u>						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.05	\$31.52
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.71	\$36.75
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.73	\$33.05
Average Usage Annual \$ Annual % Monthly Bill \$ Monthly Bill %						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$32.56	\$38.59
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.33	\$31.55
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$31.09	\$36.84
Residential 1,085 99,997,335 13.55 18.15 13.55						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.27	\$32.07
						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$31.55	\$36.56
						SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$27.94	\$30.62
Residential Time-of-Day 1,245 23,833 13.05 18.53 13.05						SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.12	\$34.93
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$29.39	\$31.99
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$31.96	\$37.06
General Service 1,657 25,335,181 9.21 24.41 9.22						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Energy	\$28.05	\$30.54
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Energy	\$30.51	\$35.38
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
General Time-of-Day 19,507 2,400 8.22 198.49 8.22						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$12.81	\$0
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Solar: Single-Axis Tracking; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$12.03	\$0
All Electric School 25,620 1,449,553 10.91 314.15 10.91						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$15.42	\$0
						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
Power Service 30,651 17,655,788 9.15 349.93 9.15						SQF/LQF Solar: Fixed Tilt; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$14.49	\$0
						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Wind; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$10.10	\$0
Time-of-Day Secondary 189,538 17,929,669 10.87 1,846.64 10.87						SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Wind; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$9.49	\$0
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
Time-of-Day Primary 1,242,574 33,834,832 11.15 10,609.74 11.15						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$8.93	\$18.94
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; T ransmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
						SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$8.39	\$17.80
Retail Transmission 7,387,224 13.634,683 11.00 54,105.89 11.00						A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes, terms and conditions and rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by e-mail to myaccount@lge-ku.com or by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department, 2701 Eastpoint Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, 40223, or by visiting KU's website at https://lge-ku.com/ku-2025-rate-case.		
						A person may examine KU's application at KU's office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, 40507, and at KU's website at https://lge-ku.com/ku-2025-rate-case. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or may view and download the application through the Commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.		
						Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2025-00113.		
Extremely High Load Factor New Rate Schedule						The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.		
Fluctuating Load Service 44,229,667 2,528,016 6.90 210,667.98 6.90								
Outdoor Lights 51 3,624,095 11.37 1.67 11.40								
Lighting Energy 2,473 42,734 11.14 21.99 11.14								
Traffic Energy 146 26,391 10.58 1.91 10.60								
Outdoor Sports Lighting 4,627 (37) (0.04) (0.52) (0.04)								
Rider – CSR N/A 0 0.00 0.00 0.00								
KU is proposing to expand the number of customers limit of GTOD-E and GTOD-D customers to a maximum of 500 customers combined.								
KU is proposing to migrate all PS customers from a maximum load charge per kW to kVA. In addition, KU is proposing to transition all PS customers from a seasonal maximum load charge to a time-differentiated 3-tier maximum load charge, similar to the TODS, TODP, and RTS rate schedules. New PS service initiated on or after January 1, 2026 will be required to enter into a contract for an initial term of one year.								
KU is proposing a new rate schedule titled Extremely High Load Factor Service. This rate schedule will be for customers contracting for capacity greater than 100 MVA and an average monthly load factor above 85%.								
KU is proposing to split its wireline pole attachment charge into two charges, a two-user wireline pole attachment charge and a three-user wireline pole attachment charge.								
KU is proposing to add an adjustment clause called Renewable Power Purchase Agreement. This adjustment clause will recover the cost of renewable generation power purchase agreements approved by the Commission.								
KU is proposing to add an optional program called Pre-Pay. This program will give residential customers with AMI meters the option of moving from traditional post-paid service to a deposit-free pre-paid service.								
KU is proposing to expand the Terms and Conditions rules for Deposits. This expansion looks to provide clarity to the business processes surrounding deposits and makes deposits mandatory for customers taking service under TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS and EHLF.								
KU is proposing to modify the Terms and Conditions related to Billing by making paperless billing the default option for new customers and for those whom the Company has an email address.								
KU is proposing a new tariff in its Terms and Conditions for Rules for Transmission-Level Retail Electric Service Studies and Related Implementation Costs. This will apply to any proposed retail electric service requiring KU to submit a Transmission Service Request to its Independent Transmission Organization.								
KU is proposing new terms and conditions for Net Metering Service Interconnection Guidelines.								
<u>Other Charges</u>								
KU is proposing the following revisions to other charges in the tariff:								
Other Charges		Current Charge		Proposed Charge		SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
Wireline Pole Attachment		\$7.25		Removed		SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Distribution; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$8.93	\$18.94
Two-User Wireline Pole Attachment		New		\$10.13		SQF/LQF Other Technologies; T ransmission; 2-Year PPA; Capacity	\$0	\$0
Three-User Wireline Pole Attachment		New		\$10.46		SQF/LQF Other Technologies; Transmission; 7-Year PPA; Capacity	\$8.39	\$17.80
Linear Foot of Duct		\$0.81		\$1.22		A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes, terms and conditions and rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by e-mail to myaccount@lge-ku.com or by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department, 2701 Eastpoint Parkway, Louisville, Kentucky, 40223, or by visiting KU's website at https://lge-ku.com/ku-2025-rate-case.		
Wireless Facility at Top of Company Pole		36.25		\$51.46		A person may examine KU's application at KU's office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, 40507, and at KU's website at https://lge-ku.com/ku-2025-rate-case. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or may view and download the application through the Commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.		
Net Metering Service-2 Bill Credit		\$0.07534		\$0.03859		Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2025-00113.		
Returned Payment Charge		\$3.50		\$3.00		The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.		
Meter Test Charge		\$79.00		\$89.00				
Meter Pulse Charge		\$21.00		\$24.00				
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/o remote service switch		\$37.00		\$87.00				
Disconnect/Reconnect Service Charge w/ remote service switch		\$0		\$0.00				
Unauthorized Connection Charge – without meter replacement		\$45.00		\$57.00				
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase standard meter replacement		\$66.00		\$78.00				
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase AMR meter replacement		\$87.00		\$99.00				
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for single-phase AMI meter replacement		\$149.00		\$151.00				
Unauthorized Connection Charge – for three-phase meter replacement		\$154.00		\$167.00				

A visit to Odessa School and Salt Peter Cave

In the eastern part of Crittenden County there was a school named Odessa. This school was located in the area of Crittenden County known as Blackburn. Blackburn Road used to be named Porters Mill Road, but today it is named Blackburn Church Road. Also located in this area was a church and cemetery known as Blackburn Baptist Church. It is still standing today, and the cemetery is still well maintained. Behind the church was the bluff named Turkey Hill and the Bevens Branch ran through this area.

Not far from the church was the one-room school of Odessa. After the one-room school closed in 1946 and consolidated with Shady Grove School, the Odessa school house was remodeled into a home by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McConnell. They lived there until they died in 1989.

Visit to Odessa School and Salt Peter Cave

Let's take a visit to the school in 1900 and see what was happening. In January of 1900, Mr. J. B. McNeeley, the teacher, shares with The Crittenden Press some of the activities of his school.

Our average attendance is 32. The smallpox scare reduced the attendance of our school for a few days, but about all are now back in school.

Our trustee, C. H. McConnell, and Superintendent E. J. Travis, have had new patent seats placed in the school house. This is a great improvement over the "long bench."

Trustee McConnell has also had our well near the school house covered with a substantial and neat shed. Odessa School is coming to the front.

The honor roll of Odessa School for the fourth week ending Dec. 16 is as follows: First grade: Robert Herron, Roy Herron, Leslie Davis, Allie McNeeley, Delmer Travis, Elsie Coleman and Lucy McChesney; second grade: Alma Herron, Lexie Coleman, Robert Warren, Lona Coleman and Ray Travis; third grade: Lera McConnell, Jessie Travis, Hubert Herron, Roy Coleman, Richard Elder, Freddie Travis, Sarah Elder, Dixie Travis, Allie McChesney, Ila Stenbridge, Dixie McChesney, Lena and Cora McChensey; fifth grade: Nellie Davis, Pearl Travis, Lewis Coleman, Herbert Vanhooser, Ernest Davis, Cora McConnell, Ila Winn, Ray Elder, Lena Coleman and Rosa Herron; seventh grade: Robert Vanhooser, Henry McConnell, Hodge McNeeley, Mabel, Maud and Ethel McConnell; and eighth grade: Cole McConnell.

The school enjoyed a pleasant trip to the old noted Salt Peter Cave one afternoon last week. The main cave is in the shape of a half moon, straight edge along the side is about 100 and from center to vortex 60 yards, overhead its roof shape forming an arch each way then the whole is half



This picture of Odessa School was taken in 1949, a few years after it closed in 1946.

surrounded by a continuation of steep cliffs.

Salt peter Cave 1880

As far back as 1880, this cave was considered a wonder. This is a description of the cave that was printed in The Crittenden Press, March 10, 1880.

There is a remarkable cave in the eastern part of this county, by those who live within its vicinity it is commonly called the Peter or Salt Peter Cave.

Having heard some talk of the peculiarities of this cave while in its neighborhood, we concluded to visit it and gratify our curiosity concerning the cave, and believing it would be of interest to the readers of The Press we have purposed given them an account of what we saw.

The cave is about nine miles east of Marion. It is located upon the farm of Messrs. Cam and Eph Hill. (Owned today by a non-local person and marked No Trespassing.)

Our way to the cave led us through several fields and cedar thickets up a gentle slope. This slope terminated at the base of an abrupt elevation which forms an apex of a considerable hill. On the side opposite the one we ascended and immediately

under the hill, the cave is located.

Standing upon the brink of the precipice, formed by the almost perpendicular declivity of the hillside, a grand sight presents itself to view. Grim, gray cliffs crowned with mournful pines and gloomy cedars and decked here and there with patches of moss and rock ivy, form a romantic amphitheater of semicircular form about the mouth of the cave.

There is something amazing about these cliffs; they are not only very high, but their stupendousness consists in being with but a few exceptions, formed by one solid stone. Some of them form grand towering walls to the height of 300 feet.

Five hundred feet below through the intervening timber, old Piney Creek could be indistinctly seen, "moving its slow length along" like some huge silver serpent.

The scene near the mouth of the cavern is somewhat impressive. The grim overhanging crags with their time stained fronts throwing their lengthened shadows across the tall leafless oaks far over the immediate vicinity of the



The large half-moon shaped opening of the Salt Peter Dave is an impressive sight surrounded by rocky walls, cliffs and overhangs.

cave, lend to the scene a melancholy influence. The solitude was intense.

History of Cave's Name

On entering the cave we discovered a number of rudely constructed hoppers filled with a grayish brown dust. This dust subsists in great quantities in the cave, and contains a large percent of niter. The dust is thrown into the hoppers, water is then poured upon it till saturated, this produces a kind of lye. The lye is put into large kettles, boiled down and then run into troughs to crystallize. This is the method of farmers in the neighborhood of making saltpeter for their domestic use.

Cave of Bones

Our curiosity was aroused on seeing the great quantity of human bones scattered about the cave, mingled with the dust. While we were examining these fragments, our companion who was familiar with the place proposed "why don't we dig up an Indian." We accordingly went to work, using our hands as digging tools in absence of more efficient utensils. Every handful of dust contained fragments of human bones.

At the depth of about three feet we examined a complete skeleton, but it was was so highly decomposed that the skull crumbled in our hands in the attempt to remove it. Our companion, with the assistance of a clapboard, brought to light a fine skeleton in a tolerable fair state of preservation. The skull was above the medium size and the jaw bone quite massive. We compared it with our skeleton, but found it a great deal the largest, and we must acknowledge that we have quite a reasonable quality of cheek ourselves.

This skeleton was ev-

idently the frame work of some big 'Injun," the arm and thigh bones were long and heavy and were undoubtedly once clothed with muscles of great power.

We felt quite safe in beholding the remains of our red brother all peaceable and composed at our feet. But our feelings would have been different no doubt had he been alive and desirous of lifting our hair.

We think the archaeologist could make some

very interesting discoveries by investigating the cave and its contents. The history of the human bones as well as those of animals deposited there is unknown. They were evidently placed there at a very remote period.

The interior of the cave is very dry, and it must have required a great lapse of time to have wrought upon these their present state of decomposition. Our private opinion is that a bone would not rot in a thousand years in such a place. What a tale could they unfold, were they empowered to speak.

My notes: Salt Peter Cave is truly one of the wonders of eastern Crittenden County. But today things aren't like they once were, where one could visit and enjoy these sights. Most of these wonders are now hidden from us and we are not allowed to visit them. Due to destruction and vandalism of careless sightseers and

artifact searchers, the location of these sights is now heavily posted, and most not even owned by Crittenden County residents. The cave probably kept many of its secrets buried for many years. I'm not sure when the popular hobby started of finding and digging up these native American bones, artifacts, and history of the past, but Salt Peter Cave was a favorite destination during many years for such diggings. I'd say it was picked clean many, many, years ago of anything of importance. But it's nice to be able to read how it was all those many years ago and what a wonderful place it was to visit and explore.

(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).

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2nd reading of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is scheduled to be held at the County Office Complex on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations. Be it ordained by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on the 15th day of May, 2025, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on May 28, 2025.

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purpose indicated.

01 - GENERAL FUND		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,365,763.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	489,400.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	355,600.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	35,450.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	3,600.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	133,025.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	567,416.00
TOTAL 01 - GENERAL FUND		2,950,254.00
02 - ROAD FUND		
6000	TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	28,800.00
6100	ROADS	1,724,050.00
6400	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	2,077,500.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	325,500.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	493,500.00
TOTAL 02 - ROAD FUND		4,649,350.00
03 - JAIL FUND		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,624,229.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	488,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	718,025.00
TOTAL 03 - JAIL FUND		3,830,254.00
04 - LGEA FUND		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	4,800.00
TOTAL 04 - LGEA FUND		4,800.00
06 - STATE GRANT FUND		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,200.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	821,665.00
TOTAL 06 - STATE GRANT FUND		823,865.00
07 - FEDERAL GRANT FUND		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	850,000.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	1,800.00
TOTAL 07 - FEDERAL GRANT FUND		851,800.00
14 - PARKS AND RECREATION FUND		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	1,200.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	23,150.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	68,650.00
TOTAL 14 - PARKS AND RECREATION FUND		93,000.00
31 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	125,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	19,750.00
TOTAL 31 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND		144,750.00
74 - OPIOID SETTLEMENT		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	7,500.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	11,000.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	3,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	206,000.00
TOTAL 75 - MCC911 FUND		227,500.00
75 - MCC911 FUND		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	369,695.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	84,460.00
TOTAL 75 - MCC911 FUND		454,155.00
78 - ASAP BOARD FISCAL AGENT FUND		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	40,000.00
TOTAL 78 - ASAP BOARD FISCAL AGENT FUND		40,000.00
80 - SB 135 STORAGE FEES FUND		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	18,100.00
TOTAL 80 - SB 135 STORAGE FEES FUND		18,100.00
82 - CHILD SUPPORT FUND		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	184,000.00
TOTAL 82 - CHILD SUPPORT FUND		184,000.00

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in the County are hereby notified that a copy of the County's adopted budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

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Pictured above left is Kentucky American Seeds’ Corne Curnel loading a planter. At right agronomist Jay Middleton, farmers Jamie Hunt, Anthony Hunt, Kenny Taylor and Levi Johnson. Others supporting the project were Larry Duvall, Kayla Hunt, conservationsit Kirk Greenwell and Jacob Lady.

FFA’s test plot corn has 16 seed entries

A new Future Farmers of America (FFA) test plot has been established beside Par 4 Plastics, bringing together students, seed companies, and local agricultural professionals to study corn performance in Crittenden County soil.

The plot, which contains 16 corn seed entries, includes 4 from Channel, 1 from Pioneer, 2 from Dekalb, and 9 from Revere. The goal is to compare yield outcomes and agronomic performance across different seed varieties.

Jamie Hunt handled the planting of the test plot, with oversight and ongoing monitoring provided by Kentucky American Seed. Revere Agronomist Jay Middleton, representing Kentucky American, and Kirk Greenwell of Bluegrass Ag Solutions are working together to oversee the project and support its educational mission.

This is more than just a yield trial, it’s an opportunity for students to learn about real-world agronomy, crop science, and the business of farming.

The FFA chapter will be actively involved in the harvesting process this fall, giving students hands-on experience in evaluating seed performance and analyzing data. The test plot also



The FFA test plot is located at the corner of Industrial Drive and Chapel Hill Road.

serves as a fundraiser, with proceeds supporting FFA activities and scholarships.

As the corn grows, so does the future of agriculture in Crittenden County—rooted in education, community involvement, and a shared passion for farming.

137th Hurricane will help make June greatly remarkable month

June is an especially exciting time in Crittenden County as the 137th annual Hurricane Camp Meeting convenes June 9 for another anticipated event. The kids’ camp is set for June 9–14. Thanks to all who work so hard to make this event possible.

What else is going on this month? Hopefully you already know that we observe Flag Day each year on June 14. If not, you can read an excellent article on the topic at Wikipedia.com by searching “Flag Day (United States).” The article states that Flag Day commemorates the adoption of our American flag on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. Flag Day was first proposed in 1861 during the Civil War. President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in 1916 designating June 14 as Flag Day. However, it wasn’t until Aug. 3, 1949, that National Flag Day was officially established by Congress.

Patriotism is severely lacking in our nation these days. Flag Day gives us a wonderful opportunity to show our patriotism as we fly our nation’s flag. If you drive by our home in White Plains on June 14, you will see 19 flags proudly waving in honor of our nation and her flag. I’m writing this article on Memorial Day, May 26, as I look out over my 19 flags flying today in honor of those who made the supreme sacrifice in order that we can have



Chris CLARKE
Press Columnist
Happy Trails

the many freedoms we enjoy while living in the greatest nation on Earth, what a blessing.

While we’re remembering those who sacrificed on our behalf, we must also mention Jesus Christ, the one who gave his life freely as a sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. Remember, he is the one who said, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13) Those who gave their lives for our nation in times of war and conflict sacrificed so much. Jesus paid it all, that we might be free from the bondage of sin and live the full and meaningful life we were all meant to live — what a blessing.

We will celebrate Father’s Day on June 15, the third Sunday of each June. My kids keep reminding me that this is a special day, worthy of love, honor and respect. I think you dads out there will agree when I say that we just don’t get to see our kids enough after they grow up and leave the nest. Their lives just get busier as they get older. I’ve learned that sometimes you simply need to create opportunities for the kids to come around — either here at home or at some other designated location.

Since our kids and grandkids all enjoy one another’s company, the trick is to find something in which they all have some degree of interest, and make a family gathering around that event. Something that has worked fairly well for our family is to rent a suite at the Bowling Green Hot Rods baseball stadium. (Of course, I always get the blessing of footing the bill for the outing.) These indoor suites have A/C and a TV, as well as pri-

vate access to a section of chair seats where we can enjoy America’s favorite pastime. When we announce that we’ve rented a suite for a Hot Rods game, the kids and grandkids seem to start pouring in — what a blessing.

Another popular June activity is Vacation Bible School. As a kid, VBS was one of my favorite activities of the year. As an adult involved in ministry, I absolutely love working in VBS. The energy and excitement of these kids is contagious, although admittedly, we adults usually experience the “crash syndrome” soon after VBS is over.

During the 22 years I served in music and youth ministry, our VBS events were weeklong affairs running three hours each day. Now in my 22nd year of equestrian ministry, my VBS work is limited to taking my horse, Chip, to churches and sharing our faith presentation like we did last summer at Mexico Baptist Church, talking about belief, faith, trust, obedience and full surrender. We still love going and sharing our presentation, what a blessing.

Finally, I want to give a shout-out to Coach Matt Hargrove and the Lady Cards of Livingston Central, who came up one run short in a heart-breaking loss to Region 2 perennial powerhouse and defending state champs (2021–2024) Henderson County in extra innings in the Region 2 Softball Championship game. This wraps up another fine season for the Lady Cards as they successfully defended their All “A” Classic crown earlier this year.

What an exciting month this will be.

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Sale Hours:

- Thursday, June 5: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Friday, June 6: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Saturday, June 7: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (or later)

Shoppers can expect a wide selection of gently used household goods, clothing, home décor, toys, books, and more, all donated by the community.

Special Activities on Friday, June 6:

- *Western Brews Coffee Trailer, open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.*
- *Onsite Job Fair, featuring walk-in applications and interviews from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

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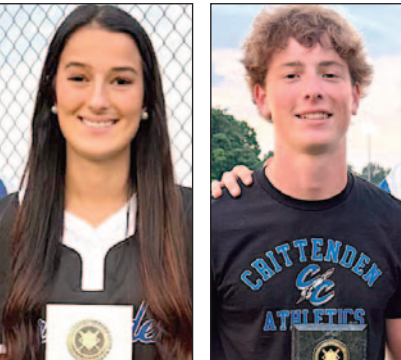
BASKETBALL

Rocket youth hoops camp

The Rocket Youth Camp will be held June 11-13 at Rocket Arena. The boys' basketball camp is open to students entering grades 1-6 and will feature competition, drills and games. Students in grades 1-4 will attend from 9:30 a.m. to noon, and those in grades 5-6 will participate from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 and includes a T-shirt and basketball. For more information, contact Coach Jackson at 270-210-0132.

Summer HS hoops action

Summer league high school basketball started Wednesday with the Lady Rockets at Hopkinsville's Grind Session at the Sportsplex featuring some of the best teams in western Kentucky. CCHS was scheduled to play Daviess County and Hopkins Central. The girls also play Friday against Bowling Green and Edmonson County at Bowling Green. Next week, Coach Shannon Hodge and her girls will travel to the Rib City Classic in Poplar Bluff, Mo., then head to team camp at Lindsey Wilson College the following week. The boys' basketball team will be at Union County Thursday and Caldwell County Friday for multi-game events.



POST-SEASON AWARDS

All-Region selections

Juniors Elliot Evans and Quinn Summers were chosen to the Second Region Softball and Baseball teams, respectively, last week. Evans, who bats leadoff, plays centerfield and pitches, led CCHS position players in fielding percentage and offensively with a .420 batting average and stolen bases and runs scored. Summers, an infiedler, batted .447 to lead Crittenden County and had a team-high 22 RBIs. Both were also chosen as all-district players.

FOOTBALL

Rocket Youth Camp

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

WOMEN'S GOLF

2-Lady event in Salem

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

Martinez closes career on final state berth

STAFF REPORT

Mary Martinez closed out a remarkable high school running career last week by competing in her final Class 1A State Track and Field Meet, representing Crittenden County one last time on the blue track at the University of Kentucky.

The Lady Rocket senior ran the 1600 meters in 5:55 to place 16th and followed it up with another 16th-place finish in the 3200 meters, clocking in at 13:12.65.

Martinez was no stranger to the state stage. Over the course of five seasons, she qualified for the KHSAA State Track and Field Championships five times and competed in five Class A State Cross Country Meets, a rare achievement that underscores her consistency and endurance. She first reached the state level as an eighth grader in the 3200 meters and has been a fixture in postseason distance events ever since.

Her junior year marked the peak of her individual performances. In 2024, she posted personal bests at state in both the 3200 meters (12:56.35, 13th place) and the 1600 meters (5:52.72, 19th place). Her personal bests were 5:47.87 in the 1600 and 12:48.15 in 3200. Her best cross country time was a 20:52.80 for the 5K run.

Although she never surpassed the school records held by former Rocket stand-out Kate Keller (5:27.91 in the 1600 and 12:36.56 in the 3200), Martinez's name is etched into the Crittenden County record books in a couple of other events.

As a sophomore, she was part of the Lady Rockets' 4x800-meter relay team that set a new school record with a time of 11:39.48 at the state finals. Her teammates in that race were freshmen Aubrey Grau, Presley Potter and Ella Geary. She was also on the team that set the CCHS record for the distance medley relay. Martinez ran the mile leg on it. Grau, Geary and Potter ran it also, setting the record last year at the twilight relays at Marshall County.

Martinez's impact extends beyond the track. She graduated a couple of weeks ago as one of three valedictorians for Crittenden County High School's Class of 2025, balancing academic excellence with athletic achievement.

Now, Martinez plans to take the summer to contemplate her athletic future.



Mary Martinez

Livingston rolls out new athlete participation site

Livingston County has rolled out a new online registration system for all student-athletes in grades 5-12 participating in sports during the 2025-26 school year. The same program will be coming to other schools in the region, including Crittenden.

The process is mandatory for anyone planning to play at Livingston County Middle School or Livingston Central High School. Students will not be permitted to attend practices or compete until registration is complete and up-to-date.

Registration is available now at:

<https://students.arbitersports.com/livingston-county-schools/livingston-county-athletics-registration-2025-26>

To register, families will need:

- A current KHSAA sports physical (valid for one year from the physician's date).
- A copy of the student's insurance card.

The new Arbiter system will notify users 30 days before a physical expires, helping families stay ahead on renewals.

For the registration link and more updates, visit the Livingston County Athletics Facebook page.



Crittenden County Middle School's girls' basketball team held its awards ceremony last week. Among those honored were (front from left) Kylie Hunt, manager; Sarah Grau, Lady Rocket Award and Best Teammate Award; Brooklyn Lovell, Hustle Award; Olivia Mattingly, Defensive MVP Award; Lydia Hearrell, Lady Rocket Award; London McCord, Perseverance Award; (back) Jessica Penn, coach; Brodi Rich, Defensive MVP Award; Brenna Kemmer, Most Coachable Award; Reid Poindexter, Best Teammate Award; Caroline Martin, Iron Woman Award and Glass Cleaner Award; Abigail Champion, Hustle Award and Offensive MVP; Mela Penn, Glass Cleaner Award; Alexis Mattingly, Perseverance Award; Fiona Louden, Iron Woman Award and Jessica Johnson, coach. Not pictured: Sydney Keller, Most Coachable Award and Addie Nelson, Offensive MVP Award.

Deer Lakes hosting 2-Man golf tournament

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

2025 CCHS LADY ROCKET SOFTBALL HITTING AND FIELDING STATISTICS

	GP	PA	AB	AVG	OBP	OPS	SLG	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	BB	SO	HBP	SB	TC	A	PO	F%	E
Evans, Elliot	26	91	81	.420	.484	.990	.506	34	28	5	1	0	12	28	6	9	4	12	43	5	36	.953	2
Federico, Andrea	24	84	68	.382	.500	1.265	.765	26	12	7	2	5	21	23	12	12	4	3	85	13	59	.847	13
Boone, Anna	24	84	82	.354	.361	.825	.463	29	21	7	1	0	12	19	1	6	0	4	37	6	29	.946	2
McDaniel, Elle	26	86	76	.342	.400	.861	.461	26	19	6	0	1	15	7	6	2	2	2	148	2	146	1.000	0
Hardesty, Macibelle	21	50	43	.233	.320	.576	.256	10	9	1	0	0	1	5	6	6	0	1	3	0	1	.333	2
Piper, Morgan	27	84	70	.229	.357	.614	.257	16	14	2	0	0	15	8	9	13	5	1	58	3	48	.879	7
Holeman, Georgia	25	54	51	.216	.259	.475	.216	11	11	0	0	0	7	9	2	20	1	5	28	0	22	.786	6
Rich, Brodi	24	67	61	.197	.227	.473	.246	12	9	3	0	0	10	7	2	19	1	4	44	3	36	.886	5
Jent, Hannah	25	76	68	.191	.267	.531	.265	13	8	5	0	0	11	9	7	6	0	3	36	0	29	.806	7
Kemmer, Brenna	22	47	44	.182	.234	.484	.250	8	5	3	0	0	4	7	3	10	0	2	62	2	53	.887	7
Champion, Abigail	23	33	33	.182	.182	.364	.182	6	6	0	0	0	2	7	0	12	0	2	21	0	14	.667	7
Martin, Caroline	10	18	16	.125	.222	.347	.125	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	16	0	13	.813	3
Green, Sadie	12	5	5	.000	.000	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	.000	0
Capello, Lilly	8	1	1	1.000	1.000	3.00	2.00	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.000	0
Louden, Fiona	2	2	1	.000	.500	.500	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0
Mattingly, Alexis	1	1	1	.000	.000	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0
Stewart, Morgan	3	1	1	.000	.000	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0
Jent, Karlee	2	1	1	.000	.000	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1.000	0
Team Totals	27	786	704	.276	.343	.712	.369	194	144	40	4	6	114	136	57	121	17	41	583	34	488	.895	61



CCHS ROCKET SOFTBALL PITCHING STATISTICS

Player	INN	GP	GS	BF	W	L	SV	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA	WHIP	BBA
Rich, Brodi	84.2	21	14	409	5	6	0	81	41	21	80	3.39	1.45	.293
Boone, Anna	40	13	4	199	3	4	0	40	27	22	32	4.73	1.58	.254
Evans, Elliot	37.1	13	9	189	2	5	0	38	30	22	32	5.63	1.90	.304
Kemmer, Brenna	0.2	2	0	9	0	0	0	5	5	1	1	52.5	7.50	.800

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Livingston stays at home for school leader

Ramage grew up in Salem, child of Crittenden teacher

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

When Amy Ramage took up the weighty mantle of public instruction on the very soil that bore her, raised her and knew her name before she could write it, there was in the intent of her eyes and the slow, thoughtful rhythm of her voice that peculiar and heavy mix of reverence and resolve, the kind that comes not from ambition but from a memory, an innate duty long known and finally called upon. She stood behind a board room lectern at Livingston County's educational headquarters last Thursday reading notes from her smartphone. She looked around the room filled with mentors, family and contemporaries, not just as the county's new superintendent of schools, but as the sum of all who had taught her, the echo of chalkboards past, the product of minds that once saw something in her – and now, she said, it was her time to forge others, to build not just students but thinkers, in the same halls where she once learned to be a thinker.

A career educator who graduated from Livingston Central High School in 1997, Ramage is the daughter of Dr. Dale and Janice Switzer. Her father was



Livingston Central alumna Amy Ramage speaks after being hired as the county's superintendent.

an educator in Crittenden County for 31 years and also a college instructor. Her mother was in banking in Marion and Salem.

When the board of education unanimously chose her to replace another native, David Meinschein, as superintendent, Ramage's voice cracked a bit as she laid out a clear plan, building on past success yet focused on the future, and it issued a particular challenge to those who will be working alongside her.

"We are going to pave the

way for future generations and provide a world-class education," she said, noting that the job would be done on the backs of the county's educators.

"They are the ones on the frontline," she said. "I am proud to lead them."

Ramage reckoned back to sitting in kindergarten class at Salem under Patty Croft and she thanked others like Darryl Chittenden, a former superintendent, who recognized in her the values that lifted and molded a local girl into a woman of vision and leadership and former Spanish teacher Doris Cothron who taught her tenacity along with a second language.

"Ms. Cothron is pretty much a legend in Livingston County," Ramage said. "She pushed all of her students to do their best to reach their potential. She definitely had a lasting impact on my life."

She also credited the guidance and encouragement of others such as former Calvert City Principal Phyllis O'Neal, who gave her a start in education, and Sherry Henson, the principal who inspired her to pursue administration.

"We just have a very giving and a very loving community... for me there's really no other place I would rather be," she said.

Ramage, 45, earned an undergraduate degree from Murray State in elementary



New Livingston County School Superintendent Amy Ramage signs a contract provided by Board of Education Chairman David Kitchens during last week's formal announcement of her hiring.

education then taught for a time in Calvert City before returning to Livingston County as a teacher in 2002. She earned a master's degree in administration and other endorsements from MSU and became assistant principal at South Livingston Elementary before joining the central office team in 2013 as director of pupil personnel.

As she steps into this new role, Ramage embraces her deep roots in the county and the many relationships built over the years.

"One of the biggest things about education is relationships... making sure that every kid has a champion," she said.

"This is home. It's where we want to be."

She also offered appreciation for her predecessor, saying, "Dr. David Meinschein is just one of the most phenomenal leaders I have ever worked for in my life. He's an inspirational, visionary leader and has taught me more about leadership in the last four years than I could've ever imagined."

Meinschein, who grew up in Carrsville and is also a LCHS graduate, will be moving on to serve as the new superintendent at Murray.

"Once a Cardinal, always a Cardinal," Ramage said. "That is truly the truth for us."

Farewell ceremony for old wing of CCMS will be held Monday

STAFF REPORT

The public will have a chance to bid farewell to the original Crittenden County High School and tour the district's new \$10 million addition to Crittenden County Middle School Monday, June 9.

Demolition of the westernmost wing of what has served as Crittenden County Middle School since 1975 will begin immediately, according to Superintendent Tonya Driver.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students will occupy the new building, which was built at the rear of the existing middle school.

The ceremonial public goodbye, scheduled for 9 a.m., Monday will feature remarks from former CCHS graduates and recent students. Sixth grade students will remain in the newer eastern wing of the middle school.

The section being de-

molished was first occupied in 1949 when Crittenden and Marion high schools consolidated into the new building on U.S. 60. When the current Crittenden County High School was built in 1975, the old building became Crittenden County Middle School.

Abatement crews began the process Aug. 29 to rid the building of asbestos before demolition. Just one day after students exited the building for the final time May 22, teachers, custodians and school staff began removing desks, electronics and years worth of educational materials out of the seventh- and eighth-grade classrooms.

Driver said construction has remained on schedule throughout the last year and will be ready to welcome students Aug. 26. The board of education approved a school calendar earlier this year that a has a

later start date for students than usual in order to give contractors as much time as possible to complete the addition.

Once demolition is complete, the new building will be adjoined to the remaining structure near the middle school office suite.


Luxury vinyl tile flooring will cover the hallways and classrooms of the two-story addition, and an epoxy covering for the restrooms has been applied. Particularly welcome in the new building are modern science labs.

Officials will evaluate potential student pick-up and drop-off patterns over the summer and make an announcement closer to the start of the school year if there are changes. Architectural renderings of the property in front of the school call for a combination of parking and green space.

MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of May 2025 to the same month in 2024. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year's monthly average.

CATEGORY	MAY 2025	APRIL 2025	MAY 2024	2024 YR TOTALS	2024 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	2,329	1,936	1504	23,545	1,962.1
Criminal investigations	14	10	18	150	12.5
Domestics	10	9	10	88	7.3
Felony Arrests	5	1	5	48	4.0
Misdemeanor arrests	7	0	6	81	6.8
Non-criminal arrests	6	4	10	112	9.3
DUI arrests	2	0	1	2	0.2
Criminal summons served	10	3	1	51	4.3
Traffic citations	23	20	37	212	17.7
Other citations	38	9	29	285	23.8
Traffic warnings	11	8	2	55	4.6
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	3	3	3	69	5.8
Security checks/alarms	77	69	55	720	60.0
Calls for service	215	188	236	2,578	214.8



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14 on MCC honors lists

Madisonville Community College has announced its Spring 2025 academic honors.

Nine students from Crittenden County earned a spot on the President's List by maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA: Mollie Blazina, Ella Geary, Gavin Grimes, Alexandria Jones, Baylee Muff, Carly Porter, Angela Starkey, Mary Stephens and Aly Yates.

Five others were named to the Dean's List for achieving at least a 3.5 GPA: Lacey Boone, Collin Epley, Seth Guess, Hayden Hildebrand and Carly Tharp.

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dogs from running at large between sunset and sunrise, except during hunting activities, and authorizes the destruction of animals that pose a threat to public safety. Local law grants police officers the authority to destroy vicious or dangerous animals when necessary to protect people or property.

Crittenden County's dog ordinance also includes provisions aimed

at responsible ownership. All dogs in the county must be licensed annually and wear a valid tag. Proof of rabies vaccination is required, and tags must be visible on the animal's collar at all times. Failure to license or tag a dog is a violation under county law, enforceable by penalties outlined in § 90.99 of the local code.

Officials involved in this week's meeting said the most important steps moving forward are better communication and

consistent enforcement. Mayor Browning said the city intends to follow through.

"We are going to enforce it," she said.

The full city council is expected to take up the matter at its next regular meeting at 5 p.m., Monday, June 16. While no specific changes have been proposed yet, city officials are expected to bring forward ideas discussed in this week's session for consideration.

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