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**IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY VOTING**

**PRIMARY ELECTION POLLING PLACES**  
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Sheridan and Tolu Precincts

**Mexico Baptist Church**  
Frances Precincts

**Shady Grove Fire Department**  
Shady Grove Precinct

**YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE**

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## POLLS OPEN 12 HRS FOR PRIMARY VOTING

Early voting is underway in Crittenden County. See page 12 of this edition to see how you can vote ahead of Tuesday's Election Day. For in-person voting on Tuesday at any of the five voting locations be prepared for the following:

- Bring your required identification, a driver's license is the most efficient to scan.
- Have your ID ready when you step up to register.
- Election officers will verify your identity and you will be issued a paper ballot. Voters with disabilities may use an ADA ballot-marking device which prints a paper ballot to be scanned.

## LIVE COVERAGE

The Crittenden Press will be providing live coverage from the courthouse Tuesday night. We will be pushing information across our various electronic platforms.



Livingston Hospital has unveiled its new logo and updated signage at the hospital campus in Salem. The updates reflect its recent affiliation with Deaconess Health System. "The new logo, colors and signage represent a fresh start and a symbol of the great things that are happening at Livingston Hospital and serves as a teaser of what's to come for the future," said Shane Whittington, Livingston Hospital CEO. "As we continue to make changes, you can count on our dedicated employees to provide high quality care and a positive patient experience." In addition to the new signs, hospital employees were given T-shirts with the new logo.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, May 16 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, May 16 at city hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 17 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, May 19 at the courthouse.

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The mud flats are growing as Lake George recedes. As of now, plans are to continue emptying the lake.

## No long-term drinking water plan at this point Lake George exodus continues

STAFF REPORT

Exactly where and how Marion will get its raw water for the foreseeable future still remains a bit of a mystery nearly two weeks after a hole in the levee at Lake George created a crisis for the town's drinking water. Options, however, are being discussed as challenges continue to mount.

One thing seems to be certain: Marion's water customers, at least to some degree, will be footing the bill. Putting together this raw water puzzle could take millions of dollars and stress a customer base already feeling a heavy burden from financing a \$17 million sewer plant and collection system upgrade.

City leaders are trying to soften the funding blow by seeking state and federal assistance. They are also working to navigate a myriad of safety, timeliness

### What about the fish?

STAFF REPORT

A Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources biologist says the fish from Lake George will survive and if and when the levee is repaired and the lake restored, the fishing should be even better.

Adam Martin, sport fish biologist with

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and logistical issues that cloud a clear path to the future. Marion's aging plant near Lake George is still capable of producing potable water and for now it has - with a measure of supplemental drinking water coming from the county - an ample supply to last for the time being,

barring drought or other catastrophes.

When the Marion City Council met in special session Monday night there were numerous questions, yet few firm or definitive answers.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said longterm options are perhaps a bit clearer this week as city officials have conferred with Division of Water and other state agencies on alternatives for rectifying problems it is facing with regard to an ample supply of raw water. Among them are repairing Lake George, siphoning water from either the Ohio or Cumberland rivers by running a pipe from Marion to those sources, dredging Old City Lake to increase its capacity, exploring for natural aquifers or other groundwater sources and/or buying

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**APRIL 2022**

**Weather Yearbook**

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Coldest Temp</b>	<b>33.5</b>	28.9	29.2	26.6	27.0
<b>Warmest Temp</b>	<b>82.6</b>	82.3	81.6	82.2	79.2
<b>Hottest Temp</b>	<b>82.6</b>	82.3	81.6	82.2	79.2
<b>Precipitation</b>	<b>6.0</b>	4.1	2.29	4.57	4.28
<b>Wettest Day</b>	<b>1.5</b>	1.67	0.88	1.08	1.0

■ Crittenden County has received about 10 inches of rainfall over the past couple of months and 21 inches this year. Over the past seven years, Crittenden County has received about 54 inches of annual rainfall making this year slightly above average through the first one-third of 2022. The six inches of rainfall was the most in April over the past seven years.



Pictured are Board of Education members along with newly hired superintendent Tonya Driver and outgoing Superintendent Vince Clark. They are (from left) Bill Asbridge, Ryan McDaniel, Chris Cook, Driver, Clark, Eric Larue and Tim Grau.

CCHS grad Driver will be new superintendent

## Board of Ed hires from within

STAFF REPORT

She was a hard-working and decorated student on Crittenden County campuses more than three decades. Now, Tonya (née Nation) Driver is in charge of it all. Last week, Crittenden County Board of Education unanimously selected her as the district's next superintendent.

Driver's selection was greeted with a great deal of applause from a crowd that

had gathered last week at the public school board meeting, including her husband, parents and coworkers. Many well wishers greeted her with hugs after the meeting was adjourned.

Driver was among four finalists who were selected from 11 applicants for the job. Her initial four-year contract will begin with an annual salary of

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Photo by Todd Perryman







# Deaths

## Beavers

Jerry Beavers, 81, of Marion, died Thursday, May 5, 2022 his at home. Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Evelyn Beavers; a son, Kurt (Deitra) Beavers of Marion; a daughter, Kristi Beavers of Marion; two grandchildren Kayla (Jamie) Travis and Tanner Beavers; three great-grandchildren, Carly Travis, Reece Travis and Bryson Beavers; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Melvin Beavers; a daughter, Robbie Jo Beavers; three brothers, Bill Beavers, Donald Beavers and Kenneth Beavers; and four sisters, Mary Feagan, Ruth Blackburn, Grace Baird and Kathrine Beavers.

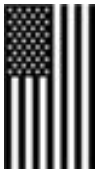
Services were Monday, May 9 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter, 24 Just-A-Mere Rd, Marion KY 42064 or to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N Michigan Ave, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or alz.org.

## Head

Atha Cleveland Head, 90, formerly of Livingston County, died Thursday, May 5, 2022 at his home in Henderson.

He was a member of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church and was the superintendent of the Kentucky State Police motor vehicle fleet for over 30 years. He loved to bowl, hunt, fish and go fast. He was a veteran of the United States Air



Force. Surviving are his wife Dolores Hartman Head; two sons; Richard (Brenda) Head of Paris, Ky., and Mack (Dianne) Head of Versailles; three daughters, Arlita (Cecil) Linville of Carlisle, Lisa (Henry) Haner of Cairo, Ky., and Wendy (Terry) McPherson of Henderson; two sisters, Mary Lee Heater of Hodgenville and Betty Stewart of Baton Rouge, La; a brother, Walter Head of Owensboro; two grandchildren, Andrew (Kelly) Head of Lexington and Zachary Hays of Seattle, Wash; caregivers Isaac McPherson, Olivia McPherson and Julie-Haner (Wayne) Wolfe, all of Henderson, and Jaime (Zack) Winkler of Philpot; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rhea Edna (Smith) Head; and his first wife, Mary Anna Head.

Funeral services were Monday, May 9 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with burial in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Burna.

*Paid obituary*

## McDaniel

Chester Lourd McDaniel, 70, of Princeton, died May 7, 2022 at his home.

He was born on March 12, 1952 to the late Lourd "Cowboy" McDaniel and Ella Jackson McDaniel. He was a member and retired custodian for First Baptist Church in Princeton. He also was a retired bus driver for Caldwell County Schools.

Surviving are his wife

of 38 years, Rhonda Knight McDaniel; two daughters, Candi (Brock) Lady of Princeton and Wendy (Paul) Loney of Princeton; two sons, Roger (Wendy) McDaniel of Eddyville and Kevin McDaniel of Princeton; 13 grandchildren, Justin (Haley) McDaniel, Ashton (Steve) Wurtman, Tori Olden, Taci Olden, Trace Olden, Tayla Olden, Lauryn Cooper, Darien Lady, Trenton Lady, Brooklynn Lady, Kevin W. McDaniel, Jaci McDaniel and Makaylah (Michael) Burgess; 12 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Louise Hall and Violet McDaniel, both of Princeton; and a brother, Jimmy McDaniel of Princeton.

In addition to his parents, he was proceeded in death by two sisters, Patty McClure and Kitty Matthews; and a brother, Sidney McDaniel.

Funeral services were Wednesday, May 11 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Faughn and Dr. Bill Tichenor officiating. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Princeton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sarah Cannon Cancer Center, 1100 Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Blvd., Suite 800, Nashville, TN 37203.

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# School staff to see pay hike

The Crittenden County Board of Education's certified employees will get a 2 percent raise next school year. Classified employees, including aides, cooks and bus drivers will get a 50-cent per hour raise.

The board of education approved these and similar financial matters during its regular meeting April 26. The board unanimously approved a \$100 stipend for coaches, sponsors and extra-curricular advisors and \$50 for their assistants.

Superintendent Vince Clark pointed to the fact that the district was unable to give raises in 2017 and 2018, and said he is pleased that the district can provide pay increases this year.

In addition, substitute teacher pay will increase by 2 percent and 50 cents per hour depending on certification.

Another benefit approved is a \$30 per day increase for teachers who give up their planning period to cover another teacher's class. This has happened routinely during a teacher shortage the last two years. When substitutes are not readily available, teachers have graciously given up their planning time, Clark said.

"This rewards folks who are willing to step up and fill in in those spots," he said. "It also allows good learning to continue because kids are connected to a certified teacher."

"We thought it worked out well during COVID, and should continue at least for the next year."

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Kentucky State Police is selling chances on a 2022 Sierra 1500 Limited Denali to benefit Trooper Island youth camp. The \$10 tickets are available locally at The Crittenden Press. Trooper Island is a free camp for kids from financially challenged families established in 1965 by KSP at Dale Hollow Lake.

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History teacher Ben Thompson has built a remarkable museum in his classroom, which helps students learn with a hands-on experience.

# Makeshift classroom museum full of ancient replicas, relics

BY SAMANTHA TINSLEY  
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

It was over a year ago when sixth grade social studies teacher Ben Thompson embarked on a project that he says would soon, “spiral out of control.”

What is now an entire classroom museum filled with relics, replicas and interactive activities started with the purchase of a few ancient coins online.

Thompson wanted to create a hands-on learning environment where students at Crittenden County Middle School could actually hold pieces of history in their paws. With few resources and no history museums relevant to the content within a reasonable distance, Thompson knew he would have to make his own.

The idea to collect artifacts for a classroom museum began to unfold. During the summer, Thompson scoured the internet for interesting artifacts and books, prepared his classroom, and even created an interactive website showcasing all of the artifacts in the event that a virtual option would be needed.

Learning, Thompson shares, has been quite difficult in the past two years of the pandemic.

“Students spent most of the last two years of their lives at home. Now, it is so hard to interest students, especially when you are competing with movies and video games. The goal was for kids to not only remember the content, but hopefully, enjoy it too,” he says.



Thompson’s sixth grade social studies class examines ancient history from prehistory all the way to 500 CE. Students learn about ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, China, and more.

If you’re a history enthusiast in any capacity, the classroom is a remarkable mini-tour. Replicas of the Great Pyramid of Giza, a mummified chicken leg made with help from the sixth graders, statues of Terra Cotta warriors, Chinese Jade and several replicas of artifacts from the Louvre are just a few of the pieces that have been utilized. Students can scan QR codes placed around the classroom for more information on certain topics, read from a selection of books Thompson collected, and even look through a slide viewer at old vacation photos from Pompeii.

Students begin each unit with a “museum tour” where they handle and learn about the artifacts from the specific unit. Then, when they begin taking notes and delving further into the con-



Middle schooler Landon Lanham holds in his hand a replica of an artifact that is also depicted in a classroom history book.

tent, they can recall what they learned during the tour. The interest from the students is palpable.

It is hard for students to pick a favorite item in their classroom museum, “I love the tin soldiers and the Egyptian pyramids,” shares sixth grader Ella Hoover. Another one of Thompson’s students, Landon Lanham, shares his excitement over the Mesopotamian artifacts, including a small replica of the statue of Gilgamesh (the world’s first superhero), the code of Hammurabi’s stele, and a Sumerian clay tablet.

To take it even further, various projects allowed students the chance to really dive into the material. Students made a book of their own life philosophies after learning about the Greek philosophers Plato, Aristotle and Socrates. A grade-wide competition to build the best self-supporting bridge was hosted to teach students how they may have been completed in ancient civilizations. The students eagerly share that the winners each won a free meal from McDonald’s, paid for by Mr. Thompson.

As an educator, Thompson feels it necessary to be adaptable and innovative, especially as technology is becoming more integrated with education.

“I’ve been teaching in Crittenden County for 20 years now. If anything, this is proof that an old dog can learn new tricks. It is always important to try new things, especially in the classroom.”

Thompson intends to keep searching for new artifacts and ways for students to stay engaged for years to come. If you’d like to see the history for yourself, head to [misterbenthompson.com](http://misterbenthompson.com).

## MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of April 2022 to the same month in 2021. The chart also includes the previous month’s totals, year-to-date police activity totals and a five-year monthly average.

CATEGORY	APRIL 2022	APRIL 2021	MARCH 2022	2022 YR TOTAL	MONTHLY 5 YR AVG.
Miles driven/patrolled	4,192	3,526	4,382	14,731	2970.9
Criminal investigations	7	17	16	41	13.3
Domestics	7	12	4	26	8.5
Felony Arrests	4	33	8	21	4.4
Misdemeanor arrests	15	7	4	35	8.3
Non-criminal arrests	8	4	16	47	6.8
DUI arrests	0	1	1	1	0.8
Criminal summons served	2	1	3	15	2.5
Traffic citations	20	12	20	69	18.3
Other citations	23	47	30	113	19.4
Traffic warnings	0	2	4	17	7.6
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.2
Traffic accidents	8	7	5	19	5.7
Security checks/alarms	46	34	38	151	52.0
Calls for service	182	205	184	676	185.9



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Live Updates on all of our electronic platforms



Crittenden County Extension Homemakers recently honored first responders in the county with thank you notes. Homemaker Club members are appreciative of their efforts during COVID-19. Representatives from the Marion City Police and Crittenden County Sheriff’s Department were invited to attend a recent Advisory Council meeting. Pictured a re (seat from left) Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences Janeen Tramble, Council President Sarah Ford, Council Vice-President Darl Henley (back) Marion Police Chief Ray O’Neal, Nancy Hunt, Micki Crider, Janet Stevens, Jerrell James, Debbie Padgett and deputies George Foster and Ray Agent. The council oversees projects involving local Homemaker clubs. For further information about Extension Homemakers, contact the County Extension office at (270) 965-5236.




# God is at work, even when it's not obvious

**Question:** My employer has betrayed me. Our manager retired and the company owner promised me the position. He gave it to another. I got shafted! I'm hurt and angry. How can I continue to work at this company?

**Answer:** Sometimes we get betrayed and it is easy to harbor resentment. Negative emotions will get you nowhere except to become filled with self-pity. I suggest you can take these positive actions:

1. Don't burn your bridges behind you. Don't make a hasty decision to quit. It may be better for your family's circumstances for you to continue to work there. If you seek other employment, you will need a good recommendation.
2. Don't harbor resentment. Even though it is difficult, pray for your employer. Praying for him or her is the best way for you change your thoughts toward another person.

**ASK the PASTOR**  
By Bob Hardison



3. Make lemonade out of lemons. Betrayal can make us bitter or better. Ask the Lord to use your pain to produce growth in your life.

4. Trust God to help. He's at work, even when it's not obvious. God is always up to something bigger than we can see. "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

5. Keep moving forward and trusting God. Who knows, the new guy may make a terrible manager and your additional work experience may make you a better manager. Or, maybe the managerial position wouldn't have been a good fit for you.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

## Community Events & News

■ Maranatha General Baptist will be having homecoming Sunday, May 15. Sermon by Bro. Steve Stone at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and singing featuring The Stone Family.

■ Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, May 12 at the VFW building, 412 N. College St., Marion.

■ The VFW in Marion will

be having Bingo at 5 p.m. every Tuesday starting May 17 at 412 N. College St., Marion.

■ Marion Show and Shine will be the fourth Thursday every month starting May 26, weather permitting. Cars, trucks and motorcycles permitted at Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 S. Main St., Marion, Ky.

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**May 17**  
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**CLOSED ELECTION DAY**  
Crittenden County Clerk's Office  
will be closed Election Day,  
Tuesday, May 17  
to all but voting-related activity




**With Heartfelt Gratitude**

The family of Barbara Woodall would like to say thank you for every act of kindness shown to us during her sickness and death.

Thanks for the flowers, food, Bibles, cards, texts, phone calls and most of all your prayers.

A special thanks to Bro. Aaron Brown for the wonderful message and Mrs. Linda Brown for the beautiful music. Also, thanks to Marion Baptist Church for the wonderful meal and to all who contributed to it. Also, thank you to the staff at Myers Funeral Home and to Bill Fox for his act of kindness.

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The Honorable Perry A. Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive  
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Independent Auditor's Report

**Report on the Financial Statement**

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statement which collectively comprise the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

**Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2021, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

**Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting**

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the fund balances of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court as of June 30, 2021, and their respective cash receipts and disbursements, and budgetary results for the year then ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government described in Note 1.

**Other Matters**

*Supplementary Information and Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules and Schedule of Capital Assets are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

The Schedule of Capital Assets has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide assurance on it.


**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 15, 2022, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Crittenden County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses included herein, which discusses the following report findings:

2021-001 The Crittenden County Jail Inappropriately Used Debit Card For Jail Commissary Purchases  
2021-002 The County Failed To Implement Adequate Controls Over Debt Related Transactions

Respectfully submitted,

  
Tammy R. Patrick, CPA  
Patrick & Associates, LLC

March 15, 2022



# Press scribe visits busy towns

Mr. J. B. McNeely was the press scribe in 1912. As he visited all the little towns, he would write about them and share their news with the readers of The Press. Through these little entertaining articles we can learn a lot of history about our long ago towns. Here are some of Mr. McNeely's news items. He named his column, J. B. M. Still On The Go.

### July 4, 1912 – Visits to Repton, Mattoon and Gladstone.

Leaving Marion Monday morning we made our first stop at Repton. This is a beautiful little town situated north of Marion near the I. C. Railroad. It consists of two general merchandise stores, one church, school house, blacksmith shop and a number of dwelling houses and post office. Mr. Perry is postmaster.

Mr. W. S. Jones is carrying a stock of general merchandise, and when in need of goods, call on him. H. T. Summers, is, or was the village blacksmith, but since we called on him he has lost his shop and mill, of which we reported last week. After spending the day in and around Repton we pleasantly spent the night with J. J. Farley.

Tuesday morning we called at Mattoon. Bart Summerville is the general dry goods merchant here and sells goods to all the people around and about. After this "burg." We next made "Nunns" (Gladstone.) This is a railroad town situated in a narrow valley but is reached by several county roads, therefore it is quite a business point.

Brantley and Arflack are dealers in general merchandise, and when in need of dry good or groceries, call on them. R. R. Crowell is the people's blacksmith, horse-shoeing is his specialty. When in need of blacksmith work, call on him.

We remained here several hours. Spent a pleasant night with the aged John M. Gilbert, he is one of the old landmarks in that section. He is 87 years old and his wife Perneice, is 85. They have been married 60 years. Mr. Gilbert tells of many interesting events of the past.

### July 25, 1912 – Visits to Weston and Shady Grove.

Weston is situated on the Ohio River and consists of two dry goods stores, blacksmith shop, drug store and post office. Weston has a fine boat landing.

There are a number of elegant dwelling houses beautifully situated with large front yards which gives them a fine appearance.

E. C. Travis carries a complete line of pure drugs, prescriptions filled at all hours.

Our friend P. M. Ward is making his home in this village. The professor speaks in high terms of the citizens of Weston, and they deserve it. We were only here about one hour and did some good business. We left with an impression about this little town on the placid waters of the beautiful Ohio.

Shady Grove is situated in the eastern part of Crittenden County near the Webster County line. It is a village of about 300 inhabitants, and the merchants are enjoying a good trade.

There are three dry good stores, one hardware store, one drug store, grist mill, post office and cold drink stand. Here are the names of the business firms as we take them from our notebook: Drs. Jeff Mc-



Mr. and Mrs. Sheck C. Towery ran the popular hotel in Shady Grove. Noted as a fine place to stay in this section of the county.

Connell and G. C. Collins are the physicians, and there are no better to be found in this end of the state. They carry a stock of drugs in connection with their professional trade.

Owen Beard wants to sell you your cold drinks. Give him a call. Messrs J. H. Lamb and W. F. McDowell are the blacksmiths and they can make anything from a horse-shoe nail to a stream thrasher.



Brenda Underdown  
County Historian

### Forgotten Passages

Mrs. B. C. Birchfield wants to supply you in the latest styles of ladies hats. Call and see her.

Fred Lemon wants to trade with you; he handles a variety of goods.

W. D. Tudor is the postmaster and no better can be found than Willie Tudor. He is polite and attentive to everyone that has business with him. T. C. Land is the barber; he is careful in his work and gives satisfaction.

Richard McDowell is the carpenter and is kept busy. Tudor and Horning are dealers in general merchandise and control a large trade; in fact, all that Shady Grove needs to do is advertise her business for she is situated so as to draw a large trade. S. C. Towery and wife keep one of the best hotels in this section of the state.

Opportunity for worship is well provided for. There are two churches, Baptist and Methodist. There is also a splendid school building; in fact, everything indicates a happy and prosperous people.

### August 1, 1912 – Visits to Sheridan and Tolu.

Our first stopping place was Sheridan. This is one of the blooming little towns situated on the highway between Marion and Tolu. We asked Mr. Lawrence Tackwell, the mail carrier, who is in business there? B. B. Terry, he said. This was the first call we made. Mr. Terry is in the grocery business. He keeps a general line of fresh groceries, sells goods to citizens of that section as far away as Marion.

A. J. Bebout carries a full line of general merchandise and is one of the first citizens of Sher-

idan. E. F. Sullenger is handling a fine line of dry goods. He also wants to buy your livestock. He is well posted on the market.

J. R. Bagwell is the village blacksmith, and the children coming home from school look in at the open door. They love to see the flaming forge and hear the bellows roar. Miss Reba Bebout is the polite post mistress.

Just a little further on is Irma; W. A. Tackwell is the merchant in charge. He is a dealer in general merchandise and does a good business.

### Tolu

The next town was Tolu, and the first business place we entered was the Farmer & Merchant Bank, Zed A. Bennett is the efficient and polite cashier. Mr. Bennett informed us that the Tolu Bank was doing a prosperous business, having \$100,000 on deposit. Tolu has in the way on business, three dry goods stores, one bank, one drug store, one hardware store.

Charley Thomas is giving satisfaction as postmaster. J. N. Tabor is the hotel man. He will furnish you a square meal at any hour. We were in Tolu about two

hours, but we were there long enough to do some good business; in fact, we called at every business house and a number of dwelling houses.

Among others we met Richard Knight, a merchant there, after a few words we were both surprised to find that we knew each other away back in our boyhood days.

Time was about up, and the steamer Abigail was coming up the shoot and we took passage for Fords Ferry. Jim Rankin is handling a line of general merchandise at this place. There are a number of families living there, and they appear to be happy and contented. See you next trip around the county.

### August 8, 1912 – Visit to the Community of Crayne

Our first business call was in Crayne. This railroad town is just a few miles south of Marion and consists of two dry goods store and one drug store. W. N. Weldon carries a complete stock of merchandise. Brown & Carlos have dry goods and groceries. Those two houses are carrying the trade of this section. Pogue and Fox are dealers in drugs and cold drinks. Their clerk, young R. F. Pogue, makes you feel pleasant and at home while you are in his place of business.

As this closes our work for the present time, we want to thank all for favors. We have enjoyed visiting every town.

(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).

## LOVE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

meeting will be held at

### 2 p.m., Saturday, May 21

AT THE CEMETERY

Please be present.

Donations can be made at Farmers Bank  
or mailed to: Charlene Armstrong  
261 Country Drive, Marion,, Ky. 42064

Thank you

## NOTICE:

Due to unfavorable circumstances,  
the Annual Crayne Fish Fry  
has been canceled.

Thank you to all who have been faithful to  
attend this event in the past.

Donations for the upkeep of the cemetery  
are still very much needed.  
If you can make a donation,  
please send it to:

Brenda Underdown  
Crayne Cemetery Fund Treasurer  
139 Oak Hill Dr., Marion, Ky. 42064

# VOTE

## Athena Perry-Hayes

### Crittenden Co. Jailer

★ ★ ★

### Experienced, Dedicated, Hard-Working Leadership

Elect Athena Perry-Hayes  
Crittenden Co Jailer

ahayesforjailer@gmail.com

Paid for by Athena Perry-Hayes

OVER 20 YEARS OF OFFICE EXPERIENCE!

# VOTE

## Belinda Williams

Crittenden County Clerk

### May 17 and Nov. 8, 2022

bwilliamscombms@hotmail.com  
(270) 704-0758

Paid for by Belinda Williams

## Notice of Public Hearing

### Zoning Map Amendment

A request for a Zoning Map Amendment for the property located at 210 E. Depot, Marion, Ky. 42064 has been filed with the Marion Planning Commission. A request to establish zoning for the property/properties as AGR Agricultural District will be considered.

A public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on May 12, 2022 before the Marion Planning Commission in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 217 S. Main Street, Marion, Ky.

For more information contact the City of Marion at (270) 965-2266.

### HOMES

3 Bed 1 Bath - 2722 Molt City Rd.	\$89,900NW
4 Bed 2 Bath - 1071 Claylick Rd.	\$164,900RP
2 Bed 1 Bath - 116 N Yandell St.	\$44,900BF
Mobile Home - 237 Cruce Rd.	\$28,900ML
3 Bed 2 bath Split-Level - 417 College St.	GOING \$159,900WW
3 Bed 1bath - 212 Leland Ave.	SOLD \$70,000MP
2 Bed 1 Bath - 115 W Graham St., Fredonia	SOLD \$24,900DW
3 Bed 1(full) 2(half) Bath on 35+- Acres, 1985 Weldon	SOLD \$319,900BW
3 Bed 2 Bath - 2070 Vine St., Carrsville	PRICE REDUCED. \$149,000MD

### ACREAGE

46 +- AC with Small Cabin - Good Springs Rd.	SOLD \$129,900
650+- AC - 9285 US 60 W Marion, KY	SOLD \$1,300,000
Cave-In-Rock Island - 160+- AC	ACTIVE \$359,900 AE

### COMMERCIAL

Engine Repair Shop - 213 W Gum St.	\$98,500GG
Store Front - 1999 SR 70	\$24,900PT
The Front Porch	\$365,000

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and respect to  
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Crittenden County  
on the Fiscal Court

## Elect BOB ROWLEY

### MAGISTRATE

Crittenden County District 6

Paid for by Bob Rowley

# VOTE

## TODD PERRYMAN

### CRITTENDEN COUNTY

# PVA

### Property Valuation Administrator

- Served on the PVA Board of Assessment Appeals.
- Knowledgeable of real estate transactions and property values in the county.
- 11 years banking experience, 8 years in loan department.
- Lifelong resident of Crittenden County.
- High school and college honor graduate.
- Governmental experience as Magistrate.

I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION ON MAY 17

Paid for by Todd Perryman



# Classifieds The Crittenden Press

## yard sales

Yard sale, 429 Sturgis Rd., Marion (Malcom Hunt residence), starting at 9 a.m., Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14. Lots of baby/toddler winter and summer clothes, baby items, new car seat, medical scrubs, women clothing, like new children and baby toys, shoes, home décor, brand new 2007 Chevy Tahoe headlights, toddler bed and bedding, maternity clothing, misc. (11-19-p)

Yard sale, Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 14 at 8942 U.S. Hwy. 60 East, Marion. Toys, DVDs, dishes, sheets, towels, stereo system, shoes, dress up clothes and costumes, purses, Aloha items, kitchen and household items, baby clothes, boy, girl, lady and men clothes, binding system, lotion gift sets and free tiger lilies. Rain cancels. Lots, lots more. (270) 625-1310. (11-19-p)

399 Ky. 855 North, Marion, Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. 6 hp boat motor, golf clubs, boy clothes (2T and 5T), dishes, fishing stuff. (11-19-p)

Indoor yard sale Friday, & Saturday, 2730 U.S. 60 W, Marion. Clothes (some new), antiques, tools, knives, books, fishing rods, makeup, new pressure washer, trolling motor, deer stand, holiday decorations and much more. (11-19-c) ks

## wanted

Will buy gold and silver coins and jewelry. Free estimates. (270) 969-0035. (17-tfc) jn

## real estate

1.21 acres for sale, Hillcrest Estates, Ron Latham, (270) 635-3645. \$25,000. (8t-22-p)

## employment

Glenn's Pharmacies has two job openings, one in Salem and one in Marion. Glenn's Prescription Center in Salem is looking for a full-time cashier. Cashier duties include operating a register, answering the phone, customer service, front end management, cleaning, organizing, smiling, being friendly, being professional, being a team player. Apply within the pharmacy. Applications are being accepted in Marion and Salem. Interviews will be set when an application is turned in at either pharmacy. Call either clinic for more information. The Marion position involves delivering medication to customers' homes. The position is Monday through Friday 12:30- 5:30 p.m., and includes working in the pharmacy on Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. It also includes running the register and doing daily chores in the pharmacy. Candidates must be able to communicate notes to customers, read and know cursive writing. Must have a valid Kentucky Drivers License with good driving record. Criminal records check will be completed. Applicants will need to get an application at either Glenns location and return it to the pharmacy. (2t-20-c).

The Pennyryle District Health Department is accepting applications for a full time Local Health Registered Nurse I for Lyon County. Starting Salary: \$22.00 hour negotiable with additional experience and benefit package. Applications and a full listing of qualifications may be obtained at Caldwell, Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg County Health Departments. Completed application and transcript must be postmarked by Wednesday May 18th, 2022, to HR Manager, PDHD PO Box 770 Eddyville, KY 42038. Resume will not substitute for completed application. Qualified applicants/ employees are subject to a pre-screening, selection for interview and/or demonstration of skills testing. Pre/Post employment may be contingent upon a successful drug screening test and background check. Equal Opportunity Employer. (11-19-c)

Earle C. Clements Job Corps Academy is hosting a hiring event May 24 from 5-7 p.m., and May 25 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Union County Cooperative Extension Office in Morganfield. We will assist job seekers with our online application and conduct on site interviews. Sign-on bonuses for most positions! Now offering a \$15 minimum wage. MTC is an equal opportunity employer-Minority/Female/Disabled/Veteran. To view current openings and qualifications and to apply, please visit our website: [www.mtcjobs.com](http://www.mtcjobs.com). "Building Tomorrow's Futures Today" (3t-20-c)

Reliable workers needed! Full-time, 1st & 2nd shift positions available now! Strong Solid Company with a Bright Future! Good starting wage \$12 & up based on skill & experience. Must pass background & drug screen. Apply at Liberty Tire Recycling, 2071 US 60 West, Marion KY or email resume to [hmaloney@libertytire.com](mailto:hmaloney@libertytire.com). Call for more info 270-965-3613. Equal Opportunity Em-

ployer. (tfc)

## services

Watson Lawn Care for free estimates on your lawn care needs, call (501) 269-1421 or text me at (270) 969-0492. (5t-22-p)

CONCRETE WORK: Parking lots, garages, steel buildings, walls, sidewalks, driveways, room additions, rock driveways, clean ditches. Call for quote (270) 724-4672, Joe Mattingly Concrete Construction. (12t-20-p)

## bid notices

Request for Sealed Bids: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids and design plans to repair bridge number 028C00036N over Claylick Creek on CR 1209 – Mexico Rd. Details of the project can be obtained by calling the Judge Executive's office at 270-965-5251, M-F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST. Bids shall be submitted to the Crittenden County Fiscal Court at 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208 Marion KY 42064 or by email to [jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org](mailto:jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org) before 4:30 p.m. May 18, 2022. Bids shall be opened on May 19, 2022, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court beginning at 8:30 a.m. CST. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS 45-A. (11-19-c)

Request for Sealed Bids: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids and design plans to repair bridge number 028C00026N over Clement Creek on CR 1209 – Mexico Rd. Details of the project can be obtained by calling the Judge Executive's office at 270-965-5251, M-F 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST. Bids shall be submitted to the Crittenden County Fiscal Court at 107 S. Main St., Ste. 208 Marion KY 42064 or by email to [jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org](mailto:jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org) before 4:30 p.m. May 18, 2022. Bids shall be opened on May 19, 2022, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court beginning at 8:30 a.m. CST. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS 45-A. (11-19-c)

The Crittenden County Board of Education is accepting sealed bid(s) for propane for the FY23 school year. All sealed bids must be received by May 19th 2022 at 1:30PM at which time they will be opened. Bids will be received at the Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion, KY 42064 ATTN: Vanessa Shewcraft and must be marked "Bid". The Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to decline any or all bids. Please contact Wayne Winters with any questions at 270.965.3866, or [wayne.winters@crittenden.kyschools.us](mailto:wayne.winters@crittenden.kyschools.us). (2t-19-c)

The City of Marion Kentucky

Tourism is accepting bids on the following Play System Components. Unit # 1 Key Features: Ages: 2-5 ASTM Use Zone: 30' x 29' Capacity: 37 Fall Height: 50" Play Events: 9

To include but not limited to one slide, five climbers, transfer station and toppers. Unit # 2 Key Features: Ages: 5-12 ASTM Use Zone: 57' x 63' Capacity: 172 Fall Height: 120" Three tier structure Play Events: 29 To include but not limited to four slides, six climbers, overhead events, play panels, transfer station, rope wall, motion play units and toppers. Unit # 3 Three Bay Single Post Swings including 2 tot seats and 4 belt seats. Bids must be received at the Marion Welcome Center by 4:00 pm May 23, 2022. P.O. Box 174 Marion KY 42064 270-965-5015. Bids will be open at 8:30 am on May 24, 2022.

Marion Tourism Commission reserved the right to accept or reject any or all bids. (2t-20-c)

The Crittenden County Board of Education will receive lump sum sealed bids for the furnishing of all materials, tools, equipment, labor and supervision required for the Crittenden County High School addition to Rocket Arena, Football Field & Softball Field. Proposals will be received until 2 p.m., prevailing time, on June 7, 2022, at the office of the Owner, Crittenden County Board of Education, Rocket Arena Conference Room, 601 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud. A prebid conference will be held on May 31, 2022, at 10:00 AM, prevailing time, at the Crittenden County Middle/High School, 519 West Gum Street, Marion, Kentucky. All bidders should plan on attending this meeting. Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from Maco-Evansville Blue, 600 Court Street, Evansville, IN 47708 (812-464-8108) or visiting their website [maco-planroom.com](http://maco-planroom.com). Any questions should be directed to the office of the Architect, RBS Design Group, 723 Harvard Drive, Owensboro, KY 42301 (270-683-1158). A 5% Bid Security and 100% Performance and Payment Bond are required for this project. The scoring of proposals is subject to reciprocal preference for Kentucky resident bidders and preferences for a Qualified Bidder. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and/or waive any informalities in bids received where such acceptance, rejection, or waiver is considered to be in the best interest of the Owner. (11-19-c)

## legal notices

PUBLIC NOTICE: BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOV-

ERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) FUNDS.

A public hearing will be held by Crittenden County Fiscal Court at the courthouse on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 8:30 am during the regular meeting of Crittenden County Fiscal Court for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) funds. All interested persons are invited to the hearing to submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments, should call the Office of the County Judge Executive at 270-965-5251 or e-mail comments to [ccfc@crittendencountyky.org](mailto:ccfc@crittendencountyky.org) by 3:30 CST, Wednesday, May 18, 2022 so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments. (11-19-c)

Notice is hereby given that on May 4, 2022 Hon. Cobie Evans of 108 E. Carlisle St., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed public administrator with will annexed of David W. Gott, deceased, whose address was 639 Jack Dodson Rd., Marion, Ky. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the public administrator with will annexed on or before the 4th day of November, 2022 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (11-19-p)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION 22-CI-00010  
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I PLAINTIFF  
VS.  
CHRISTOPHER PUGH AKA CHRISTOPHER K. PUGH CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the April 14, 2020, I will on Friday, May 20, 2022 beginning at the hour of 10:00 A.M. in the City of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit: Property Address: 512 Old Shady Grove Road, Marion, KY 42064 Parcel No.: 070-40-13-011.00 Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants and to all legal highways and easements. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE

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PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS. The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Only delinquent property taxes will be paid from the proceeds of the sale. Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 7.5000% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with KRS 424.220, a copy of the complete audit report of Crittenden County Fiscal Court for the year ending June 30, 2021, including financial statements and supplemental information, is on file in the Judge Executive Office.

Any citizen may obtain a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statement and supplemental information for his/her personal use. Personal copies of the Crittenden County audit report will be subject to a copy fee of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.

Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220, when a financial statement is required by KRS 424.220, are available at no cost by contacting the Judge Executive Office at 107 South Main Street, Suite 208, Marion, Kentucky 42064.

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 353 ACRES - \$1,495,000 - Beautiful farm with home and a diverse blend of habitat types. This farm is a nature and wildlife lover's dream. The property has a diverse blend of habitat types with everything needed to grow, hold and harvest mature whitetails and wild turkeys.  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 216.57 ACRES - \$427,717 - Great hunting tract with a diverse mix of habitat types. Great deer and wild turkey habitat with opportunities for waterfowl hunting. Open areas for food plots. Approximately 244.78 acres of timber. Planted pines.  
CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 947 ACRES - \$1,450,000 - This unique large acreage hunting farm is ideal for all of Kentucky's favored game species. The tract features a diverse blend of habitat types.  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 132.73 ACRES - \$238,914 - Great hunting tract with diverse topography, mast producing timber, several food plots, open areas for food plots and a good trail system.  
LIVINGSTON, KY - 99.954 ACRES - Hunting tract with a large creek, open ground for food plots, mast producing hardwoods and numerous funnels and pinch points! \$199,909.  
CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 239.27 ACRES - \$376,900 - This farm has a diverse blend of habitat types that provides excellent deer, turkey and waterfowl hunting opportunities. This area is known for producing big bucks!  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 118.16 ACRES - Topography is a mix of semi-flat creek bottoms and rolling ridges. An established food plot on the main ridge, great for big bucks. Excellent hunting! Reduced \$209,751.  
CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 103 ACRES - Located in big buck territory, this scenic property features a spacious home, garages, a barn ideal for equipment or storage and a diverse blend of habitat types!  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 50.20 ACRES - \$123,137 - Mostly timber hunting tract with diverse topography! This tract has several improvements geared toward big bucks and is ready for the 2021 season!  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 10.65 ACRES - \$140,042 - Mostly timber hunting tract with diverse topography! This tract has a blend of habitat types and improvements that are geared toward big bucks!  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 10.65 ACRES - \$152,218.50 - Mostly timber hunting tract located in big buck territory. This tract has habitat diversity with improvements geared toward big bucks! Includes established food plot.  
LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 76.26 - Mostly timber hunting tract located in an area known for big bucks. Includes a groomed landing area ideal for hunting camp.



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CRITTENDEN COUNTY

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES

Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2021

	GENERAL FUND			
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 1,160,500	\$ 1,160,500	\$ 1,190,987	\$ 30,487
Excess Fees	105,000	176,357	222,949	46,592
Licenses and Permits	49,200	49,200	44,168	(5,032)
Intergovernmental	163,300	566,585	604,082	37,497
Charges for Services	108,000	108,000	105,767	(2,233)
Miscellaneous	185,000	275,305	430,732	155,427
Interest	4,000	4,000	2,353	(1,647)
Total Receipts	1,775,000	2,339,947	2,601,038	261,091
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	606,335	928,550	887,952	40,598
Protection to Persons and Property	420,650	428,880	403,337	25,543
General Health and Sanitation	207,760	289,508	267,199	22,309
Social Services	22,675	26,325	20,978	5,347
Recreation and Culture	87,350	87,518	38,670	48,848
Debt Service			32,529	(32,529)
Capital Projects	3,500	18,163	18,163	
Administration	728,035	865,959	562,922	303,037
Total Disbursements	2,076,305	2,644,903	2,231,750	413,153
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(301,305)	(304,956)	369,288	674,244
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	158,325	158,325	318,700	160,375
Transfers To Other Funds	(200,000)	(200,000)	(333,700)	(133,700)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(41,675)	(41,675)	(15,000)	26,675
Net Change in Fund Balance	(342,980)	(346,631)	354,288	700,919
Fund Balance - Beginning	342,980	346,631	346,632	1
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 700,920	\$ 700,920

	ROAD FUND			
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 2,901,261	\$ 2,901,261	\$ 2,377,468	\$ (523,793)
Miscellaneous	157,500	157,500	266,771	109,271
Interest	17,000	17,000	7,568	(9,432)
Total Receipts	3,075,761	3,075,761	2,651,807	(423,954)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Transportation Facilities and Services	22,500	26,219	26,086	133
Roads	1,268,200	1,368,443	973,408	395,035
Other Transportation Facilities and Services	1,229,760	1,229,760	1,221,360	8,400
Debt Service	193,300	194,160	191,563	2,597
Administration	1,266,136	1,161,314	352,458	808,856
Total Disbursements	3,979,896	3,979,896	2,764,875	1,215,021
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(904,135)	(904,135)	(113,068)	791,067
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Financing Obligation Proceeds	150,000	150,000	145,422	(4,578)
Transfers To Other Funds	(158,325)	(158,325)		158,325
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(8,325)	(8,325)	145,422	153,747
Net Change in Fund Balance	(912,460)	(912,460)	32,354	944,814
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	912,460	912,460	594,620	(317,840)
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 626,974	\$ 626,974

	JAIL FUND			
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 3,135,550	\$ 3,056,372	\$ 2,731,418	\$ (324,954)
Charges for Services	71,000	71,000	139,365	68,365
Miscellaneous	92,600	174,340	574,400	400,060
Interest Earned	1,000	1,000	401	(599)
Total Receipts	3,300,150	3,302,712	3,445,584	142,872
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	2,253,945	2,292,792	2,142,518	150,274
Debt Service	565,000	565,000	563,858	1,142
Administration	706,955	670,670	497,359	173,311
Total Disbursements	3,525,900	3,528,462	3,203,735	324,727
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(225,750)	(225,750)	241,849	467,599
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	200,000	261,700	318,700	57,000
Transfers To Other Funds		(61,700)	(318,700)	(257,000)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	200,000	200,000		(200,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(25,750)	(25,750)	241,849	267,599
Fund Balance - Beginning	25,750	25,750	11,304	(14,446)
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 253,153	\$ 253,153

	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND			
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,267	\$ (19,733)
Interest	100	100	46	(54)
Total Receipts	40,100	40,100	20,313	(19,787)
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	24,650	26,691	24,975	1,716
Administration	42,750	40,709	13,790	26,919
Total Disbursements	67,400	67,400	38,765	28,635
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(27,300)	(27,300)	(18,452)	8,848
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds			15,000	15,000
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			15,000	15,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(27,300)	(27,300)	(3,452)	23,848
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	27,300	27,300	9,561	(17,739)
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,109	\$ 6,109

	STATEGRANTS FUND			
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$	\$ 20,000	\$ 38,179	\$ 18,179
Total Receipts		20,000	38,179	18,179
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property		48,457	29,799	18,658
Total Disbursements		48,457	29,799	18,658
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)		(28,457)	8,380	36,837
Net Change in Fund Balance		(28,457)	8,380	36,837
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)		28,457	28,457	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 36,837	\$ 36,837

	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND			
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Interest	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 627	\$ 527
Total Receipts	100	100	627	527
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	125,000	125,000		125,000
Administration	100	100		100
Total Disbursements	125,100	125,100		100
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(125,000)	(125,000)	627	627
Net Change in Fund Balance	(125,000)	(125,000)	627	125,627
Fund Balance - Beginning	125,000	125,000	125,161	161
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 125,788	\$ 125,788

	E-911 FUND			
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,937	\$ (2,063)
Interest	700	700	235	(465)
Total Receipts	20,700	20,700	18,172	(2,528)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	15,100	17,850	15,305	2,545
Administration	49,000	46,250		46,250
Total Disbursements	64,100	64,100	15,305	48,795
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(43,400)	(43,400)	2,867	46,267
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds			29,223	29,223
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			29,223	29,223
Net Change in Fund Balance	(43,400)	(43,400)	32,090	75,490
Fund Balance - Beginning	43,400	43,400	41,641	(1,759)
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 73,731	\$ 73,731

	E-911 WIRELESS FUND			
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Interest	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 310	\$ 210
Total Receipts	100	100	310	210
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	40,100	40,100	40,000	100
Administration	28,960	28,960		28,960
Total Disbursements	69,060	69,060	40,000	29,060
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(68,960)	(68,960)	(29,690)	29,270
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers To Other Funds			(29,223)	(29,223)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			(29,223)	(29,223)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(68,960)	(68,960)	(68,913)	47
Fund Balance - Beginning	68,960	68,960	68,913	(47)
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

	ARPA FUND			
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$	\$ 855,231	\$ 855,231	\$
Interest			345	345
Total Receipts		855,231	855,576	345
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property		4,219	4,219	
Administration		851,012	557,531	293,481
Total Disbursements		855,231	561,750	293,481
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			293,826	293,826
Net Change in Fund Balance			293,826	293,826
Fund Balance - Beginning				
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 293,826	\$ 293,826





## MAN WHO KILLED FORMER TEACHER GETS LIFE IN PRISON

The man who murdered a former Crittenden County educator has been sentenced to life in prison.

Kelvin Richardson of Paducah was sentenced last week to life without parole for the 2020 slaying of C.D. McCord. McCord, who had previously taught school in Marion, was employed as a special education teacher in Paducah when the killing happened at her home.

Authorities said Richardson shot McCord during a confrontation in her backyard. Investigators said McCord had been helping Richardson return to society after he had been released from prison. At some point, McCord had obtained a protective order against him.

Richardson pleaded guilty to the murder in McCord's death.

## FED RAISES RATES TO CURB INFLATION

The U.S. Federal Reserve said last week it was raising interest rates to fight the worst inflation in 40 years. The Fed raised its benchmark interest rate by a half-percentage point. That was the agency's most aggressive move since 2000. It also signaled further rate hikes to come.

The increase in the short-term interest rate raised it to a range of 0.75% to 1%, the highest point since the pandemic struck two years ago.

The Fed also announced that it will start reducing its huge \$9 trillion balance sheet, made up mainly of Treasury and mortgage bonds. Reducing those holdings will have the effect of further raising borrowing costs throughout the economy.

With prices for food, energy and consumer goods accelerating, the Fed's goal is to cool spending — and economic growth — by making it more expensive for individuals and businesses to borrow money. The central bank hopes that higher costs for mortgages, credit cards and auto loans will slow spending enough to tame inflation yet not so much as to cause a recession. It will be a delicate balancing act, the Fed has admitted.

## BURGLARY SUSPECT CAUGHT IN MARION

A Crittenden County man wanted on a month's old warrant for burglary was arrested recently in Marion.

Deputy Ray Agent was off duty and headed home from his regular shift about 5 p.m., when he observed a black Toyota Tacoma in the parking lot of Food Giant on Tuesday, May 2. He identified the male in the front passenger seat as Christopher Fitzgerald, 33, who was known to have outstanding warrants.

The deputy conducted a traffic stop on the truck in the parking lot of the liquor store next to Ideal Market. Deputy Chuck Hoover and Special Deputy Rick Mills arrived as backup and Fitzgerald was taken into custody without incident.

During the encounter, a female in the truck, Tammy Reed, 46, was also found to have two active arrest warrants from Henderson County.

Both individuals were arrested and lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

Fitzgerald is facing charges of first-degree burglary in Crittenden County and contempt of court in Lyon County. The burglary charge stems from an ATV taken from a home on Gorman Pond Road in the southern part of the county.

## TOLU FIREWORKS MONEY WITHHELD FOR MORE INFO

Crittenden County Fiscal Court took no action last week on a request from members of the Tolu community seeking help in paying for an insurance premium that covers the residents of the area who orchestrate the annual July 4 fireworks that draws hundreds of spectators.

The county was asked to pay \$2,500 to the liability insurance policy. Magistrates want more information, including the name of the group that is responsible for the fireworks show. Court members said they want to make sure a non-profit corporation exists before committing the funds.

The annual fireworks display is staged on the grounds of the Tolu Community Center, the property for which is deeded to the Tolu Volunteer Fire Department. A group of Tolu residents typically has raised money in order to produce the large fireworks show, which includes side events and vendors.

## MARION MAN HURT IN 902 BIKE CRASH

A Marion man was injured in a motorcycle crash May 1 on KY 902 between Fredonia and Dycusburg.

Randy Cowsert, 50, of Marion, reportedly swerved to miss a deer and lost control of his bike, causing it to exit the roadway. Cowsert was transported from the scene to Baptist Health in Paducah. He has since been discharged from the hospital, but suffered serious leg injuries.

The crash happened in Caldwell County and was investigated by Deputy Evan Head.

Fredonia Fire Department, Caldwell County EMS and Cooper Towing of Marion assisted at the scene.

## JUDGE NOMINEES ON BALLOT TUESDAY

A Judicial Nominating Commission has chosen three nominees to fill the District Court Judgeship, currently vacant in Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties. The counties make up the 56th Judicial District. The seat became vacant when Judge James R. Redd III was appointed in March as a Circuit Court judge for the circuit that includes the same counties.

The three nominees for the judgeship are attorneys Roger Brandon Knoth of Eddyville, Jennifer Gail Sacharnoski Nelson of Princeton and Matthew Edward Schalk of Princeton.

Knoth has his own private law practice and served as the Lyon county attorney for nearly eight years until December 2014.

Nelson has her own private law practice and serves as a trial commissioner for Caldwell County.

Schalk has his own private law practice and serves as the city attorney for Fredonia.

District Court judges handle juvenile matters, city and county ordinances, misdemeanors, violations, traffic offenses, probate of wills, arraignments, felony probable cause hearings, small claims involving \$2,500 or less, civil cases involving \$5,000 or less, voluntary and involuntary mental commitments and cases relating to domestic violence and abuse.

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## Bechler, Gooch square off in GOP primary

STAFF REPORT

A newly adopted state legislative map has put Crittenden County into a district with Webster, Union and McLean counties, shaking up the landscape for two area Republicans currently serving in the Kentucky House.

The latest makeup of the 12th House District pits Marion resident Lynn Bechler, a five-term member of the House, against longtime representative Jim Gooch of Providence.

Bechler, 75, is a retired engineer, who had owned property in Crit-

tenden County before retiring here prior to running for state office. He is the first member of the GOP to represent District 4 since 1985. Bechler is one of the most conservative members of the Kentucky House.

Gooch, 70, has served in the Kentucky House since 1995, representing District 12. He once served part of Crittenden County when the state legislative lines were drawn differently.

A former Providence mayor and city councilman, Gooch's family was also involved in the steel industry.

State representatives serve two-year terms. Bechler has had opposition in the past, but perhaps nothing as stiff as he will face this go-round. In 2014, Bechler beat Jarrod Jackson of Princeton in the general election. He was unopposed in 2016. In 2018, he defeated Fred Stubblefield of Marion in the primary. In 2020, Bechler turned back two challengers in the general election.

Winner of the GOP primary will face newcomer Alan Lossner of Slaughter in November's general election.

## Letter to the Editor

### Bechler has helped

To the editor:

In the April 26 issue of The Crittenden Press in Letter to the Editor, on the issue of excessive sewer fees that have been placed on water customers, Mr. Glen Leslie is quoted as saying... "(Lynn) Bechler indicated that he would not help in this matter. He flatly refused to give any assistance. Lynn Bechler has

not done his job."

For the record, Lynn Bechler has worked with the Public Service Commission and the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to have \$1.3 million of the loan waived for the Marion wastewater project and he also worked to obtain a \$1.5 million grant from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority and another \$1 million grant from the Federal Govern-

ment for the project.

For further reading see <https://fb.watch/cOstx-odTdR/> and fast forward to the 26 minute mark.

It is not accurate to say Lynn Bechler has done nothing. He also generated funds for the new courthouse and the Lion's Club building.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, May 17.

Dan Rubino  
Marion, Ky

## Livingston County GOP Primary Election

In Livingston County Tuesday, primary election voters will have only Republican candidates on the ballot. Here are the conetsted county races:	<b>Coroner</b> Amanda Nelson Jeff Armstrong*	<b>Magistrate District 3</b> Brad Hunter* Kristine Quertermous
<b>Judge-Executive</b> Garrett Gruber* Michael Williams	<b>Magistrate District 1</b> Dennis Jones* Brent Stringer Bill Lipham Cody Cherry Joe Ledbetter	<b>Magistrate District 4</b> Amber Armstrong Klay Southern* Zackery T. Champion
<b>Sheriff</b> Bobby Davidson* Joey Crawford	<b>Magistrate District 2</b> James Robert Oats Mark Long Franklin Walker*	<b>District Judge</b> (nonpartisan) Brandon Knoth Matt Schalk Jennifer Nelson
<b>Jailer</b> James Utley Benji Guill*		* Incumbent



### 50 YEARS AGO

**May 11, 1972**  
■ Marvin Peek of Peek Body Shop was presented a gift for being named "Boss of the Year" by members of the Related Office Practice Class at Crittenden County High School.  
■ Cadet Lieutenant colonel John P. DeWitt was awarded the President's Pistol in the annual President's Reviews at Murray State University.  
■ Airman James W. Wakefield completed his U.S. Air Force basic training at the Air Command's Lackland AFB in Texas.  
■ The Crittenden County Chapter of FFA received a Superior 3rd rating in the District land judging contest.

### 25 YEARS AGO

**May 15, 1997**  
■ The newest addition to Main Street was installed. The Peoples Bank installed a new time and temperature sign.  
■ Crittenden County Historian Thomas Tucker presented a discussion on the structural development of Marion's historic buildings at the Crittenden County Courthouse.  
■ Optometrists Daniel Talley, Katie Brown and Howard Mathis, all of Marion, attended the 1997 Kentucky Optometric Association's Spring Congress in Louisville.  
■ Carolyn Jean Lamm, the two-year-old daughter of Greg and Harolyn Lamm, was crowned Total Miss Queen in the Total Miss Springtime Sweethearts

Beauty pageant. She also received the "Best Smile" award.

■ Janet Godman, Dietary Supervisor at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services, Inc., was named a Food Service Management professional by the Education Foundation of the National Restaurant Foundation.

### 10 YEARS AGO

**May 10, 2012**  
10 years - May 10, 2012  
■ Ellie McGowan, Rose Lewis and Jenna Wallace were the big winners at the Crittenden County Elementary School third through fifth grade spelling bee. Wallace placed third, McGowan placed second, and Lewis placed first.  
■ Jessica Tinsley, Emily Bruns and Cody Pinson, all students at CCHS, were invited to participate in the 2012 Teacher Quality Institute Summer Honors Camp for Future Educators.  
■ Brayden McKinney was recognized as a national language arts award winner for 2010-2011.

# OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

Summer Reading Kickoff  
with Mr. Science, Jason Lindsey!

Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m.  
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*Being a politician is not easy when you are not a politician, so I hope to have gained your support through my efforts over the last 19 months as your county clerk. As a politician, I have not been able to knock on many doors to ASK for votes; but as clerk, I have spent that time each day to EARN them by working for you. Your ballot can help #keepthechange, but it counts only if you cast it. Please vote.*

– Daryl Tabor, incumbent

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# SportsShorts

## SPRING SPORTS Upcoming Games THURSDAY

Rocket baseball at Caldwell County  
CCHS softball hosts Union County  
**SATURDAY**  
CCHS track at Owensboro Apollo Inv.  
**MONDAY**

**DISTRICT BASEBALL AT TRIGG**  
Lyon County vs. Trigg/Liv., 5:30pm  
Crittenden vs. Trigg/Liv., 7:30pm  
**DISTRICT SOFTBALL AT TRIGG**  
No. 1 seed vs No. 4 seed, 5:30pm  
No. 2 seed vs No. 3 seed, 7:30pm  
**TUESDAY**  
**DISTRICT BASEBALL AT TRIGG**  
Championship game, 6pm  
**DISTRICT SOFTBALL AT TRIGG**  
Championship game, 6pm

## Thompson top ref

Larry Thompson of Marion has been selected as the Second Region football referee of the year by the region's athletic directors. Thompson, 65, will begin his 21st year of officiating football this fall. He also has been calling basketball games for 26 years and softball for 25.



## Turkey harvest down

Crittenden County turkey hunters took advantage of some good late-season weather to score almost 50 birds over the final week to finish with a harvest of 307. Still, it was the second lowest take in more than 20 years. The lowest harvest in the last two decades was in 2018 when only 288 turkeys were taken here. In Livingston County, hunters took 263 turkeys, which slightly eclipsed last year's take of 261. Crittenden County's harvest was third highest in western Kentucky behind 501 in Graves County and 440 in Christian County.



## Archery event at park

There will be an S3DA outdoor archery tournament on May 21 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The event is being hosted by Inside Out Archers, a local youth bow shooting organization. There will be a \$5 parking fee for those attending the event, proceeds from which will pay for the targets. Competition will be held on the youth soccer field.

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## Baseball signup all during May for Fredonia league

Registrataion for Fredonia Youth League Baseball will be held from 9 a.m., until noon every Saturday during May at Buddy Rogers Ballpark. Each player will be evaluated at signup in order to create team parity. Cost is \$35 per player, with a \$10 discount for additional siblings. There will be a \$5 fee for a cap.

There will be age divisions for T-ball 3-6, minor leauge 7-9, major league 10-13 and slow-pitch softball 14 to high school seniors. The league is open to anyone in surrounding areas.

Season will run from June 13 to the week of Aug. 13, which is Summer Festival weekend in Fredonia. T-ball games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All other age divisions will play Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Coaches are needed.

The league is also planning an adult softball tournament for June 11.

For more information, contact Bayley Tucker McDonald at 270-601-0973.

# Rockets nail down No. 2 district seed

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County guaranteed itself a winning season on Tuesday, splitting a marathon doubleheader on the road at Union County.

The Rockets (14-10) won the first game of the twinbill 5-4, but dropped the nightcap 13-4, finishing up after 11 p.m.

Crittenden will close out its regular season at Caldwell County Thursday. The Tigers aer 11-8.

Crittenden was ahead 5-2 in the opening contest before Union closed the gap to one in the fifth. The Braves loaded the bases with no outs in the seventh, but Logan Bailey came on in relief and picked up the save for winning pitcher Ben Evans.

Chase Conyer had three hits for CCHS and Maddox Carlson and Ben Evans had two apiece. Carlson knocked in two runs and Evans drove in one. Seth Guess also had an RBI.

Union exploded for six runs in the fifth inning of the nightcap as CCHS used three pitchers – Chase Conyer, Seth Guess and Asa McCord – trying to stop the Braves.

Logan Bailey and Maddox Carlson had two hits apiece in that contest. Carlson hit a solo homer. It was his fifth round-tripper of the season.

A scheduled Friday home game against UHA has been canceled by the Blazers.



PHOTO BY ALEX KIRBY  
**Rocket hurler Jeremiah Foster delivers a pitch during a game last week at Marion. He's missed this week's games due to an illness, leaving the CCHS pitching staff shorthanded.**

**CCHS knocks off Livingston**

The Rockets were slow out of the chute Monday at Livingston Central, but got on track and won 9-2 to complete its Fifth District schedule with a 4-2 record and No. 2 seed for post-season play.

CCHS got a complete game from right-handed hurler Maddox Carlson, who stroked out nine and allowed no earned runs. He walked three and allowed just three hits.

Carlson, who is batting over .600 on the season and is third in the state, had two hits and drove in a run. He also walked three times. He leads the Rockets with 20 bases on balls this season as pitchers have consistently thrown around him.



PHOTO BY ALEX KIRBY  
**Rocket third baseman Ben Evans backs up shortstop Maddox Carlson on a play last week at Gordon B. Guess Field at Marion-Crittenden County Park.**

Chase Conyer also had two hits and drove in a run. Ben Evans knocked in three runs and Logan Bailey and Tyler Belt scored two runs apiece.

Catcher Ethan Ramage led Livingston with two of the team's six hits.

**Rockets beat Wildcats**

Maddox Carlson hit his fourth home run of the season and Crittenden County beat district foe Trigg County 11-1 in five innings Saturday at home for its senior celebration game.

Carlson and Ben Evans had three hits apiece and Carlson and Seth Guess drove in three each. Logan Bailey scored three runs and Guess had two hits.

Bailey went the distance, striking out two and walking none. He allowed five hits and CCHS played flawlessly in the field to earn their second win over the season over Trigg.



PHOTO BY ALEX KIRBY  
**Logan Bailey has had a hot bat for the Rockets all season.**

# Lady Rockets drop 2 straight district games

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Rockets dropped a Fifth District matchup at home Tuesday, falling 4-1 to Trigg County and splitting the season series with the Lady Wildcats.

Crittenden County was behind 2-1 in the last inning, yet within striking distance, before Trigg tacked on two seventh-inning runs to seal the win.

The Lady Rockets were led by Jaycee Champion's two hits. Anna Boone and Elle McDaniel had the girls' only other hits in the contest.

Crittenden has played the last two games without lead-off hitter Elliot Evans, the team's starting shortstop and one of its pitchers. She hopes to be back by the playoffs if a nagging shoulder injury heals.

Boone threw the entire game for CCHS and suffered the loss.

CCHS and Trigg had just one league win apiece after the contest, but Crittenden could still finish third in the division. The Lady Rockets were scheduled to play district foe Livingston on Wednesday.

**Girls lose to Lyon County**

Lyon County jumped on Crittenden County early and beat the Lady Rockets going away 15-3 on Monday at Marion.



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**Lady Rocket outfielder Hannah Jent makes a throw into the infield from the right field wall during the girls' loss Monday night to Lyon County at Marion-Crittenden County Park.**

Anna Boone and Hadlee Rich had two hits apiece and Hannah Jent knocked in all three CCHS runs on triple before the game was called after five innings on the mercy rule.

Boone pitched four innings and Hannah Mott finished off the final frame. Each hurler struck out one. Only five of

Lyon's runs were earned as the Lady Rockets had troubled in the field, committing seven errors.

CCHS fell to 1-3 in the district. Lyon has just one district loss this season and is tied with Livingston for the league lead. A coin toss will determine the No. 1 seed for postseason.



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**CCHS infielder Aubre Conyer readies for a pitch.**



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**Lady Rocket leadoff hitter Elliot Evans shows bunt during a recent softball game.**



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## Bearing Down on Postseason

CCHS track and field team is racing toward the First Region Class A finals on May 21 at Murray. Before that, CCHS athletes will have a key warmup event on Saturday at the Apollo Invitational at Owensboro.



Kaleb Nesbitt (pictured at top) is among the running Rockets' top 100-meter sprinters this season. In the bottom photograph are Lady Rocket runners Elizabeth Campbell, Karsyn Potter and Payton Maness.

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## High School Track and Field Results

### HOME QUAD MEET

Here are results from last week's Quad Meet at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Results are of Crittenden County athletes finishing among the top four and results from various Livingston Central athletes.

### BOYS

100 meters 1. Kaleb Nesbitt (12.06), 2. Rowen Perkins, 3. Kekoa Kuamoo, 4. Isaac James.  
200 meters 1. Tristan Davidson (24.55), 2. Nesbitt, 3. Devon Carr, 4. James.  
400 meters 2. Kuamoo, 4. Ethan Long.  
800 meters 1. Jordan Hardesty (2:25), 4. Devon White.  
1600 meters 1. Micah Davidson (Livingston) 5:19.  
110 hurdles 1. Ryder Watson (LCHS) 20.14, 2. Ethan Long.  
4x100 relay 1. Crittenden (52.87).  
4x200 relay 2. Crittenden (2:06.05).  
4x400 relay 1. Crittenden (3:51.56).  
4x800 relay 1. Crittenden (11:45.81).  
High jump 1. Davison (5-10), Nate Faith.  
Long jump 1. Rowen Perkins (17-11), 2. Ryder Watson (LCHS).  
Triple jump 1. Perkins (34-07).  
Discus 1. Lane West (108-09), 2. Sam Impastato.  
Shot 3. West, 4. Isaac Sarles.

### GIRLS

100 meters 1. Elizabeth Campbell (13.86), 2. Payton Manes, 3. Jansen Freeman (LCHS).  
200 meters 1. Campbell



Rowen Perkins hands the baton off to teammate Tristan Davidson in a relay race.

(29.32), 3. Karsyn Potter.  
400 meters 2. Potter, 4. Aubrey Grau.  
800 meters 2. Ella Geary, 3. Presley Potter, 4. Aubrey Grau.  
1600 meters 1. Mary Martinez (6:22), 2. Geary, 3. Presley Potter.  
3200 meters 1. Martinez (14:31).  
300 hurdles 3. Susana Suggs.  
4x100 1. Crittenden 1:10.23.  
4x200 1. Crittenden 5:15.  
4x800 1. Crittenden 13:11.80.  
High jump 2. Payton Maness, 3. Campbell.  
Long jump 2. Jansen Freeman (LCHS).  
Discus 2. Leauna West, 3.

Angelene Michonski (LCHS).  
Shot 1. K. Potter (27-00.5), 3. Michonski (LCHS), 4. L. West.

### AREA 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

Here are results from Saturday's Area 1 Championships at Marshall County High School which included all of the top teams in the area.  
Crittenden had a number of nice performances, including taking first and second in the high jump. Following are some of Crittenden's highlights.

### BOYS

100 meters 9. Tristan Davidson 11.48  
200 meters 4. Davidson 23.21.  
400 meters 10. Kaleb Nesbitt 55.67.  
4x100 relay 11. Crittenden 49.00.  
4x400 relay 4. Crittenden 3:41.66.  
High jump 1. Tristan Davidson 6-2, 2. Nate Faith 6-2.  
Long jump 10. Rowen Perkins 18-7.  
Triple jump 11. Perkins 36-01.5

### GIRLS

100 meters 9. Elizabeth Campbell 13.68.  
200 meters 6. Campbell 28.32.  
1600 meters 10. Mary Martinez 6:26.  
3200 meters 5. Martinez 14:18.57.  
4x400 relay 10. Crittenden 5:00.62.  
High jump 5. Payton Maness 4-08, 9. E. Campbell 4-06.  
Shot 4. Karsyn Potter 29-08.5.

# UK's Jaguar almost left football

Luke Fortner gave up football in the sixth grade because it was "not fun, not enjoyable" and he didn't have the work ethic to make himself a better player.

Fortunately for Fortner, a youth baseball experience put him back on the football field and today he's ready to start his National Football League career with the Jacksonville Jaguars after being the first pick in the third round of the recent draft.

"After I quit football, I played baseball. I ran over a catcher at home plate and got thrown out of the game," said Fortner. "My dad said maybe I should go back and try football one more time, so I decided to give it a shot."

"I played football in fifth grade but played up in the sixth grade league. I was not very good and instead of being bad at it, I just quit. I got to seventh grade and was playing with kids my own age and liked it a lot more. I guess I really need to try and find that kid I ran over in baseball and reach out and thank him."

Fortner was a three-star recruit out of Sylvania, Ohio, who picked Kentucky over scholarship offers from Northwestern and Maryland. He also had a preferred walk-on offer from Ohio State.

"There was just something about the people at Kentucky that convinced me. I had never been to Kentucky but thought the campus was great. I just kind of knew it was going to be right for me," he said.

It was so right that he spent six seasons at Kentucky and played in 54 career games. He switched from right guard to center for the 2021 season and graded at 84.5 percent with 19n knockdown blocks last

season. Coaches put him on the all-Southeastern Conference first team.

When he was debating whether to return to UK for a "super senior" season in 2021, his mother told him to do whatever he wanted like she normally did but his father reminded him how beat up he gets and maybe returning to UK was not the best move.

"I did not take his advice," Fortner said.

Fortner had finished his degree in mechanical engineering in December of 2019 and completed master's degrees in aerospace engineering and business administration recently.

"I will just put them (degrees) up and maybe use them in the future," Fortner said. "I will always have them."

But instead of possibly working for NASA, he's going to work in the NFL. He was the third center taken in the recent draft with the 65th pick. His former UK offensive line coach John Schlارman, who died from cancer during Fortner's junior season, wore No. 65 at UK.

"That definitely is a special number for me," Fortner said. "(Former UK center) Drake (Jackson) texted me after I got picked and said you know Schlارman is rolling over in his grave thinking he started the wrong person (Jackson) at center for four years. But I would not have been such a good center if I had not watched Drake."

Fortner went home to watch the draft with his parents. His agent told him he probably would be an early Saturday pick when the fourth through seventh rounds of the draft were held.

"He said there was a chance for Friday night. His words were do not go to sleep and turn your phone out. So I was watching Friday night and hopeful but I hon-

estly did not have super high expectations. Getting that call (from Jacksonville) was a little bit of a shock," Fortner said. "My parents were so excited. They had seen me working for six years never knowing if I would get this shot or not. They were holding their breath."

Fortner admits UK recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow told him on UK's Pro Day that the Jaguars could not take him to start the third round. The UK linemen didn't believe him.

"That's what I get for doubting Vince Marrow," Fortner laughed and said.

Fortner's story certainly is one coach Mark Stoops and recruiting coordinator Vince Marrow can sell. He believed in their vision six years ago, waited two years for a chance to play and then started two years at guard and one at center. He blocked for players who produced four 1,000-yard rushing seasons and was on two 10-win teams. He was on four straight teams that won bowl games.

Kentucky has had an offensive lineman drafted four straight years — George Asafo-Adjei in the seventh round in 2019, Logan Stenberg in the fourth round in 2020 and Landon Young in the sixth round in 2021. This year Darian Kinnard also went in the fifth round.

"Telling me I would be the highest draft pick out of that group of linemen and I would have told you there was no shot at that happening," Fortner said. "Two years ago there might have even been thoughts in my head that I would not have even been drafted. Those guys are all so good and for me to be picked in the third round ahead of where any of them were is just mind blowing and surreal."

Fortner will spend the next five to six weeks in Jacksonville.

## FISH

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KDFWR, has been monitoring the situation and staying in touch with local leaders about the affects the draw-down of the lake will have on aquatic creatures.

Because the water that's leaving Lake George is flowing into Old City Lake, many of the fish are being somewhat naturally relocated. Martin said some will certainly go through Old City Lake at its spillway and be farther relocated via Crooked Creek to the Ohio River. There will be some die off of fish in Lake George, however, even if pockets of water exist once the draw-down is complete.

There has been discussion of relocating fish that might get trapped in pockets of water, particularly mature bass, which stand no chance of surviving a prolonged stay in such quarters. If fish are transplanted to another location it would likely be to Lake Beshear in Caldwell and Christian counties or Mauzy Lake in Union County.

"Man-made reservoirs all over the world have a limited life span," Martin said. They silt in over time, accumulate nutrients or run out of nutrients, and to be honest they just don't age gracefully."

The situation at Lake George is clearly not ideal, he explains, but there is light at the end of the tunnel.



Daniel Newcomb, who operates with the Salem Fire and Rescue Swift Water Team, pulled a nice largemouth bass from the drain ditch cut into the levee to empty the lake.

"The best fishing in a man-made lake is right after its creation," Martin said.

He points out that impoundments like Lake George oftentimes purposely are drained and the fisheries bounce back quickly.

"Honestly, there should be some amazing fishing there for several years," he said, if the lake is re-established.

Martin said KDFWR had over the years closely monitored Lake George's fisheries and, on occasion, stocked it with catfish. He said the lake has been a good place for anglers and it can be again.



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# Balloting looks different; new countywide voting center open

STAFF REPORT

Voting in what could be one of the most important local primary elections in decades starts in earnest today (Thursday) in Crittenden County. In the debut of a new election framework, Republicans will almost single-handedly choose a new generation of leadership in the county.

While voting technically started in early April with excused mail-in balloting and continued through Wednesday with excused in-person absentees, Thursday marks the first day of no-excuse voting. Any qualified Republican or Democrat could begin voting at 8 a.m. today on the main level of the courthouse by Early Voting. A new statewide concept, no-excuse Early Voting is set for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before each election.

In Crittenden County, Early Voting is from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., each day. There will be no voting on Monday, but polls are open from 6 a.m., until 6 p.m., on Tuesday for Primary Election Day in Kentucky.

The state’s primaries are closed, meaning voters from the two major parties can vote for only their own party’s candidates. Independents and third-party voters cannot vote in Kentucky primaries.

Three long-serving office holders are retiring this year – Sheriff Wayne Agent and PVA Ronnie Heady, each with 24 years; County Attorney Rebecca Johnson with 16 years; and Jailer Robbie Kirk, with eight years. Additionally, former County Clerk Carolyn Byford retired mid-term in late 2020 after more



**New: No-excuse voting**

THIS WEEK: Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., on the main level of the courthouse.

**Where do I vote Tuesday?**

If you are unsure where you will vote or have any other questions, call the county clerk’s office at 270-965-3403. Polls are open 6 a.m., to 6 p.m., Tuesday. There is a new countywide voting center at Marion Baptist Church for voters from any precinct.

**Registration check**

If you are uncertain of your registration, visit [GoVoteKy.com](#)

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than two decades in that office.

“Turnout for primaries is typically low,” said County Clerk Daryl Tabor, “but with familiar names not on the ballot for the first time in more than two decades, our election team is expecting a busy four days of voting ... at least from Republicans.”

That’s because Democrats in Crittenden County have little to vote for in this election, with only U.S. Senator on the ballot. Only three Democrats are running for the 20 partisan local of-

fices that will be filled by voting this year, and each are unopposed in their primary, so they do not appear on the May ballot.

Republicans, though, will essentially pick the next county clerk, PVA, and jailer, all of whom will face no Democratic opposition in the November general election in November, though write-ins and third-party candidates still have time to file. In what is expected to be a tight race that anchors turnout, there are five GOP candidates for sheriff, with the winner facing a Democratic chal-

lenger this fall.

The GOP will also select nominees for U.S. Senate and state House District 12 to represent Crittenden County in Frankfort.

Voters in magisterial districts 2, 3, 5 and 6 will choose their Republican nominee, with only the District 6 winner facing a Democrat later this year. Incumbents Dave Belt, District 1 Republican, and Chad Thomas, District 4 Democrat, have no challengers from within their own party or the opposition party in the fall. Only the District 2 constable race will appear on the primary ballot for Republicans (see related article this issue).

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and Coroner Brad Gilbert, both Republicans, also face no opposition to retain their seats. Republican Bart Frazer faces no one in his bid for County Attorney. No one has filed for Sur-

veyor.

Tabor expects 10- to 15-percent turnout for Democrats, and maybe as high as 60 percent for Republicans in what will be his first primary as the county’s top election official. He also anticipates a third to half of all ballots to be cast by the close of early voting on Saturday. Only 58 voters requested a mail-in ballot, and in the first three days of excused in-person absentee voting, only a dozen ballots were cast. Four of those were election workers who are allowed to vote early.

**New way to vote**

Besides new days for voting, Crittenden County will have new machines to count votes and a more efficient election with a consolidation

of voting locations. And for the first time in decades, every vote cast will have a paper trail.

The new machines, essentially, will not change how people vote. The overwhelming majority of voters will still mark a paper ballot with a pen and insert the completed ballot into a machine to be tabulated. However, a new electronic ballot-marking device will allow voters – primarily those with disabilities – to select candidates digitally and then print out those selections to be recorded by the scanner.

Voting locations on Election Day have been reduced from 12 to five for efficiency of both cost and finding poll workers.

All voters who live within the City of Marion and those who may live outside the incorporated limits but historically have voted at one of six locations within the city

will now vote at only Marion Baptist Church. In fact, any voter in the county may vote at the church.

For the first time in memory, there will be no voting on Election Day at the courthouse, Marion Ed-Tech center, public library or Emmanuel Baptist and St. William Catholic churches. Tolu Community Center and Grace Baptist Church in Frances are also not hosting balloting for the first time in many years.

In the southern part of the county, all voters will poll at Mexico Baptist Church. That includes those who may have voted either at Mexico or Grace Baptist Church.

In District 2, both Tolu and Sheridan precincts will vote at Deer Creek Baptist Church.

Mattoon and Shady Grove voters will poll as always, at their respective fire stations.

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## WATER

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water from a third-party provider.

Although Crittenden-Livingston Water District is the only other provider currently connected to the Marion distribution system for redundancy in times of crises like this one, there are feasible options that could include tying into other nearby water districts. Crittenden-Livingston is also tethered to Webster County’s water system, which is in turn connected to Union County and Henderson County. Local leaders say that another exiting water main in Crittenden County is physically not too far from Union County, and could be joined with relatively ease to those other districts.

Preliminary indications are that rebuilding the levee and cleaning out Lake George could take years and cost perhaps \$10 million or more. Running a water line to the Ohio River would cost about the same. The expenses of other options have yet to be determined. Buying water from a nearby third-party supplier could pose its own legal challenges because of existing contractual agreements and other issues between potential partners and their existing customers.

“There are no easy answers,” said City Administrator Adam Ledford. “There will probably not be any decisions made for the next couple of weeks, or more.”

For now, city leaders are confident that through conservation measures, Marion will continue to have safe, clean potable water.

In the short-term, Crittenden-Livingston Water District has agreed to provide about 6 million gallons of water a month to the city, which needs roughly 14 million gallons to serve customers during a normal month.

The two-county water district has told the city that it cannot meet its full demand nor can it continue supplying water

to Marion at the 6-million-gallon rate during the heat of summer when consumption by its own customers meets production capacity.

Ledford explains that decision makers are bracketing immediate concerns with three key factors in mind. Those are 1) Risk and danger mitigation for the lake, its natural resources and surrounding public and private assets; 2) Having a short-term plan to provide water to about 1,200 Marion customers; and 3) Developing a long-term plan for sustaining the town’s drinking water well into the future.

For now that’s proving a real challenge.

Late last week, state consultants from the Division of Water ordered the city to stop draining water out of Lake George through a cut in the levee. Instead, they have advised that pumping water out of the lake at this point is the best means for emptying it. Ledford said the reasoning is that the risk of the levee failing is now low since pressure has been reduced markedly by dropping the lake level several feet. Using large-volume pumps to pull the rest of the water out will reduce damage to the levee.

Marion Mayor Jared Byford has issued a community-wide disaster order and issued a water conservation notice. Residential use of city water for yards, gardens, flowers, pools and washing cars is prohibited.

High-volume water users have already begun to curb consumption. Marion Golf & Pool is trying to develop a plan to open its pool by Memorial Day weekend, but must have water hauled to fill it. The public/private pool is also seeking financial help from local sources to offset the additional cost.


The water fountain at Market on Main will not be filled this summer and planters along Main Street will not be used until the water issue is resolved, according to Michele Edwards, Marion

Tourism Director, who maintains the water feature at the market and the flowers in town.

The sewer plant is typically the largest user of water in Marion. Ledford said changes are being made to use different chemicals to treat sewage so that its water needs will be reduced.

Crittenden County School District will be working to reduce water consumption on both of its campuses. Superintendent Vince Clark said the goal is to reduce

water usage by 25 percent. Students will continue to have access to showers, water and restrooms, but they are encouraged to be mindful of consumption. Abbreviated showers after practice or gym class; suspension of watering both football and soccer fields; and encouraging students to bring water bottles from home to limit water fountain usage are some of the ways the school will aid in the conservation efforts.



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- Serving on Marion Crittenden County E911 Board

- Initiated Highway Safety Grant program, bringing nearly \$10,000 of equipment to County at no cost

- Started military surplus program for the Sheriff's Office, bringing over \$370,000 of equipment to the County for little to no cost

- Researched, priced, and installed mobile computers and printers in patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Office, increasing the safety of deputies

- Negotiated pricing of equipment and vehicles

- Worked with FEMA to bring tax dollars back to Crittenden County for bridge and road repairs

This campaign has taught me that there are a lot less hours in the day than I had hoped! Serving as a deputy, father, and husband takes time and priority over the demands of the campaign. I apologize to those I have not met face-to-face, but I hope that my years of service to this county and to the people here have shown my level of dedication. I can see the problems that our community faces, and I intend to use the resources of our county and our people to help solve those problems. I want to work with you and for you to keep Crittenden County a place where we want to live, work, and raise a family. Regardless of the outcome of this election, please pray for the ones chosen to lead our County and our Country. Thank you and God bless!



# Local band student will tour, play across Europe

Though I am not sure where I first heard the advice “you need to travel before you get married and have children,” I know it was spoken more than once in my home.

One quick price check on Google brings the harsh reality of a price tag that any hope I had to tour Europe this summer with a kiddo fresh out of diapers is gone straight down the drain.

Obviously the hustle and bustle of working to pay the bills that do not stop reminds me on a daily basis that I should have taken the time to travel while the opportunity was there in school.

It was never surprising for the Horizons club in high school who traveled abroad each April to take pictures in front of The Leaning Tower of Pisa. I remember wishing I would have gone on to Europe my sophomore year as one of my best friends Elle was in Italy enjoying fresh pasta and real gelato.

I must recognize the fact that there are still kids taking opportunities to travel the world right here in Crittenden County. Some of those opportunities aren't gained just by membership in a club but are earned with talent.

Sixteen-year-old Paris Anderson was selected recently to participate in the Kentucky Musicians Abroad program, which lands her a spot touring a half dozen different countries in Europe during the summer of 2023.

Paris told me she was the only band member from Crittenden County who spent a week at the Paducah Symphony Orchestra's band camp last



Paris Anderson will be touring Europe in the summer of 2023, playing music with a group of Americans chosen for the special tour abroad.

year. While being alone in a new setting would have intimidated many teens, she caught the eye of band director Steven Page who nominated her due to her “fine-musicianship” to be apart of this select group of honor band, orchestra and choir students.

It's not difficult to imagine that this young lady has a proud mother. Charity, Paris' mom, says she's ecstatic for her daughter and not surprised. She told me, “Paris has worked so hard for something like this to happen. I am so happy for her.”

During Paris' trip, she will play in venues across England, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Germany and the Netherlands. Her group will be under the direction of University of Louisville band director Dr. Frederick Speck and Dr. Kent Hatteberg.

There's something special about making your own money to put towards something you want to achieve.

Charity tells me her daughter is already eagerly saving to travel abroad next summer from her new job at McDonald's. And while she's saving each penny she makes, the family is also open to any sponsors that would like to help send Paris to Europe. Keep an eye out, because a few local stores in town may have a donation jar up front.

It does my heart so well to see young people from our hometown making a lasting impression on other areas within the Bluegrass state. Enjoy your trip, Paris.

I know without a shadow of a doubt you will make Crittenden County proud on the other side of that big pond.

## 2 from GOP vying for constable post in county's Second District

STAFF REPORT

There is one contested constable race that will be on the ballot next week in District 2, which includes Tolu, Sheridan and other areas of the county in the northwest quadrant. There, Jamie Davis and Jimbo Dalton are vying for the office. Both are running as Republicans and there is no challenger from the Democratic Party, so whoever wins next week's race will become constable.

Davis, 49, has been living in the county for about 10 years. He grew up in Henderson County and moved south

after buying property here. He lives on William Curnel Road and describes himself as a strong supporter of the U.S. Constitution, as it is written.

A former site supervisor at Big Rivers Electric Corp., Davis is currently a delivery specialist and says he has time to devote to keeping the community safe.

Dalton, 44, is a lifelong Crittenden Countian who resides in Tolu. He is a 1997 graduate of Crittenden County High School and is employed at one of the plants in Calvert City. Dalton has also operated a lawn care service.

## Motor vehicle refunds mailed out

Early this week, Crittenden County Clerk's office mailed out 14 refunds totaling almost \$930 to motor vehicle owners who overpaid in taxes the first three months of the year.

Those taxpayers, like those who have yet to receive money back, were ordered refunds by the General Assembly due to inflated vehicle values as a result of market conditions. Lawmakers reset the value on all vehicles to the 2021 level for the 2022 and 2023 tax years.

Initially, the county clerk's office was going to wait until after the election to begin processing the refunds, but with a small window of opportunity, County Clerk Daryl Tabor said he wanted to get refunds processed. Refunds already issued range from \$17 to \$115.

“Each refund is time-consuming with several steps that even include the PVA's office,” said Tabor. “Each refund takes about 15 minutes to process start-to-finish, so three weeks between May 18 and the June 8 deadline to have this done can slip by quickly.”

Not everyone overpaid

vehicle taxes in January through March before values were rolled back to last year's level, and some refunds due are less than the price of a postage stamp. In fact, the lowest amount due is only 22 cents.

“Refunds will be mailed to the first name on the title of the vehicle,” said Tabor, “no matter who made the payment. As an association, that state's county clerks agreed there was no way to trace

back who made the actual payment at the time.”

Kentucky State Treasurer Allison Ball has already mailed out refunds to many taxpayers. However, stop payments have been issued on some checks because the refund was going to the current owner of a vehicle if it changed hands after the taxes were paid by the previous owner. Tabor does not expect that problem with the locally-generated refunds.

## DRIVER

Continued from page 1 \$108,500. She replaces Vince Clark, who is retiring June 30 after eight years as superintendent.

A lifelong resident of Crittenden County, Driver is a product of its school system where she has devoted all but one year of a 30-year career in education. She has taught in every elementary school grade except kindergarten, taught and coordinated the district's gifted and talented program, served as a neighboring elementary school principal and has served as the assistant principal of Crittenden County High School. Her district leadership background includes the role of supervisor of curriculum and instruction and assistant superintendent since 2018.

Board chairman Chris Cook says the combination of Driver's experience and her firm commitment to the success of the district's mission and vision made her the ideal person to continue the school's tradition of excellence.

“Tonya Driver's demeanor, experience, and expertise coupled with her unwavering dedication to and passion for our students, staff, and community give her the skills and fervor to effectively lead our district,” said Cook. “Our board came together in this decision and unanimously took the next intentional, logical, and natural step in the progression of our district's leadership.”

“I believe in my heart that through teamwork and relationships she will continue the good work we have established,” said Clark, who has worked alongside Driver for many years, most recently with her as assistant superintendent. “I

know she will not only maintain that level, but continue its growth. I know she is the person who can do it.”

Driver wants to build on accomplishments of previous superintendents John Belt, Dr. Rachel Yarbrough and Clark and lead the Crittenden County School District in a positive direction.

“This is home. This is the place I want to be, the place I want to stay and eventually retire in several years,” she said.

Driver is among only a handful of school superintendents over the past 50 years to have grown up and been educated in the community. The last was Belt, who was raised in Tolu as was Driver.

Driver said teachers, staff, parents, students and residents can count on a continued open-door policy.

“I want to keep communication going and keep moving forward,” she said.

All of Driver's career in education has been in Crittenden County with the exception of one year she was principal at Providence Elementary. She began as an elementary teacher, taught gifted and talented and was assistant high school principal under Steve Carter.

“I have worked with budgets and all pieces that are the superintendent pie with the exception of the political realm,” Driver said. “That is an area I do want to grow in, and I look forward to learning from (board chairman) Chris Cook because he is very influential and has a real heart for the district, and I think he and the other board members as a group can make a positive impact on the community.”

The biggest challenge facing the district is minimizing the effects the COVID-19 pandemic had on learning, she said.



ELECT

MATT GRIMES

Magistrate District 2

May 17, 2022

EARLY VOTING MAY 12-14

I would appreciate your vote for Magistrate of District 2. If elected I will be committed to each individual in our district. I will use my experience as a leader to help manage road and special projects in our community. I will use my budget experience to make sure we keep a good balanced budget for our county. I will be the voice for District 2 during fiscal court.

LET ME WORK FOR YOU!

Phone: (270) 704-9832  
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Paid for by Matt Grimes

#3 ON THE BALLOT

I am Livingston County Sheriff Bobby Davidson. I have been in law enforcement for 18 years, 12 years as the sheriff.

I wanted to take a moment to show my support for Deputy Sheriff Ray Agent and his bid for Crittenden County Sheriff. I have known Deputy Agent all of my life. We grew up together in Crittenden County going to school together and played ball together.

I moved to Livingston County, but always

kept that connection with so many friends from Crittenden County, especially Deputy Agent. Our law enforcement careers has kept a lifelong connection between us. I have worked several cases with Deputy Agent and always found him to be firm, yet fair in the performance of his duty.

Deputy Agent cares for the people of Crittenden County and I have seen it in his work performance. I have heard it in his voice and in his heart. Deputy Agent has spent his entire law enforcement career with the Crittenden County Sheriff's office under his brother Sheriff Wayne Agent.

I am sure Deputy Agent has his own goals once taking office, but I feel it will be run as it always has been, with hard work, professionalism and always putting the citizens first. It's been an honor to serve along side Deputy Agent and I proudly announce my support for his bid for Crittenden County Sheriff on May 17.



VOTE

AGENT

CRITTENDEN COUNTY SHERIFF

Paid for by Ray Agent



# County tapping state funding to repair Mexico Road bridges

STAFF REPORT

Some of the revenue needed to repair failing bridges in Crittenden County will be coming from state-level sources and county leaders hope to have Mexico Road back open by this summer.

Magistrates on Friday during a special fiscal court meeting approved a plan to let bids later this month for two bridge projects which will be rolled into one job. Both bridges are on Mexico Road. In March the county closed one bridge and reduced the weight limit on another to three tons, making it unsafe for school buses and farm vehicles.

Pilings and other support



The bridge across Claylick Creek on Mexico Road has been closed since March.

structures on the aging bridges were failing. Routine inspections by a bridge inspector had identified the problem. Weight

limit on a third bridge, this one on Chapel Hill Road near the city's water treatment plant, has also been reduced to three tons.

Typically, these bridges can handle vehicles weighing about 20 tons or more. A school bus cannot cross a bridge that is rated lower than 18 tons. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the proposed repairs for both bridges on Mexico Road will bring them up to an 18-ton limit.

The closed bridge across Claylick Creek is 90 feet long. Its weight limit had been reduced before inspectors ordered it shut down in early

March. The closed bridge is between Frances Road and View Road in the southwest quadrant of the county. The second bridge, which has remained open under a lower limit, is less than two miles south on Mexico Road. The bridge issues on that road have created headaches for school bus routes, adding about 20 more miles a day for drivers to reach children in affected areas.

Due to cost, Judge Newcom proposed a plan to repair the bridges as opposed to replacing them. He said a new deck alone for the closed bridge would cost about \$500,000. Repairing both of them will

cost less than \$100,000, he believes.

Magistrates approved the proposed repair project and will open bids at its May 19 regular monthly meeting.

Newcom said the plan is to repair pilings and encase others in a concrete shell. Similar repairs were made recently to a county bridge on Blackburn Church Road. A cost estimate and design was provided by Crown Paving. The county can access up to \$80,000 from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Rural and Municipal Aid. County funds will be devoted to the balance of the project.

# Failure to pay 911 fee could lead to misdemeanor charge

STAFF REPORT

Theoretically, a handful of local residents could face a year in jail and/or a \$500 fine due to a misunderstanding over a local 911 fee tacked onto their property tax bills.

Criminal charges can be avoided by simply paying the telecommunications fee.

County Attorney Rebecca Johnson has begun the process of collecting delinquent taxes along with penalties and interest from county property owners. Liens now incumbent those properties that are delinquent on 2021 taxes – which were due late last year. The tax and accompanying late fees are payable at the Crit-

tenden County Clerk's office. On top of the property tax and penalties that are owed, residents also must pay a 911 fee, which began being charged in 2021 according to a new county ordinance. Beginning with 2021 tax bills, county property owners must pay an annual \$36 fee per property parcel to fund the emergency telephone service. The \$36 fee was once charged by telephone providers such as AT&T. Now, the county is collecting the money and it shows up as a line item on property tax bills, although it is technically not a tax.

A problem is arising with the 911 service fee because it must be paid at the county treasurer's

office a few doors down in the courthouse from where the actual tax bill must be paid at the clerk's office. Some individual taxpayers have inadvertently not paid that \$36 fee. Failure to pay it is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by jail time and in some cases a fine.

"We are not interested in prosecuting this," the county attorney said.

So, she is making efforts to notify taxpayers who have already made their delinquent payment yet for whatever reason failed to step down the hallway and make the other payment. Johnson said it is likely due to a misunderstanding.

Although the county attorney's office doesn't want to create a criminal

issue out of the matter, according to statute taxpayers must be held accountable if they fail to pay the 911 fee.

Johnson said property owners with a homestead exemption may owe absolutely no taxes, but they still must pay the

\$36 fee for 911 service. She said there appears to be some confusion among taxpayers over the new fee. Fact is, every property owner must pay it. There is no opt out clause in the ordinance like the additional fire dues that are also at-

tached to county property tax bills.

So far, Johnson said about 30 property owners have been sent followup letters in the mail notifying them that they owe the \$36 fee.



A swarm of honey bees have been camped out in the magnolia tree on the courthouse lawn. Discovered this week, a local beekeeper, Darrell Todd, came to gather the pollinators that were attracted to the magnolia tree because of its vibrant blooms.

Graduation May 27

## Schools head to final days

Crittenden County Schools are winding down the academic year with the final day of classes set for Wednesday, May 25.

This weekend will be prom, which is being held at a venue in Paducah. However, grand march will begin at 3 p.m., Saturday at Rocket Arena.

Baccalaureate will be held at Rocket Arena at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, May 25. Class Night is at Rocket Arena at 6 pm., on Thursday, May 26 and the Class of 2022 will graduate starting at 6 p.m., on Friday, May 27.

Students will have an especially long summer break as classes do not resume again until Aug. 29.

Livingston Central seniors graduate May 20.

I want to thank each one for your time and consideration. I have worked very hard over the last eight years with the Marion Police Department to serve and protect all people and I sincerely hope you will give me the opportunity to continue that public service as Sheriff. Lets work together to build a brighter future by focusing on some important issues:

- Invest in our Children
- Support DARE Program at School
- Work to Provide Additional Staff
- Enhance Public Confidence
- Strengthen State and Federal Partnerships
- Promote Professionalism

Elect

Motivated \* Dedicated \* Determined

Heath Martin

for Sheriff

\*Paid for by Jonathan Heath Martin, Candidate

Re-Elect

WILLARD GUILL

MAGISTRATE DISTRICT #3

★ ★ ★ ★

- WORKING to improve and maintain roads in District 3
- WORKING with the Fiscal Court to secure equipment to help our County roads
- WORKING with the Fiscal Court on projects that benefit the entire County

(Dam 50 River Dock; County Office Building Project and National Guard Armory Project)

WITH YOUR HELP, I WILL  
CONTINUE WORKING FOR  
OUR COUNTY.

THANK YOU,  
WILLARD GUILL

Paid for by Willard Guill

Re-Elect

Greg RUSHING

5th District Magistrate

Qualified and Experienced

Serving the people of Crittenden County for over 40 years

As a life-long resident of Crittenden County, I have spent most of my adult life serving the people of Crittenden County.

- ★ Served on the Crittenden County Fire Department and Rescue Squad
- ★ Worked for Crittenden County EMS
- ★ Served as Director of Emergency Management for 20 years
- ★ Worked for the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department for 8 years
- ★ Retired from Law Enforcement after 25 years of service
- ★ Currently serving on the City of Marion Fire Department
- ★ Currently serving as Magistrate for District 5
- ★ Currently serving as pastor of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church

With my qualifications and experience I would appreciate the privilege to continue to serve the people of Crittenden County as your magistrate

Paid for by Greg Rushing

ELECT

EVAN HEAD

SHERIFF

A RECORD OF EXCELLENCE

COMMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY

DEDICATED TO PROGRESS

JUSTICE FOR ALL

- Christian father and husband who does not support abortion.
- Born and raised in Crittenden County.
- Served as Chief of Sheridan VFD for the past 11 years.
- Secured \$370,000 in Federal Grant funding for fire dept.
- Currently employed as a deputy at Caldwell County Sheriff's Office.

- Will be proactive and work for ALL the residents of Crittenden County, no one is above the law and no one is below the law.
- We do have a problem with drugs in our county, I will do everything in my power and use every means I have to combat these issues and the ones who bring drugs into our community.
- 2018, 2019, 2020 Governor's traffic safety award recipient for DUI enforcement.
- Graduate of KY DOCJT training academy.
- Very pro gun and 2nd Amendment supporter, member of the NRA.
- Will work to protect your constitutional rights.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOTE!

Questions or concerns, feel free to contact me on my facebook page.

Paid for by Evan Head, Candidate