

Rocket Band hosts ‘Night at the Movies’

Crittenden County Rocket Band presents "A Night at the Movies," sponsored by the Community Arts Foundation beginning at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 8 at Fohs Hall. This unique concert experience is being billed as something "Crittenden County has ever seen." Fohs Hall will be transformed into a full-blown movie theater as the Rocket Band takes guests on an unforgettable musical journey through the world of cinema. The band's performance will reimagine some of the most iconic movie music, from epic adventures to thrilling discoveries, complete with zombies, dragons and themes from Harry Potter and Star Wars. The entire performance will be brought to life by talented student musicians. Concessions will be available, including popcorn, candy and soda. Admission is free. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Thursday Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 1. Christians across the country will gather in central, public locations to seek God's blessing, forgiveness and leadership in their communities, churches, homes and governments. This year's national theme is based on Romans 15:13, which reads, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost," says the King James Version. There will be an organized community prayer at 10 a.m., on Saturday at the lot next to The Crittenden Press.

City flushing system

City of Marion is conducting a full-system drinking water flush this week. It began Sunday and will continue through Friday morning, May 2. Flushing will occur nightly from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Customers should expect low water pressure and possible discoloration during this maintenance period.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion Code Enforcement Board meets at 5 p.m., Monday, May 12, at city hall.
- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 5 p.m., Monday, May 12.
- Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 13, at the courthouse.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 15, at Rocket Arena.
- Marion City Council meets Monday, May 19, at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council meets at 7 p.m., Monday, May 19, at city hall.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission meets Tuesday, May 20, at 8:30 a.m., at the Marion Welcome Center.

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Fiscal Court Approves 1% Rate Hike

Payroll, Net Profits taxes will triple July 1

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County magistrates on Tuesday formally approved a significant occupational tax hike, marking the first increase since the levy was enacted in 2012.

At a special called meeting, the court voted 6-1 to adopt the second reading of an ordinance that raises the county's occupational tax rate from 0.5 percent to 1.5 percent – a 200% increase. Magistrate Travis Perryman cast the only dissenting vote.

The new rate will take effect July 1

and is expected to generate roughly \$800,000 in additional annual revenue. The increase includes both the payroll and net profits tax. Additionally, the minimum business license fee will double from \$25 to \$50, which is anticipated to bring in another \$14,000.

Only a handful of residents attended the meeting, and only one spoke about the increase. Local business owner Elliot West said she wasn't upset at local leaders for doing what they think is necessary but questioned the fairness of the occupational tax. Questions have arisen

about how aggressively the county is working to ensure delinquencies are collected and that everyone who is required by ordinance to pay it is doing so.

"Our business is having to catch more of it because some individuals are not paying their part," West told the court.

Crittenden Judge-Executive Perry Newcom has said the increase is necessary to shore up funding for critical services, including the county's ambulance contract and E-911 operations.

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OPENS THURSDAY

Music Man JR opens Thursday, May 1 at Fohs Hall. Dress rehearsals were earlier this week. Pictured above in Sunday's rehearsal is Cale Tabor, who will lead the cast as the charming Harold Hill. Shows are at 7 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Fohs Hall. Tickets are free and can be obtained with the QR code at right.

Man of Action

Easley recognized for his volunteer recovery work

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Jack D. Easley Jr. of Marion was recognized last week during the Kentucky Governor's Service Awards for his nearly decade-long dedication to combating substance abuse and guiding individuals toward recovery.

Easley, 57, received the Adult Volunteer Service Award after being nominated by Circuit Judge Daniel M. Heady. Himself a person in recovery with more than 10 years of sobriety, Easley volunteers more than 40 hours each week leading Marion Baptist Outreach and Recovery Services without compensation.

When he first encounters someone for counseling, Easley from the outset lays bare his own jour-

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Senior Advisor to the Governor Rocky Adkins (left) presents Jack Easley Jr., with the prestigious Governor's Service Award.

Schools seek input on state phone mandate

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Schools are seeking parent feedback on a new student cell phone policy that will soon be mandated by Kentucky law.

Following the passage of House Bill 208 on March 26, each school district in the state must adopt a policy prohibiting the use of smartphones during instructional time. To assist in shaping its local policy, Crittenden County is asking parents to complete a brief survey. It sent the survey electronically to parents last weekend.

The survey notes that, according to a 2023 study, teens today receive an average of 237 smartphone notifications per day, creating significant distractions. In addition to impacting academic performance, school officials cite concerns about mental health, classroom management, social development and online safety.

Among notable reasons for

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Holcomb will be CCES principal

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County School District has announced its second new principal hire over the last couple of weeks.

With long-time educator and current Crittenden County Elementary School Principal Sarah Riley transitioning to a district leadership role,

assistant principal Laurie Holcomb has been tapped as CCES's next principal when school starts back this fall.

Holcomb has more than 25 years of experience in education, but she says serving as the assistant prin-



Holcomb

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Deaths

Martin

Shallyn Nicole Martin, 44, of Marion, died Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

Surviving are her children, Emma (Joseph) Peek and Laken Hunt both of Marion; mother, Pamela (Patrick) Reeder; father, Kent (Phyllis) Martin; grandmother, Helen Travis; stepbrothers, Chad and Heath Faughn and Bryan Reeder; step-sister, Courtney Thomas; half sister, Charlotte Ralph and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins

Graveside services were Saturday, April 26 at Asbridge Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Leet

Carlos Errol Leet, 92, of Dalton, died Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville.

He was born Feb. 26, 1933 in Crittenden County to the late Carlos Franklin Leet and Lucy McDowell.

Leet was a member of Pleasant View Baptist

Church in Madisonville. He was an Air Force veteran, retiring from the service with an honorable discharge. He retired from Dapco, INC in 2008.

Surviving are his wife, Wilma Leet of Dalton; four sons, Scott (Beverly) Leet of Reed, Samuel (Lisa) Leet of Dalton, Jason (Missy) Leet of Kuttawa, and Jared (Michelle) Leet of Hanson; a daughter, Tammy (Mike) Clayton of Providence; a brother, Leroy Leet of Providence; a sister, Nancy Joyce of Marion; and seven grandchildren, Tyler, Dylan, Tristan, Samantha, Charis, Cameron and Kara. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jimmy and Wayne Leet; and a sister, Betty Jane Hill.

Memorial services were Sunday, April 27 at Dalton Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Donations are accepted to help with burial expenses.

Online condolences may be made to the fam-



ily at www.barnettstrother.com.

Hurley

Kevin Wayne Hurley, 55, of Salem died Saturday April 27, 2025 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

He was paramedic for Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Caldwell, and Mercy EMS's and was a member of the Salem Fire Department. He loved his job and touched many lives. He enjoyed hunting and fishing in his spare time. Above all, he loved his family and his dogs.

Surviving are his wife, Renee Fox Hurley; a daughter, Azia Hurley of



Scottsdale, Ariz.; a son, Brayton (Cheyenne) Hurley of Ft. Mitchell, AL.; stepdaughter, Chelsea (Jase) Manus of Murray, KY.; stepson, Kyler Dalton of Tolu; his mother, Teresa (Wayne) Lester of Salem; a sister, Kim (Greg) Ringstaff of Salem; a niece, Kenley (Zach) Hefner; a nephew, T-Roy (Isabella) Ringstaff; a great-niece, Elsie Ann Hefner; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Hurley; and his fur baby "Chibby."

Services are at 11 a.m., Friday, May 2 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Burial is in Carrsville Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, May 1 at the

funeral home.

Condolences may also be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com.

Silva

Mary Elizabeth Silva, 65, of Salem, KY died Monday, April 28, 2025 at her home.

She loved watching TV and listening to music.

Surviving are a daughter, Misty (Delon) Manson of Lebanon, Tenn.; two sisters, Karen Adkins of Ohio and Ava Adkins of Lexington; a sister-in-law,



Connier Frazier; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kristen Adkins; two sisters, Thelma Rowe and Eunice Harmon; three brothers, Estel Frazier, James Frazier, and Verlin "Bud" Adkins; and her mother, Dulcie Adkins.

Visitation is Saturday, May 3, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with cremation to follow.

Condolences may be left online at boydfuneral-directors.com.

Community Calendar

- Call (270) 965-3191 to share your organization's meetings in this free, weekly community calendar.
- Thursday, May 1**
- Line dancing at the Crittenden County Senior Center beginst at 9:30 a.m.
 - Livingston Hospital New Beginnings is focusing on Mental Health Awareness Month and will be at Crittenden County Public Library with goodies and prizes from 10 a.m.-noon.
- Friday, May 2**
- Laugh and Learn at the Crittenden County Public Library at 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, May 3**
- Walk and talk with AI an Angela Starnes starting at 10 a.m. at Marion City-County Park.
- Sunday, May 4**
- Main Street Missionary Baptist Church will have revival starting at 11 a.m., Sunday, May 4 with guest speaker Bro. Jim Wring, followed by a meal at noon and music by David Conyer at 1 p.m. Services continue at 7 p.m., Monday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 6 with guest music by Adam Guess both evenings. The church is located at 718 S. Main St. in Marion
- Tuesday, May 6**
- Livingston Hospital New Beginnings is focusing on Mental Health Awareness Month and will be at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center from 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 7**
- Walk in the park starts at 3 p.m. at Marion City-County Park.
- Thursday, May 8**
- Virgil Jones VFW will meet at 6 p.m. at 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.
- Saturday, May 10**
- Crittenden County Extension Homemakers will hold a bake sale at H&H Home and Hardware from 8 a.m.-1 pm. There will be

cakes, pies and other goodies for Mother's Day.

- The VFW located at 412 N. College St., Marion will have a ceremony for all veterans who served during Nov. 1, 1955-May 15, 1975. This will include a pinning ceremony and a certificate will be presented. The event is sponsored by the American Revolution Paducah Chapter. David LeNeave will be the keynote speaker and Lacey Duncan will perform the National Anthem.



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Scouts raise park Gaga pit

Cub Scout Asher Dalton (pictured above) pre-drills holes for a post in the new eight-sided Gaga Ball pit under the supervision of Mark Vince.

Russell Vince, Wil Myers and Caleb Harris (pictured at right) also learned and used construction skills in building the pit at the Marion City-County Park last weekend that will be a new game to many kids that frequent the park. Pictured above right is Monday's inaugural game that drew about 24 players.

Although the game is decades old, this is the first pit at the local park.

Players use their hands to roll the ball to hit opponents below the knee. The last man standing wins.

More detailed rules are posted on the pit wall. Players will need to bring their own ball to use for the game.

The pit was made possible through co-



operation between Marion-Crittenden County Park Board, H&H Home and Hardware and Cub Scout Pack 3030 Arrow of Light den.

Wheezing, sneezing! I am felling your pain

May could be called a “transition month” for a number of reasons. For example, let’s look at the weather, something we all experience every day! May is the month in which we transition from the cool/warm weather of spring into the hot, h u m i d weather of summer. The long-range forecast for the next two weeks includes everything from low t e m p s around 50 to highs near 90!

By the end of the month, we will likely be feeling the excessive humidity we’ve grown accustomed to around here during Memorial Day weekend.

Related to the weather are ALLERGIES! Some of you are already experiencing allergy issues as the trees do their thing this time of year. Many more will probably experience increased allergy symptoms as we approach mid-to-late May, when the grasses (fescue, orchard grass, etc.) begin pollinating.

When I was a young child living on College Street in Salem, I got a really good lesson regarding allergy season: Stay out of the tall fescue when pollen is visible on the stems! After playing with my friends in the “blooming” fescue for an hour, I could barely see because my eyes had swelled almost shut! If my memory serves correctly, it was late on a Saturday afternoon (our doctor’s office was closed).

By Sunday morning, I had “worn it out” and went on to Sunday school and church.

Several years later, after I went to work on the farm, I learned that in

order for me to work in hay (cutting, raking, baling, etc.), I was going to need a shot, which would usually last long enough to get me through hay season. In fact, maybe this is why they call this type of allergy “hay fever.”

Even after my teenage years were over, I still battled the hay fever monster. Every year, when mowing the first field of hay, I would say the same thing: “I’m going to tough it out this year!” Every year, I would experience the same result. As soon as I got all the way around the field to the truck, I would shut off the tractor and go get an allergy shot. After about an hour, I was good to go!

So if you’re an allergy sufferer, I feel your pain! Nowadays, thanks to over-the-counter allergy meds, I no longer have to get shots this time of year. Thank you, Claritin!

Yes, these seasonal allergies are very real. If left untreated, they can make an allergy sufferer feel absolutely miserable, and there’s way too much good stuff going on to enjoy this time of year! Things like the Kentucky Derby, which traditionally is held at Churchill Downs on the first Saturday of May. The Derby is one of those things that identifies our great state. Some might even say the Derby is an “institution” of its own! Funny how national television continues to put Kentucky squarely in the national spotlight around this time of year.

The first week of May is also when many colleges and universities have their final exams in preparation for their commencement exercises, which are often held on the second Saturday or Sunday of May, which is also Mother’s Day weekend. I graduated from Campbellsville College (now Campbellsville University) on

Sunday, May 11, 1986, which was also Mother’s Day. I believe my semi-annual graduation was on the second Saturday of May in 1988.

Later in May, most high schools will hold their commencement exercises. I prefer the word “commencement” because “graduation” implies that our education is somehow over. “Commencement” points to a new beginning in our educational direction. “Commence” means to begin; the “commencement” is the beginning of another chapter of life with even greater opportunities for learning — whether or not these opportunities include further formal education.

I have discovered that no matter how far formal education goes, the real education is life itself. One of my personal mottos is “Live and Learn.” My dad loved to learn. Even at the age of 93, he still wanted to learn something new every day! I am just like him in many ways, including this area. I try to learn something new every single day of my life.

We will close out the month of May with the Memorial Day weekend, remembering those who sacrificed their lives in service to our country so that we can experience the freedoms we enjoy. Sadly, we often take these freedoms for granted.

I’m reminded of Jesus Christ, who sacrificed His life so that we might truly live. Let us never take for granted the tremendous price He paid so we could receive and experience His free gift of salvation, what a blessing!

Chris Clarke is a native of Livingston and Crittenden counties. Although he’s moved away, he maintains local ties. He has an equestrian ministry, Happy Trails.



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Play Is the Key: How young children build kindergarten skills through fun

Parents often ask what young children need to know before they start kindergarten. Put simply, they need time and space to play.

Did you know the United Nations High Commission has noted the right to play as one of the Universal Rights of the Child? Play is how children learn. The activity doesn’t matter, it can be putting together a puzzle or jumping in puddles in the rain. It can even be washing dishes or reading a book. If a child is having fun, creating and discovering new things, this is play.

Through play, children learn about themselves and their world. They increase their knowledge and understanding of things around them. They gain confidence in themselves. Children learn many basic and readiness skills as they play. Play can happen alone or with others, and it doesn’t require fancy or expensive toys. Children will play with sticks, empty boxes or anything else you give them!

Here are some great ideas for play that help develop skills for kindergarten readiness:

Water play. Hands-on fun in water helps develop brain connections. Water play can happen in the kitchen sink or during bath time. It stimulates the sense of touch and teaches math concepts. Water is also relaxing and can help calm children.

Puzzles. Puzzles help with problem-solving, visual perception and patterning. They also strengthen memory, attention and patience.

Sand play. Sand play lets children explore digging, scooping, filling and dumping. They can observe how sand pours and learn about the concepts of more and less. Sand play builds coordination and muscle development. It also fosters a connection to nature and encourages imagination and creativity.

Block play. Block play teaches skills

such as stacking and balancing. It also helps children develop problem-solving and planning abilities. This type of play can involve more than one child and teach cooperation and sharing.

Nature play. Exposure to nature supports healthy childhood development. Even a walk around the block is a great start. Look at the trees. Turn over a rock and look for bugs. Listen to the birds and the wind. Stick out your tongues and taste the wind. Make mud pies or collect items to make troll soup. Feel the textures of pinecones and tree bark. Talk about cloud shapes, splash in puddles and jump in leaf piles. Discuss the changing seasons together.

It’s easy to dismiss play and assume children aren’t really learning — but imagine traveling through a child’s brain during play. You’d see connections forming, growth happening and activity all over the brain. Early childhood is a sensitive and important time for learning. Parents are a child’s first teachers, and home is a child’s first school. The most powerful tool of all for children to learn is play.

Comics and Capes: A Super Family Adventure

The Crittenden County Extension Office is pleased to announce “Comics and Capes: A Super Family Adventure,” an engaging event designed for children ages 2–5. The event will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. May 2 at St. William Catholic Church, 860 S. Main St.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Attendees will have the opportunity to visit various booths hosted by community partners and participate in games that help children develop essential kindergarten skills.

The event will feature games, giveaways, superheroes, and Wally Cat.

For more information, contact the Crittenden County Extension Office at 270-965-5236 or rebecca.woodall@kysu.edu.



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FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

Crittenden County Elementary School’s Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) team recently finished in the top five in the state for elementary schools and top 20 for the state’s competition in K-12. Pictured are Parker Brown, Mattie Moss and Melina Keller, who presented the project on behalf of the STLP team and its advisor Kara Markham.



Pictured at the 4-H Emerald Gala are (from left) Morgan (Barnes) Stevens, 4-H Youth Development Agent Leslea Barnes, Kailyn Stokes and Emme Lynch, each representing the very best of what Crittenden County 4-H has to offer.

Locals dazzling at 4-H Castle gala

BY LESLEA BARNES
EXTENSION AGENT

The Kentucky Castle in Versailles hosted a dazzling night of celebration and inspiration during the eighth annual 4-H Emerald Gala, where youth empowerment and donor generosity took center stage.

The event recognized the life-changing impact of 4-H programs across the commonwealth, and for those from Crittenden County, the night was especially meaningful.

Among the standouts were three young women with deep ties to local 4-H programs.

Morgan Stevens, a former Kentucky 4-H state officer and foundation intern, now serves as the organization’s communications director. Stevens was instrumental in organizing the gala and ensuring its success, a testament to her continued dedication to the program that helped launch her career.

Kailyn Stokes, another former state officer, was honored as an Emerald recipient. Her ongoing service and exemplary leadership continue to reflect the core values of 4-H.

Also in the spotlight

was Emme Lynch, who served as an intern for the gala. Known for embracing every opportunity 4-H offers, Lynch delivered an impressive performance in her role, solidifying her reputation as a rising youth leader.

“These young women hold a special place in my heart, and I couldn’t be prouder of all they’ve achieved, and all that’s still ahead for them,” said one attendee. “They are shining examples of how 4-H helps shape youth who are #BeyondReady for whatever comes their way.”

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Preschool screening

Preschool screenings for the upcoming Crittenden County school year will begin April 18 and will be held every Friday through May 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Crittenden County Elementary School. An additional screening will be offered Tuesday, April 29 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Parents or guardians must call 270-965-2243 to schedule an appointment. Children must be 3 years old by Aug. 1 to be eligible.

Required documents include proof of income, proof of residency, birth certificate, immunization records, and a well-child physical exam.

Johnson recognized at MCC honors night

Madisonville Community College recognized more than 50 students for academic excellence, leadership and service during its annual honors night ceremony held in April.

Among those honored was Kyle Johnson of Crittenden County, who received the award for Electrical Technology.

MCC President Dr. Cindy Kelley praised the recipients, noting their dedication and impact on campus. "They have excelled academically and demonstrated outstanding leadership across campus," she said.

Rite Temp under new ownership

Rite Temp Heating and Cooling, formerly owned by Peter Irish, has been purchased by Ira Hancock of Morganfield, Ky., and his family. Hancock, who has been in the HVAC industry for more than four years, co-owns Fiers Heating and Air Conditioning in Paducah with his wife, Chasity.

The Hancocks, along with their three sons, Landon, Owen, and Jaden, who all work in the field performing service and installation, are expanding their footprint into Crittenden County with this acquisition.

"We're excited to be a part of the Crittenden community," Hancock said. "We look forward to serving all your commercial and residential heating and cooling needs."

Former Fredonia mayor passes

Herbert Michael "Mike" Board, who served as mayor of Fredonia for more than a decade, died Saturday, April 19 in Evansville, Ind. He was 75.

Board, a Princeton native, worked his way up from teller to vice president at Farmers Bank in Princeton. He served as mayor of Fredonia from 2004 to 2017.

He was a longtime member of White Sulphur Baptist Church, where he was a Sunday school teacher and deacon. Funeral services were last week at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton.

City ordinances are strengthened by ruling

In a significant legal victory for municipalities across the Commonwealth, the Kentucky Court of Appeals has affirmed that cities can impose criminal fines and penalties — including jail time — for violations of local ordinances.

The ruling came in the case of Albert Marshall v. Commonwealth of Kentucky, which challenged a Louisville Metro ordinance prohibiting the discharge of a firearm within 300 feet of a public roadway. Marshall, who had been cited under the ordinance, claimed the criminal penalties attached to the violation were unconstitutional. While a Jefferson District Court initially sided with him, declaring that cities could not impose such penalties, the Jefferson Circuit Court reversed that decision — a ruling now upheld by the Court of Appeals.

The court's decision reaffirms that municipalities possess statutory authority under KRS 83A.065 to enforce local laws with fines and incarceration



tion when warranted. It also clarified that the Kentucky Constitution allows the General Assembly to delegate such enforcement power to local governments without violating the separation of powers doctrine.

Louisville Metro's ordinance, the court found, met both constitutional and statutory requirements.

The Kentucky League of Cities, which filed an amicus brief in support of the city's authority, praised the decision as a crucial step in affirming municipal home rule and ensuring cities have the tools to uphold public safety.

"This decision confirms that municipalities have the necessary tools to uphold local laws," KLC stated in a summary of the case, noting that the organization will continue supporting cities' legal powers and monitoring further developments.

The ruling is not yet final. Marshall may seek review by the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Motorist Alert! Paving on KY 70

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is resurfacing project along KY 70 in southern Crittenden County on Tuesday, prompting daytime lane restrictions between Dycusburg and Frances. The work zone will be 5.4 miles and include milling and paving, permanent striping and installation of edge-line rumble strips. Crews will work in smaller sections, and traffic will be reduced to one lane with alternating flow managed by flaggers. Motorists are advised to slow down, be alert for signage and use caution when traveling through the area. The project is scheduled to be completed by May 23, weather permitting.

Marion releases results from April plant inspection

City of Marion last week released results of a report it received from recent inspection by the Kentucky Division of Water, which found no violations at the Marion Water Department's backwash lagoon.

The Compliance Evaluation Inspection, conducted April 17, reviewed the facility's permit, discharge monitoring reports, and Best Management Practices (BMP) Plan. Inspectors Greg Logsdon and Mikayla Baize noted that all required documentation was in order and that the lagoon had been recently cleaned, with waste materials properly disposed of at the wastewater treatment plant.

The Marion Water Department, operating under KPDES permit KY0116171, was commended for maintaining accurate records, implementing an effective BMP plan and adhering to permit guidelines without any effluent violations. Sampling procedures, groundwater protection plans and emergency reporting protocols were all found to be in full compliance.

Additionally, the inspection confirmed that there were no signs of pollutants entering

nearby surface waters and that no aesthetic degradation had occurred.

Plant operator Jeff Black was interviewed during the inspection. Officials praised the department's ongoing commitment to proper operation and maintenance, ensuring safe and environmentally responsible water treatment services for the community.

The final report, signed by Logsdon, was delivered to the city via email on April 21 to city officials.

Lightning damages city wastewater plant

City officials and contractors are working to resolve damages and payment issues related to the Marion wastewater treatment plant following an apparent lightning strike in April.

Mott Electric reported repairs were made to three clarifiers and other electrical components damaged during the strike. Three motor starter coils and several fuses were replaced, restoring the plant's functionality. Surge protective devices were also found to be damaged, and replacements are pending.

Electricians said it was clear the strike originated outside the electrical building and traveled through service conductors, causing significant damage to the automatic transfer switch and surge protectors.

MCC offering hands-on summer training in babysitting and more

Madisonville Community College Workforce Solutions is offering three hands-on summer programs designed to prepare middle and high school students for real-world success.

Students 16 and older can enroll in the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Certification, which begins June 2. The four-week course meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m. and costs \$699. It includes instruction, a textbook and one test, with group discounts available. Classes will be held in Health Campus Rooms 201 and 202 and taught by an Advanced EMT instructor.

For younger students in grades 7-9, a Babysitting Basics Certification course is set for June 18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The \$45 class includes lunch and a certificate, providing a foundation for safe and confident child care.

High schoolers in grades 9-12 can join the Life Skills IRL: How to Not Fail at Adulting camp on June 25-26. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, students will learn essential skills like car care, laundry, budgeting and time management. The \$99 fee includes lunch, a certificate and a professional headshot for use in college or job applications.

For details or to register, call (270) 824-8658 or visit the Madisonville Community College Workforce Solutions website. Additional information is available by contacting Melanie Tapp at (270) 824-8661 or melanie.tapp@kctcs.edu.

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10 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1975

■ Crittenden County Elementary School's lower grades held their annual Arts Extravaganza performance before a packed house. The play featured a race between the ever-so-slow sloth (Cash Singleton) and the fast but overconfident cheetah (Kylie Bloodworth). The kindergarten classes handled the play portion of the production while others provided song and dance.

■ Relay for Life supporters Elizabeth Floyd and Christy Watson were helping raise funds for the Relay survivors program through a unique fundraising gimmick of placing a golden toilet in different locations. A \$10 donation was being accepted to get rid of the toilet, \$20 to send it directly to a friend's yard and \$30 to ensure it wouldn't return to your lawn.

■ In honor of B.J. May's retirement from the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum Board of Directors, a reception was held at the mineral museum. Ed Clement presented May with a plaque in honor of both his service and dedication to the mineral museum, naming him a board member emeritus.

■ Jeanie Shire traveled to Haiti to spend time with her daughter, Jessie Mathieu, who is serving as a missionary in the country. Jeanie took a copy of The Crittenden Press and was pictured with it and Jessie along with children and caretakers at an orphanage in Port-au-Prince.

■ CCHS students of the month for April were Jacob Jones, Maddie Mink, Tristan Knight, Dylan Hicks, Katie Davies, Tahla Trail, Trent Champion, Jayden Willis, Jacob Graham, Bailey Barnes, Madison Lynch, Amanda Lynch, Stephanie Sitar, Emily Robertson, Landon Brooks, Chelsea Oliver, Chase Dempsey, Dustin Kirk and Blake Floyd.

25 YEARS AGO

April 27, 2000

■ Students from Alice Sanders' special education class visited Tiny Tot Day Care for an Easter egg hunt. After hiding 500 Easter eggs for the children who attended Tiny Tot, the students assisted in the search. Students and teachers who were pictured participating were Kathy Stokes, Jamie Pyle, Justin Watson, aide Donna Orr, Nancy Lanham, Robert Eanes, teacher Sanders and student Mandy McConnell.

■ Members of the 2000 Crittenden County track and field team were manager Yvette Wilson, Jill Harkins, Tiffany Wilson, Chelsea Steele, Chrystal Campbell, Lydia Roberts, Jessica Carder, Sami Jo Kirk, Shelly Johnson, Ashley Crockett, manager Tabi Morris, coach Angela Starnes, David Hunt, Brent Belt, Brandon Guess, Jake Reynolds, Landon Driver, Justin Hill, Shawn Steele, Matt Foster, Schuyler Powell, Brent Thurman, Andrew Roberts and Jack Amsden.

■ The Rockets captured the championship of the first-ever Class A Wooden Bat Classic with a narrow 5-4 victory over Livingston Central at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Leadoff man Brandon Sherer was in the Cardinals' hair all night, drawing three walks while also swiping three bases. He also scored the team's first run of the game. Rodney Travis and Joey Rich pitched the game.

50 YEARS AGO

May 1, 1975

■ The Marion Rotary Club hosted a six-member exchange team from District 116 in Ireland. While in Marion the group toured a fluorspar display, gave a program at a Rotary dinner meeting and presented western hats courtesy of Darrell and Ben Jent and the Clothes Horse. Pictured on the front page with the group were Harold Person, international program chairman, and Everett Jones, local Rotary president.

■ Mrs. Annie Greenwell was honored with a birthday party at Best Care Nursing Home. Martha Epley also celebrated her birthday. LaVean and Joyce Patmor sang for the party and were accompanied by Cheryl Hina.

■ Betty Brown, a medical technologist at the Crittenden County Hospital, received certification by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. The Murray State graduate became the first MT (ASCP) to be employed at the hospital. She was pictured with a \$4,000 flame photometer the hospital had just purchased. Brown used the machine for blood analysis testing that could be done locally in about 10 minutes. Prior to the purchase, blood samples were mailed to Ohio and would take five days to receive an analysis.

■ During the annual Blue-White football game, Danny Hodge on the blue team was pictured in action on the Rocket field. The white team's Don Thomas was photographed preparing to take a handoff from quarterback Johnny Alcock. The two teams battled to a scoreless tie to end the spring practice session. Rocket Coach Roy Cherry stated overall he was pleased with the boys' performance.

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CCES

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cipal of CCES has been the highlight of her career.

"The staff and students here are a wonderful testament to all that is great in education," said Holcomb. "The relationships that I've built with students, parents, and staff have encouraged me to take on my new role as principal."

A graduate of Purdue University Northwest with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a masters in school administration, Holcomb completed her instructional supervisor certification through Murray State University. She has served

as assistant principal of the elementary school since 2020.

Holcomb says her goals as the new school leader are to continue to build relationships and to make a lasting, positive impact on the school while creating opportunities for growth and learning for all students.

"I am most excited to simply have the honor to serve the Crittenden County Schools community," said Holcomb.

Holcomb and her husband, Mike, have two sons, Jahn and Carter and a daughter, Emma. She enjoys gardening, camping, cooking, and spending time with family in her free time.

Set clear expectations and limits

This morning as I sat down to put a few thoughts together, I noticed a note on my desk. It was written on tissue paper. It said, "Next song I'll fly Away pg851." A little context. On Wednesday evenings members of our congregation gather for classes. Before we begin, I typically lead a song. There are a few of the elementary age children that like to get the number before anyone else does – so I tell them what it is. They also like to choose which song to sing. Sometimes we know them, sometimes we do not. Songs not related to church are excluded, but it took us a while to get that message across to a few of them.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

come with successes. Accomplishing a goal is more often a beginning than an end point. Allowing failure may be more obvious but is more challenging. Any parent, coach, teacher, or manager knows this. For any of us to grow it is important that there be places in our lives where we can push the limits of our abilities – which will eventually lead to failing. Everyone I know who has accomplished anything worthwhile has a list of failures on which to draw lessons and motivation.

It is difficult to stress the importance of safety when considering how to encourage others. This does not mean that we remove dangers or resistance. It does not mean that we hover and are protective to the point of stunting growth. It means that I am on the side of those who are trying to do better. It means that I will not blame a person for their situation at the same moment they are hanging on by their fingernails. I, to the best of my ability, will not hurt another person while they are already in pain. I will, when given permission, suggest options available and help plan a better path forward.

An encourager uses words wisely. An encourager does not overpromise or gloss over a truly horrible situation. An encourager does not use platitudes to reduce their own sense of anxiety or helplessness in the face of difficulty. Words are used to lift up and to pull forward. Often the fewer the better.

Words of care are often more encouraging than words of advice. There have been times in my life when I needed to know people cared far more than I needed to know what to do. Encouragement expressed as care is refreshing to those who are struggling and power to those who are learning.

Encouragement is not

an action. It is a state of being – a mood. We have moments of encouragement and discouragement. Staying encouraged requires intention and work. Doing so for others even more.

Near the conclusion of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians he writes for them to encourage each other. He is writing to a group of people who had recently seen some of their number pass away. They were struggling with their newfound faith and had questions. They were upset and discouraged because they had misunderstood some things that Paul had taught.

He wrote, "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who

work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else" (I Thess. 5:12-15, NIV)

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The family would like to express our gratitude toward all of those that extended love and support during our time of grief.

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You left your sons a legacy to be proud of. It wasn't money or fame, for those don't make a man good. You left a reputation, a good name, that wherever they go or whoever they talk to tell them you were one of the best men they knew. That's a legacy money doesn't buy.

We are so proud you were our father, my husband, our brother. We are proud you were ours. Our hearts are still empty where you were and no one will ever fill that place in our lives. But we're so glad and thankful we had the privilege and the love of having you in our lives.

We will always love and miss you and you will forever be in our hearts. I love you Roger and in the night when it's dark, I whisper your name, just to hear the sound and to hold you close again. Until I see you again.

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Weather from year’s past in our community

Weather is always in the news. Although in the past several years, it has really been a topic that seems to be discussed more regularly than it used to. It seems we have been in the center area of a lot of extreme weather, whether it's rain and flooding, sleet, snow or freezing temperatures.

Here is an interesting article about a tornado that went through a section of Crittenden County and some of the damage it caused on May 17, 1946. The article is from the Paducah Sun Democrat, May 19, 1946.

Tornado Starts Near Mexico

Crittenden Countians today were surveying the damage left late Friday afternoon in the wake of a tornado which swept across the county, causing thousands of dollars damage to farms, churches and industries, but causing no loss of life and few injuries.

The storm, which struck east of Fredonia near Mexico and traveled in a northeasterly direction toward the Ohio River, was accompanied by little rain but a terrific gale that ripped roofs off houses, blew down trees and cut communications lines, as well as swept houses off foundations.

The United States Steel and Coke Company plant in the Mexico/Frances area suffered probably the heaviest damage. The water tank was blown down, the scale house unroofed and other buildings shattered by the wind.

Mr. Weldon Hina, a chemist at the plant, while at work in his laboratory, watched the tornado's progress from a window. After leveling a large message board located between the office and the change house, it picked up a large dump truck and deposited it on top of a gravel pile.

Officials estimated that the damages exceeded \$2,000.

More Damage

A farm house belonging to Rube Franklin was lifted from its foundation and set down about 10 feet away.

A house belonging to R. W. Winters of near Frances was heavily damaged. A number of barns in the same area

were demolished.

Melville Rogers was reported to have suffered slight lacerations about the face and body. It was said Rogers was attempting to beat the storm to the home of his uncle near Frances. He and the storm arrived there about the same time. When he stepped from his automobile, it was reported Rogers was knocked flat by the wind, which rolled him against a fence.

At Mexico Cemetery, near the center of the storm's path, tombstones, estimated to weigh between 300 and 400 pounds, were lifted from their positions. One was reported to have been carried 20 feet by the strong blasts.

Clay Norman, another farmer of the Mexico area, said he surveyed the hill where the storm reportedly left the ground and found that the path of the wreckage stopped abruptly when it reached the crest of the incline.

The tornado vanished about two miles north of Mexico.

H.A. Towery, a Marion patrolman, said he saw the storm hit about 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The "twister" was seen approaching Marion when it hit a high hill and split into two sections – one traveling north and the other south.

Two churches, Hebron on Hwy. North 91 and Freedom near Marion, were wrecked by the gale.

Others who saw the tornado reported that pieces of timber, some as long as 20 feet, were blowing around in the air.

Traffic on Highway 91 between Marion and Princeton was halted temporarily while trees and telephone poles were removed from the road.

At Marion, Deputy Sheriff Ray Wilson said persons in the affected area told him two black clouds appeared to go together and streak along the ground in a half-mile wide path.

Damage to timber in the Moore Hill section of Crittenden, three miles west of Marion, was estimated at \$3,000 by owners. In this area the storm swooped down and left a trail of damage



Freedom Church after it was damaged by a tornado.

about 300 yards wide for a considerable distance.

J. C. Catilla, farmer, said he saw the tornado vanish after passing up a hill. The tornado was plainly visible going up hill, he declared, but when it reached the top it just disappeared. Catilla said he could see what looked like whole trees, timbers and other wreckage swirling in the funnel as it swooped up the incline.

There were reports of damage at Shady Grove but property loss there apparently was not great.

Terrific Windstorm Strikes Community in 1923

From The Crittenden Press March 16, 1923, here are two interesting accounts of storms of yesteryear that hit our community. This wind storm damaged large areas of Crittenden County.

Marion, as well as the surrounding county was visited by a terrific gale Sunday night, March 11, 1923 carrying destruction in its wake but fortunately no lives were lost.

About 8:45, the wind whirled around from the east to southeast and a hurricane swooped down on the city wrecking the Electric Power House and plunging the town in total darkness.

While it was not a "twister," the wind came with such force as to wreck buildings, unroof dwellings and carry terror to the hearts of many citizens, who remembered the terrible tornado that passed through this county in 1890.

The wind was accompanied by lightening and thunder and a driving rain, which dashed against windows, shattering the glass in many. The storm lasted about 30 minutes, though the wind continued with less velocity through the night.

The power house near the I. C. station was wrecked. The roof was picked up by the wind and carried 200 yards away and the brick walls blown to the ground. John Travis, employed as electrician and Jas-

per Prowell were at work in the building when the storm came. Mr. Travis said a blot of lightning struck the building, knocking down the smokestack and making a hole through the brick wall through which the wind rushed, carrying away the roof and blowing down the walls.

Other damaged caused by the storm:

A tobacco barn on the farm of John A. Moore was blown down, his stable and chicken house wrecked and dairy barn damaged.

L. L. Hughes, Chapel Hill section, tobacco barn blown down.

James Stegar Gass, north of town, tobacco barn destroyed.

I. C. Truitt, and J. W.



Weldon Hina in his office at US Steel and Coke Co. He watched a tornado blow down buildings and pick up a dump truck and set it on a gravel pile.

Cook of Repton, barns blown down. Mrs. Lillie Walker, Weston, barn blown down.

W. C. Lynn, near Sheridan, barn destroyed. Leander White, View, dwelling damaged. J. W. Paris, stock barn demolished.

Frank Mathews, Frances, tobacco barn damaged. W. K. Oliver, stock barn wrecked.

Henry Brown, Shady Grove, residence destroyed, Wm. Alexander, Piney, dwelling damaged, Mrs. Sarah Ann Lamb, Deanwood, barn blown

down and Preston Lamb residence damaged. Howard Phillips, tobacco barn damaged.

These are just a few of the damaged property items that were accounted for in The Press.

We, in our lifetimes, have had several weather events that will one day be looked back on and remembered and talked about. They will be the topic of my favorite saying these days "do you remember when."

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



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan (“2025 Plan”). (Collectively, KU’s Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU’s “tariff filing.”) If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU’s existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers’ bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU’s 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any 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 the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU’s tariff filing at the Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission’s website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU’s website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.

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I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed notice of final settlement: Evelyn Hayes of 301 E. Mound Park Ave., Marion, KY 42064, executrix of Judith Newcom, deceased, whose address was 3157 S.R. 654 North, Marion, KY 42064.

The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on May 21, 2025. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once.

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- Keeping landscape areas weeded and pruned
- Blowing off grass from parking areas and sidewalks
- Spraying driveways (and trap lines at Extension Park) for weed control
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Qualified contractors must provide their own equipment and necessary supplies. Proof of liability insurance is required. Include any licenses and certifications that are applicable to the job. The contract period will run for one year with the possibility of renewal.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Lawn Maintenance Bid" and delivered to the Crittenden County Extension Office by May 16, 2025. Late submissions will not be considered.

For further details or to schedule a site visit, please contact the Crittenden County Extension Service at 270-965-5236. The Crittenden County Extension Office reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Submit bids to: Crittenden County Extension Office, 1534 US Hwy 60E. Marion, KY 42064.

SECTION 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for “AMR Water Metering Equipment Purchase” for the City of Marion, will be received by the City of Marion, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 until 1:30 p.m. (local time) on May 15, 2025, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work includes the manufacturing and delivery of all AMR equipment, materials, software packages and subscriptions, and all related start-up services required for installation and operation. Installation of the units are not including in this BID.

The Bid Form and Specification may be examined at the following:

Eclipse Engineers, PLLC 113 West Mt. Vernon Street Somerset, KY 42501 (606) 451-0959	City of Marion 217 South Main Street Marion, Kentucky 42064 (270) 965-2266
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Copies of the BID Package may be obtained by contacting Eclipse Engineers listed above. Partial sets of documents will not be provided.

The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

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The scope of work includes the installation of approximately 4,190 LF of 6-inch DI waterline, 25 LF of 2-inch PVC waterline, 1,822 LF of ¾ -inch HDPE service line, 5 fire hydrant assemblies, and related appurtenances.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Agreement Forms, Performance and Payment Bonds, Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be viewed online at lynnimaging.com or examined at the following locations:

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Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507 (859-255-1021) upon payment of a non-refundable price of \$250.00 for each set (including shipping and handling). No bid will be accepted unless the BIDDER is a registered plan holder. To become a registered plan holder, BIDDER must purchase at least one set of documents from Lynn Imaging and provide accurate name and contact information. Partial sets of documents will not be provided. Half-sized sets may be purchased for the full price. Digital download sets may be purchase for half of the full price. Questions shall be addressed to Alan R. Robinson, P.E. of Eclipse Engineers, PLLC, 113 West Mt. Vernon Street, Somerset, Kentucky 42501 (606-451-0959) as stated in the Specifications or by email to arobinson@eclipseengineers.net.

The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

Each BIDDER must deposit with his Bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

No BIDDER may withdraw his Bid within sixty (60) consecutive calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Matthew Jent of 1406 Lloyd Rd., Fredonia, KY 42411, executor of Donna Gail Roberts, deceased, whose address was 6128 Mott City Rd., Marion, KY 42064.

The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on May 21, 2025. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once.

Melissa Guill, Clerk
Crittenden District Court
(1t-17-c)

bid notice

The Crittenden County Board of Education invites you to submit sealed bids

for the 2025-2026 year-book and school pictures. Please submit bids to: Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm Street, Marion, KY 42064. Bids will be accepted until May 9, 2025 at 1 p.m., at which time they will be opened. Any interested party may attend; however, no immediate decision will be made. For bid specifications, please contact Bridgette Porter at 270-965-3525. Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. (2t-17-c)

The Crittenden County Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids

for pest control services for the 2025-2026 school year. Please submit sealed bids to: Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion, KY 42064, Attn: Bridgette Porter. Bids will be received until May 9, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., at which time they will be opened. Any interested party may attend; however, no immediate decisions will be made. Please contact Bridgette Porter with any questions regarding bid specifications at 270-965-3525. Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. (2t-17-c)

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CCHS track at Owensboro Apollo

MONDAY
LCHS baseball hosts Caldwell County
CCHS baseball hosts Lyon County
LCHS softball hosts Ballard Memorial
CCHS softball hosts Christian County

TUESDAY
CCHS baseball at Lyon County
LCHS softball hosts Caldwell County
CCHS track at Marshall County

RUNNING

5K May 17 at MCC Park

The Livingston Hospital Foundation will host a 5K and 1-mile run on Saturday, May 17 at Crittenden County Park in Marion, with proceeds supporting the nonprofit’s mission to aid individuals in need of health and wellness assistance.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the race starts at 9 a.m. Entry fees are \$25 for the 5K and \$15 for the 1-mile run. Participants who register by May 1 will receive a T-shirt.

The race will incorporate the park’s quarter-mile track and walking trail. Medals will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers. Forms can be mailed to Tiffany Roberts at 121 Hospital Drive, Salem, KY 42078. For more information, call or text 270-704-1360.

BASKETBALL

Farmer to lead CCMS

Crittenden County Middle School has hired Brian Farmer as boys’ head basketball coach and Roy Gene Rogers as assistant coach. Farmer is CCHS graduate and former Rocket basketball player who after an automobile accident played nationally for The Nashville-based Music City Lightning wheelchair basketball team. Rogers was an assistant high school coach for CCHS last season.



Farmer

Perry enters portal

Former Kentucky guard Travis Perry, a Lyon County High School graduate with deep family roots in this community, entered the NCAA transfer portal last week. Perry appeared in 31 games and started four during his freshman season with the Wildcats, averaging 2.7 points per game. He played key minutes late in the year as injuries sidelined teammates, but a wrist injury suffered during the SEC tournament caused him to miss Kentucky’s final two NCAA tournament games. A former Mr. Basketball in Kentucky, Perry led Lyon County to a state championship and became the state’s all-time leading high school scorer with 5,481 points.



Perry

CHEERLEADING

Junior Pro registration

Crittenden County Junior Pro Cheer is gearing up for the 2025 season with registration set for three Saturdays this spring. Sign-ups will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on May 3, May 17 and May 31 at the Crittenden County Armory (lower level) on Rochester Avenue. Registration will close May 31. Organizers encourage both new and returning participants to attend. The program, designed to build confidence, teamwork and leadership among young athletes, will also include fundraising opportunities to help offset costs for families. For more information, contact Summer Gardner at (270) 704-9999 or Brittney Buell-Schneider at (270) 969-1721.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Wild Turkey	April 12 - May 4
Bullfrog	May 16 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	May 17 - June 15
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round

LCHS 2-time state champ

Livingston Central’s softball team won its second straight All A Classic State Championship last weekend, beating Ballard Memorial 12-0 in Sunday’s title game at Owensboro.

The Lady Cardinals wiped out every opponent they faced

in the tournament, winning five of their six games by shutout, and outscoring opponents 73-2. Eighth-grader Addison Tramble won a second straight tournament MVP, allowing 6 hits and 2 walks while striking out 51 in the tournament.



Caroline Martin makes a play at third base during the Lady Rockets’ last game against Livingston Central. CCHS will be at Livingston on Thursday.

SOFTBALL

Girls split Saturday doubleheader

Crittenden erupted for four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to defeat Webster County 4-1 on Saturday in the first game of a doubleheader. The Lady Rockets took the lead after a dropped third strike allowed the tying run to score. Morgan Piper followed with an RBI single, and Elle McDaniel blasted a two-run homer to left field to cap the rally.

Brodi Rich earned the win, pitching a complete game. She allowed four hits and one run while striking out four and walking none. McDaniel led the offense, going 2-for-3 with two RBIs. Piper and Macibelle Hardesty also had two hits each.

CCHS lost the second game 9-6 on Saturday after a last-inning rally fell short.

Trailing 9-0 entering their final at-bat, the Lady Rockets scored six runs on five hits. Brodi Rich doubled home two runs, Caroline Martin and Georgia Holeman each added RBI singles, and Morgan Piper drove in a run on a fielder’s choice. Elliot Evans took the loss in the circle for the Lady Rockets, allowing six runs, four earned, on seven hits over three and one-third innings. Rich finished it in relief. She struck out five and allowed three unearned runs in relief.



Crittenden County finished with 11 hits. Evans, Elle McDaniel, Andrea Federico and Holeman each had two hits. Rich and Holeman both drove in two runs. On the season, Critenden was 8-10 after the loss.

Lady Rockets win at Christian Co.

The Lady Rockets used a three-run third inning to top Christian County 3-1 last Thursday. Morgan Piper led the offense, going 1-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored. Brodi Rich also contributed with an RBI single. Andrea Federico and Elle McDaniel each scored runs. McDaniel reached base twice on walks.

Rich had a strong start in the circle, striking out 7 as she worked into the fourth inning with 1 out before Anna Boone came on in relief and shut out the Colonel girls the rest of the way. The win was Crittenden’s second over Christian County in the past dozen years.

BASEBALL

Crittenden shuts out HopCentral

The Rockets beat Hopkins Central 10-0 Monday at Marion as Hudson Stokes scored 3 times, Quinn Summers drove in 2 runs and Jaxton Duncan had 2 hits. CCHS scored in 5 of the game’s 6 innings. Jake Rich did the pitching, striking out 9 and walking 3 while allowing six hits in the shutout performance. CCHS improved to 7-10 on the season.

Crittenden falls 4-0 at Madisonville

Madisonville defeated Crittenden County 4-0 on Saturday. Asa McCord pitched and took the loss for the Rockets, allowing four runs, two earned, on four hits over six innings, striking out four and walking three.

Hudson Stokes led Crittenden County offensively with two hits in three at-bats. The Rockets were 6-10 after the loss.

Rockets smoke Christian Fellowship

Crittenden County scored nine runs in the first inning and never looked back in a 15-0 win over Christian Fellowship on Friday at Marion. The Rockets needed just three innings to secure the mercy-rule victory, tallying six hits and taking advantage of multiple walks and errors. Drake Young led the offense,

Second Region SOFTBALL

	W	L
Livingston Central	20	3
Henderson County	19	3
Madisonville	19	7
Trigg County	17	8
Union County	13	10
Christian County	12	10
Caldwell County	9	10
Crittenden County	8	10
Lyon County	7	9
Webster County	8	14
Hopkins Central	7	21
Fort Campbell	6	8
University Heights	3	3
Dawson Springs	0	12

BASEBALL

	W	L
Caldwell County	15	2
University Heights	13	5
Lyon County	12	5
Madisonville	12	9
Hopkinsville	10	8
Webster County	10	10
Trigg County	8	8
Livingston Central	8	15
Union County	7	13
Crittenden County	7	10
Henderson County	6	10
Hopkins Central	4	13
Fort Campbell	3	13

- Results through April 28

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— TILGHMAN MEET —

Here are results from the Paducah Tilghman meet Saturday, April 19.

GIRLS

100 Meters
Kaylin Coleman (32nd, 15.50)
200 Meters
Shelbi Belt (23rd, 31.44), Kaylin Coleman (35th, 33.93), Hayley Moore (38th, 34.63)
400 Meters
Shelbi Belt (14th, 1:10.66), Presley Potter (24th, 1:15.09), Hayley Moore (33rd, 1:20.75)
800 Meters
Ella Geary (4th, 2:45.64)
1600 Meters
Mary Martinez (2nd, 5:47.87), Ella Whitney (17th, 7:39.41)
3200 Meters
Mary Martinez (2nd, 12:50.93)
100 Meter Hurdles
Aliza Maraman (12th, 22.48), Susana Suggs (14th, 23.86)
300 Meter Hurdles
Aliza Maraman (13th, 1:05.18), Susana Suggs (14th, 1:10.75)
4x100 Meter Relay
Relay Team (11th, 1:03.51)
4x200 Meter Relay
Relay Team (12th, 2:09.33)
Long Jump
Ella Geary (2nd, 14-3.5), Susana Suggs (20th, 9-8.25)
Shot Put
Madison Walker (5th, 28-11.5)

BOYS

100 Meters
Junior Cowsert (28th, 12.54), Gaige Markham (30th, 12.63)
200 Meters
Junior Cowsert (14th, 25.37)
400 Meters
Gaige Markham (14th, 58.24), Matthew Valentine (16th, 58.52)
800 Meters
Asa McCord (19th, 2:31.00), Matthew Valentine (28th, 2:44.61)
1600 Meters
River Rogers (7th, 5:20.50), Noah Martinez (15th, 5:35.90)
3200 Meters
River Rogers (8th, 11:59.51), Noah Martinez (9th, 12:08.92), Asa McCord (14th, 12:33.81)
4x100 Meter Relay
Relay Team (3rd, 53.82)
Long Jump
Kaden Herrington (21st, 16-10.5)
Shot Put
Johnathan Tramel (29th, 27-9.5), Bryan Chaney (35th, 25-3.5)

- McCRACKEN MEET -

Here are results from the McCracken County meet April 22.

CRITTENDEN BOYS

100 Meters
Junior Cowsert (15th, 12.23), Kaden Herrington (26th, 12.95), Matthew Valentine (33rd, 13.33), Camden Nash (34th, 13.54), Reece Travis (45th, 14.48)
200 Meters
Kaden Herrington (13th, 26.65), Camden Nash (17th, 28.20),

Reece Travis (31st, 31.12)
400 Meters
Matthew Valentine (14th, 59.46), Noah Byford (15th, 59.86), Reece Travis (40th, 1:09.23)
800 Meters
Noah Martinez (13th, 2:34.72), Chad Junior (CJ) Nelson (14th, 2:35.42), Matthew Valentine (22nd, 2:43.80), Kayden Farmer (23rd, 2:44.05)
1600 Meters
Chad Junior (CJ) Nelson (10th, 5:31.57), Noah Martinez (11th, 5:37.10), Kayden Farmer (19th, 6:42.49)
4x200 Meter Relay
Relay Team (6th, 1:48.29)
Long Jump
Kaden Herrington (8th, 15-9), Jay Stevenson (12th, 15-4), Camden Nash (18th, 13-2)
Discus
Aiden Musser (12th, 77-3), Lucas McDowell (17th, 68-3)
Shot Put
Aiden Musser (15th, 27-1), Lucas McDowell (26th, 20-9)

LIVINGSTON BOYS

100 Meters
Talon Sanchez (8th, 11.71), Aiden Messenger (13th, 12.06), Graham Rhea (36th, 13.60), Carter Belcher (39th, 13.82), Aiden Peck (40th, 13.85), Canyon Palmer (46th, 16.47)
200 Meters
Rylan Gainey (19th, 28.78), Graham Rhea (23rd, 29.34), Carter Belcher (27th, 30.40), Aiden Peck (28th, 30.51), Jaden Green (32nd, 31.19), Daniel France (34th, 39.21)
400 Meters
Aiden Messenger (4th, 55.45), Talon Sanchez (8th, 57.30), Eli Eichelberger (33rd, 1:05.51), Graham Rhea (38th, 1:08.65)
800 Meters
Carter Belcher (24th, 2:46.76), Brayden Keeling (25th, 2:50.74), Eli McDonald (29th, 3:20.07), Wei Yang-Duong (30th, 3:24.60)
1600 Meters
Josh Ross (18th, 6:29.02), Brayden Keeling (21st, 6:57.24), Evan Barnes (22nd, 7:16.75), Wei Yang-Duong (23rd, 7:26.59), Dane Pace (25th, 7:42.69)
110 Meter Hurdles
Talon Sanchez (1st, 15.11), Aiden Messenger (9th, 21.10)
4x200 Meter Relay
Relay Team (5th, 1:44.81)
Long Jump
Jaden Green (19th, 12-8), Evan Barnes (20th, 12-3), Canyon Palmer (21st, 11-7), Eli McDonald (22nd, 11-6.5), Eli Eichelberger (23rd, 11-1.5), Sawyer Champion (24th, 10-0)
Discus
Brady Stone (4th, 103-9), Rylan Gainey (5th, 95-5), Sam Eichelberger (24th, 51-6), Jonathan Molina (25th, 51-3), Sawyer Champion (27th, 37-5), Daniel France (28th, 37-2)



Junior Jay Stevenson rounds the bend in a relay race at the McCracken County meet last week in Paducah.

Shot Put
Brady Stone (5th, 35-6.5), Rylan Gainey (13th, 28-5), Sam Eichelberger (17th, 26-3.5), Jonathan Molina (20th, 25-6), Daniel France (24th, 23-2), Sawyer Champion (27th, 15-0.5)

CRITTENDEN GRILS

Shot Put
8. Layken Gilchrist (26-00.00), 16. Erika (Bre) McKendree (19-09.00)
Discus
7. Ella Whitney (61-08), 8. Layken Gilchrist (59-11), 15. Erika (Bre) McKendree (49-04)
Long Jump
10. Ella Geary (14-01.50), 20. Susana Suggs (11-07.50)
High Jump
4. Presley Potter (4-06.00)
100m Hurdles
8. Aliza Maraman (22.51), 9. Susana Suggs (23.31)
100m Dash
16. Ella Geary (14.45), 27. Hayley Moore (16.03)
4x200m Relay
7. Crittenden County A (2:12.24)
1600m Run
2. Mary Martinez (5:50.86), 6. Ella Whitney (7:35.34)
400m Dash
11. Shelbi Belt (1:11.48), 15. Presley Potter (1:15.52), 16. Hayley Moore (1:19.22)
800m Run
3. Mary Martinez (2:40.02), 5. Ella Geary (2:44.61)
200m Dash
8. Shelbi Belt (31.14), 14. Presley Potter (32.19), 18. Hayley Moore (33.59), 23. Aliza Maraman (36.60)
4x400m Relay
3. Crittenden County A (4:55.89)

LIVINGSTON GIRLS

Shot Put
17. Rylee Allcock (19-01.00), 20.

Kaylor Goodaker (16-03.00)
Discus
16. Kaylor Goodaker (49-00), 18. Rylee Allcock (45-06)

— MAYFIELD MEET —

Here are results from the Mayfield Fast Times meet on April 26.

CRITTENDEN GIRLS

200 Meters: Shelbi Belt (12th, 30.54), Hayley Moore (22nd, 33.93)
400 Meters: Shelbi Belt (9th, 1:13.67), Hayley Moore (14th, 1:19.30)
800 Meters: Ella Geary (2nd, 2:46.87)
1600 Meters: Mary Martinez (2nd, 5:52.78), Ella Whitney (8th, 7:44.23)
3200 Meters: Mary Martinez (1st, 12:48.15)
100 Meter Hurdles: Aliza Maraman (7th, 22.21)
4x200 Meter Relay: Relay Team (6th, 2:04.32)
High Jump: Presley Potter (4th, 4-4)
Long Jump: Ella Geary (3rd, 15-7), Hayley Moore (17th, 12-5)
Discus: Ella Whitney (9th, 65-4), Layken Gilchrist (11th, 57-9), Madison Walker (16th, 49-9), Erika (Bre) McKendree (24th, 42-11)
Shot Put: Layken Gilchrist (7th, 24-8), Madison Walker (10th, 23-10), Erika (Bre) McKendree (18th, 19-8)

CRITTENDEN BOYS

100 Meters: Camden Nash (27th, 13.36), Reece Travis (31st, 14.49)
200 Meters: Camden Nash (20th, 27.68), Matthew Valentine (26th, 29.43), Reece Travis (28th, 30.69)
400 Meters: Gaige Markham (8th, 57.95), Matthew Valentine (17th, 1:01.06), Reece Travis (27th, 1:09.09)
800 Meters: Matthew Valentine (11th, 2:36.14)
1600 Meters: River Rogers (7th, 5:16.41), Chad Junior (CJ) Nelson (8th, 5:19.56), Noah Martinez (10th, 5:21.65)
3200 Meters: River Rogers (3rd, 11:50.63), Noah Martinez (4th, 12:00.06), Chad Junior (CJ) Nelson (8th, 12:23.64)
4x100 Meter Throwers Relay: Relay Team (2nd, 57.01)
Long Jump: Gaige Markham (15th, 15-10), Jay Stevenson (16th, 15-9)
Triple Jump: Jay Stevenson (5th, 30-4), Camden Nash (6th, 28-8)
Discus: Aiden Musser (9th, 89-9), Bryan Chaney (13th, 74-10), Lucas McDowell (17th, 68-5)
Shot Put: Bryan Chaney (20th, 28-9), Aiden Musser (21st, 28-4), Jay Stevenson (22nd, 27-6), Lucas McDowell (25th, 22-8)

New Beginnings back on Thursday

Livingston Hospital New Beginnings kicked off its monthly Community Education series last month with a presentation focused on counseling services and stress awareness. The two-hour event held at the Crittenden County Public Library featured educational handouts, refreshments and an open invitation to learn more about the mental health services offered by the organization.

The next session is this week. Sessions are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at the library from 10 a.m. to noon. Future presentations are also being planned for senior centers and additional libraries across the region, with an emphasis on expanding outreach to surrounding communities.

“We are just trying to inform people about mental health and the services we offer,” said Teresa Robertson, who has led community education efforts for nearly six years. “I’ve seen clients improve and graduate from our program. It makes a difference.”

Robertson noted that a major challenge is the low number of referrals and the limitations posed by Medicare Advantage plans, which often cover fewer services than traditional Medicare.

As part of Mental Health Awareness Month in May, which carries the theme “Community,” Livingston Hospital New Beginnings has scheduled several events:

May 1: Monthly education session at Crittenden County Library, 10 a.m. to noon.

•May 6: Presentation at Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center, 10:30 a.m., to 11:15 a.m.

•May 15: Mental health talk and walk at Marion ballpark, starting at 11 a.m.

The organization also plans activities in Livingston, Lyon and Caldwell counties to connect with residents and educate them about stress, anxiety and depression.



Livingston Hospital's Joy Hutchinson (left) and Teresa Robertson

151st KENTUCKY DERBY LINEUP

151st KENTUCKY DERBY POST POSITION DRAW			
1	CITIZEN BULL	20-1	11 FLYING MOHAWK 30-1
2	NEOEQUOS	30-1	12 EAST AVENUE 20-1
3	FINAL GAMBIT	30-1	13 PUBLISHER 20-1
4	RODRIGUEZ	12-1	14 TIZTASTIC 20-1
5	AMERICAN PROMISE	30-1	15 RENDER JUDGMENT 30-1
6	ADMIRE DAYTONA (JPN)	30-1	16 COAL BATTLE 30-1
7	LUXOR CAFÉ	15-1	17 SANDMAN 6-1
8	JOURNALISM	3-1	18 SOVEREIGNTY 5-1
9	BURNHAM SQUARE	12-1	19 CHUNK OF GOLD 30-1
10	GRANDE	20-1	20 OWEN ALMIGHTY 30-1

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PHONES

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Restricting phone use are reduced learning distractions, improved mental well-being, better classroom control, stronger social skills and decreased risks of cyberbullying and inappropriate online behavior.

Parents are asked to weigh in on several topics, including their overall opinion on cell phones at school, the degree to which phones are a distraction, and whether phones create more positive or

negative social interactions among students.

The survey also asks parents to indicate why their child brings a phone to school, their primary concerns about student phone use, and what they believe their child currently does with their phone during class time.

Parents are given options on the survey to select their preferred policy structure whether it be allowing phones in classrooms stored in caddies, storing them in lockers, or banning them entirely during school hours.

EASLEY

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ney.

“I just talk to them about why I do what I do,” Easley said. “I was lost in addiction myself and had to completely change my life. I let them know that if I could overcome it, they can too... through God, Celebrate Recovery and working the 12 steps.”

Easley began his outreach efforts in 2015, initially helping individuals obtain rehabilitation services. His work quickly grew into managing treatment for dozens, eventually establishing a full-fledged recovery center through Marion Baptist Church. He arranges treatment referrals, conducts drug testing, monitors clients’ progress and collaborates with courts, attorneys, probation officers and law enforcement.

Along with earning certifications as an Adult Peer Support Specialist and a Targeted Case Management Mental Health Specialist, Easley serves as the Kentucky Celebrate Recovery State Representative, overseeing programs in all 120 counties.

Through monthly Zoom meetings and biannual national gatherings, including at Saddleback Church in California where Celebrate Recovery originated, Easley coordinates efforts across Kentucky and supports recovery ministries nationwide.

By his estimates, Easley has helped more than 1,000 individuals enter rehabilitation programs, many directly from jail or probation. He refers people only to facilities he has personally visited and vetted.

“There’s a lot of bad ac-

tors out there that don’t have the clients’ best interests at heart,” he said. “I won’t send anyone anywhere that I haven’t seen with my own eyes.”

Judge Heady, who nominated Easley for the award, described his impact as immeasurable.

“For over the last 14 years, I have served as the Chief District and now Chief Circuit Judge for Crittenden, Union and Webster counties. During that time, the biggest challenge that I have encountered is how to effectively accomplish long-term and meaningful change in the lives of those struggling with substance abuse,” Heady wrote in his nomination letter.

“What Jack started nearly a decade ago has now morphed into a full-fledged outreach and counseling services center. The impact that Jack has made on the lives of others and the communities is immeasurable but many families and lives have been saved and the benefit will be felt and multiplied for many generations to come,” Heady added.

Heady emphasized Easley’s dedication to action rather than talk.

“Jack is not simply a hearer of the call to help others, but he is actually a doer,” the judge said. “He always sees the good in everybody and thinks everybody deserves a chance regardless of the number of prior failures or their standing in society.”

Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell highlighted Easley’s unique position in the legal system.

“Jack Easley is an invaluable asset to the court system of Crittenden, Union and Webster counties,” Greenwell

said. “He is on the front line of defense combating the disease of alcohol and substance addiction that catches our citizens at their worst moments.”

Greenwell added, “Because of Jack, we are able to assess someone’s needs and find a treatment bed for them at the earliest stages of a criminal case. Jack goes above the call of duty in making all of the arrangements when someone needs inpatient treatment right down to transportation from jail to the facility. He truly cares not only about the sobriety of his participants but their overall well-being.”

In court, Easley has earned a reputation for honesty, a crucial part of the balance he maintains between advocating for clients and upholding accountability.

“When they’re doing good and really trying, I brag on them,” he said. “But when they’re not, I don’t overlook it. That’s not helping them.”

“I feel like that’s the main reason I’m allowed to do what I do, because they know what they’re hearing from me is the truth,” Easley said.

Gov. Andy Beshear’s senior advisor Rocky Adkins presented Easley with the award in Frankfort during a ceremony hosted by Serve Kentucky, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Office of the Governor at The Foundry on Broadway.

Easley said he was unaware he had been nominated until early this year.

“I was blessed to be the one selected,” he said. “I wake up every morning eager to do what I do. I’m grateful and blessed to be able to serve.”

PICKLEBALL COURTS | EVENTS

Marion-Crittenden County Park’s new pickleball courts opened late last week. Over the weekend, Hadley Myers, Lilah Sherer, Nai’Zayah Bell and Faith O’Brien played a game of doubles. Marion Pickleball Club will host a “Paddle With Purpose” event beginning at 10 a.m., May 17 at the Marion County Courts on Old Morganfield Road. The event will feature round robin play with women’s 2.5 division at 10 a.m., mixed 3.0–



3.5 at noon and men’s 2.5–3.5 at 2 p.m. Beginners are welcome. Entry is \$25 per person, with an additional \$5 fee for those participating in a second event. Contact Shana Geary at 270-704-1069 for info.



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Farmers on roll, be aware on highways

STAFF REPORT

Spring has officially sprung, and in western Kentucky, that means the fields and gardens are coming to life with activity. As temperatures warm and days lengthen, farmers and backyard gardeners alike are preparing soil, sowing seeds and rolling out equipment to make the most of the growing season. From expansive row crops to garden-variety vegetables, this is one of the busiest and most important times of year for agriculture in the region.

What's Going in the Ground

According to the Kentucky Crop Timeline, local farmers are deep into preparations and early planting for a variety of crops. Soybeans are being planted throughout May after early-season soil cultivation in April. Once established, these fields will be tended into summer and harvested in the fall.

Fields across the region will soon be topped and treated, leading to a busy fall of cutting and housing the crop.

Vegetable gardens and commercial plots are seeing a flurry of planting activity as well. This includes cabbage, corn, cucumbers,

peppers, squash and tomatoes, all going into the ground over the next few weeks. Broccoli follows in late summer plantings.

Strawberries planted earlier this spring are entering the de-blooming and weeding phase, with harvests expected to ramp up soon.

Blueberries and blackberries are also in bloom, with harvests expected by early summer.

In addition, hay fields are mowed and baled from May through September, a crucial feedstock for livestock producers across the state.


With so many operations active at once, motorists should expect to see slow-moving equipment on rural roads. Tractors, planters, and sprayers frequently travel between fields, and patience is key.

Farmers also remind drivers that many machines have a wide turning radius and limited visibility. Flashing amber lights and reflective signs often signal slow-moving vehicles. Being alert and cautious helps ensure everyone gets home safely.

From fields of soybeans to backyard tomato plots, now is the time to get growing. Whether you're planting for market or just hoping to enjoy fresh garrrden vegetables.



Davey Winn was planting corn late last week in the Caldwell Springs area of Crittenden



STUDENTS OF MONTH

Crittenden County School District last week recognized its April Students of the Month. They are (front) kindergartener Hadlee Paris (back), high schooler Brandon Peters, middle schooler Joseph Lamonica and fifth-grader Catelyn Mad-dux.

MCC Pathfinder Award bestowed upon CCHS counselor Shoulders

STAFF REPORT

Madisonville Community College has named Stefanie Shoulders, guidance counselor at Crittenden County High School, as this year's recipient of the MCC Pathfinder Award.

The Pathfinder Award honors high school educators who support MCC's mission, guide students toward post-secondary opportunities and provide mentorship that extends beyond the classroom.

"Stefanie exemplifies the spirit of the Pathfinder Award," said Dr. Cindy Kelley, president of Madisonville Community College.

"Her dedication to student success and her strong collaboration with MCC have made a lasting impact on her school and the community."

Shoulders has played a key role in connecting students at Crittenden County High School with resources and programs offered by MCC, helping them navigate the transition from high school to higher education.

Each of the 16 colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical Col-



Stefanie Shoulders

lege System selects one Pathfinder Award winner annually. Local winners are also considered for the statewide KCTCS Pathfinder of the Year distinction.

Water loss piles up for CLWD

STAFF REPORT

Ongoing meter failures, along with unaccounted water usage and general loss, continue to impact the Crittenden-Livingston Water District, officials said during Monday's monthly board meeting in Salem.

Low revenue figures raised concerns among board members, with Alan Hunt noting the financial numbers seemed unusually low for this time of year, especially with seasonal activities like pool filling not yet underway.

A significant contributor to the issue is the high number of non-registering water meters across the district. Water District Superintendent

Abby Adamson, who presented the report, said that while there are more functioning meters this year compared to last, 123 meters are currently reading zero usage. The remainder of non-registering meters are being manually read.

Meters that fail to record any water usage represent a complete loss for the district, as the usage cannot be recovered or billed retroactively.

Discussion about expediting the replacement of faulty meters took place, but no final decision was reached.

Meanwhile, the district's overall water loss remains high at 56 percent. Poor recordkeeping

might generate enough money to help balance the budget.

The occupational tax has been generating just over \$400,000 per year, an amount insufficient to cover fixed expenses, leaving no money for other public services such as the senior center or county parks, officials said.

Court members have also said they might continue to entertain additional options, including a potential property tax dedicated to EMS. Though previously met with reluctance by magistrates, some county officials acknowledged there could be a shift in public opinion and have expressed a possible willingness to revisit the idea.

Magistrate Robert Kirby suggested at a re-

cent fiscal court meeting that the county's failure to adjust tax rates incrementally over the years has forced it to take a drastic step now.

Perryman, who opposed the occupational tax hike, told fellow magistrates that he's felt a great deal of pressure and stress over trying to help balance the county budget. He also serves on the county's budget committee. Perryman said Monday that he was leaning toward the proposition that a new property tax to fund the ambulance service "might be more suitable."

The county contracts operation of EMS to ComCare. Its representatives have told the fiscal court that the fleet of ambulances is in poor condition and new units are sorely needed.

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