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## Spring Clean Up Spawns Free County Dump Days

Crittenden County will have its spring clean-up free dump days May 16-18. Marion Convenience Center will be free for Crittenden County residents. Some restrictions apply. No household garbage will be accepted. Free dump days are for disposal of junk and waste tires. Free dumping is available from 8 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, May 16-17, and 8 a.m., to noon Saturday, May 18.

## Matilda's final shows this weekend at Fohs

Final two performances of Matilda Junior will be held Friday and Saturday at Fohs Hall. Tickets are free, but must be reserved by going online to the following link: [Buytickets.at/communityartsfoundation](https://buytickets.at/communityartsfoundation). Doors open at 6:15. Show starts at 7 p.m., each night. The Community Arts Foundation's annual children's play and musical drew great reviews during its opening last weekend.

## Derby weekend in KY

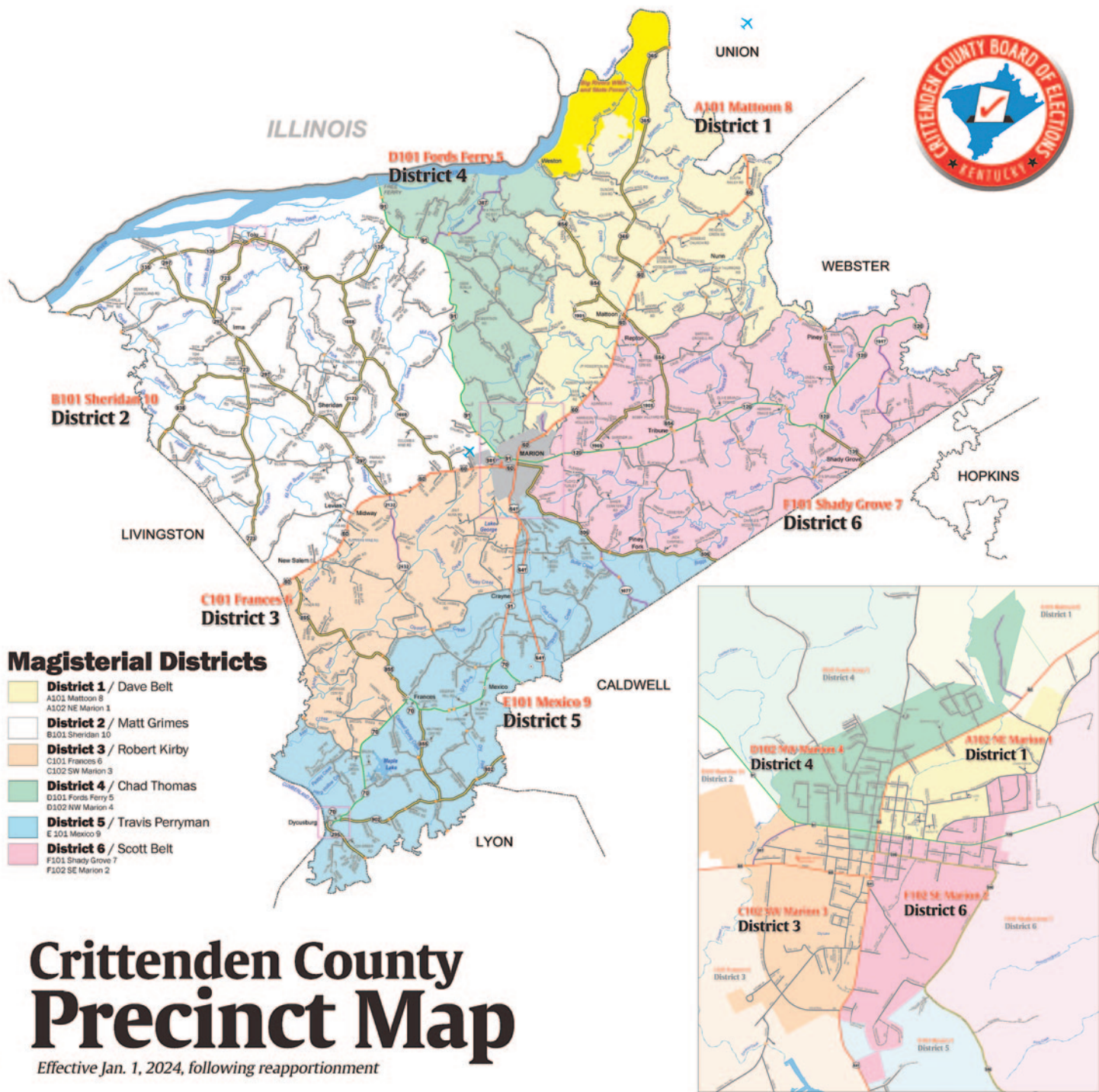
Post time for the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby is 5:57 p.m., Marion time on Saturday. The race is at Churchill Downs in Louisville. It is the first leg of horse racing's triple crown and will feature 20 horses, including the odds on favorite Fierceness. The Kentucky Oaks will be run on Friday at Churchill Downs. The Oaks is for three-year-old fillies, which are females. The Kentucky Derby is typically full of three-year-old male horses, but a few fillies have qualified to run in the derby. Only three fillies have ever won the race.

## Grau files for re-election

Another local school board incumbent has filed to seek re-election in the fall general election. Tim Grau II filed last week to run for Crittenden County Board of Education in District 4. Deadline to file is June 4. School Board Chairman Chris Cook has also filed to run for re-election in District 3.

## Pop Quiz on Divorce

Here's a pop quiz on state's divorce rates. Which one has the highest, Kentucky or California? A recent study by Forbes Advisor, you're more likely to stay married in Hollywood's state than the bluegrass. Nationally, Kentucky ranks No. 5 in divorce rates. Data show that for every 1,000 married women in the commonwealth during 2022, 19.52% were in the process of splitting with their spouse and 12.6% of the state's population was already divorced. In California, which has the lowest rate in the country, it's 8.8%. New York is 9%, Massachusetts 9.2% and New Jersey 8.4%. Most of those states have, however, some of the lowest rates for marriage. Wyoming has the highest divorce rate, according to the study, at 13.3% followed by New Mexico and Arkansas at 12.9% and West Virginia at 13.2%. Those states typically have higher frequencies of marriage among their populations.



## Crittenden County Precinct Map

Effective Jan. 1, 2024, following reapportionment

## PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 21

# GOP doubles Dems; new districts for some

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's Grand Old Party is celebrating big this election season as it has crossed into what might be considered a political promised land.

For the first time, Republicans here outnumber Democrats more than 2-to-1. The GOP officially doubled the opposing party late last month with new registrations and changes. As of today, Republicans have 3,870 registered voters in this county. Democrats have 1,911.

"It's pretty significant to have twice as many as the other party," said Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

The trend began around 2008 with the Barack Obama Presidency. The last time Democrats held a majority here was in 2014.

Also new this election season are precinct lines. Every voting precinct in the county has changed to some degree, except for District 2.

"A few hundred voters will be in new precincts," the county clerk said. "Most of them are along the border of magiste-

### Key Points for Primary Election

- Early voting is May 16-18 at Crittenden County Office Complex.
- Deadline for absentee paper ballots to be returned is May 7.
- The only local election on the May 21 ballot will be that for state senator.
- The only change to voting rolls from now until the election is change of address. Voters should always take their driver's license to the polls as proof of address.

rial districts 5 and 6. There was a pretty big switch in that area. And there are some changes around Mattoon with districts 1 and 6 and in southern Crittenden County between districts 3 and 5."

The new district and voting precinct map (pictured above) could change where you vote. Last week, voters should have received a postcard in the mail with details about where and how they can vote this month.

The primary election is Tuesday, May 21. Turnout will likely be low in this county, the clerk reasons, mostly because the major parties already have presumptive presidential nominees and there is only one state legislative election on the ballot here.

"We have only had requests for 13 mail-in ballots. That is really low, and it's usually an indicator of turnout," Tabor said.

Locally, the May primary is inconsequential to national elections, but there is a legislative election with significance as incumbent Republican Sen. Jason Howell of Murray is facing former Kentucky Rep. Lynn Bechler of Marion as the challenger in Senatorial District One. The senatorial district includes Crittenden, Calloway, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg counties.

The county clerk said voters should pay particular attention to those postcards mailed last week to determine if their precinct has changed. Many voters tend to identify their district by the magistrate who represents their area, Tabor

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# Breakfast club revives sled for Fredonia pull

STAFF REPORT

It is fascinating and remarkable – the stories told and plans hatched on a regular basis at the Coon Dog Inn in Fredonia.

While Linda Bennett and crew are serving up breakfast coffee and eggs, men gather around the community table as they've done for generations. If you're 60, you're a baby in the group. There are gray whiskers and wisdom around the table, and admittedly some unbelievable tales that border on complete fabrication. Despite the general aged makeup of the group, there's a great deal of energy, particularly when local pastor Presley Lamm is there to shepherd the crew.

Boyd Bates, who is a deputy in Crittenden County and a Fredonia icon, is among the first responders when the coffee drinkers formulate a plan. He is the ramrod on their latest project, which will crescendo on Saturday, May 11 with a mini-tractor pull at the



Pictured with their renovated sled in front of the Coon Dog Inn are (from left) Lynn Lindsay, Boyd Bates, Presley Lamm and Chris Watson.

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Deaths

Dickey

Gordon Lewis Dickey, 82, of Marion, died Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

He was a journeyman in the electrical industry, and he had been a 50-year member of IBEW Local #531 in La-Porte, Ind. He was a member of Dycusburg Lodge #232 F&AM, the Scottish Rite and Order of the Eastern Star. He was also a Kentucky Colonel, an avid car collector and enjoyed motorcycle travel.

Surviving are a daughter, Chelle Logan of Chesterton, Ind.; two sons, Gordon L. "Guy" Dickey of Chesterton, Ind., and Darren Dickey of Marion; four grandchildren, Aaron (Laura) Dickey of Fredonia, Sha (Patrick) Logan of Chesterton, Ind., Levi (Angelia) Dickey of Marion and Crystal Dickey of Loris, SC; several additional grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a brother, David Dickey and a sister, Eugenia Dickey, both of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, LeRoy Lewis and Doris Dowdy Dickey; a sister; and a granddaughter.

A memorial service and visitation are from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Thursday, May 2 at Bigham Lodge # 256 F&AM, 206 Sturgis Rd. Marion, KY 42064.

Thatch

Barbara Evelyn Thatch, 78, of Salem, died Monday, April 22, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was a homemaker

who loved her family more than life itself.

Surviving are three children, Tommy (Jill) Croft of Salem, Patty (Jeff) McGrew of Smithland and Sharon (Randy) Crouch of Salem; four step-children, Sharon (Randal) Sorg of Powhatan, Ark., Sheila Hancock of Oxley, Mo.; Cindy (Donald) Nickles of Clever, Mo., and Jonathon (Karen) Thatch of Pocahontas, Ark.; five grandchildren, Colton McGrew of Nashville, Jantzton (Ally) Croft of Berea, Masa (Taylor) Champion of Smithland, Clay Croft of Madisonville, and Audrey Croft of Richmond; 27 step-grandchildren and a very special nephew Donnie (Cindy) Watson of Oakland City, Ind.; and several great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years, John Thatch; her parents, Trice and Ruth Tinsley; two brothers, Jimmy (Linnie) Tinsley and Doug; a sister, Shirley (Pete) Watson; and nieces Debbie Harris and Wendy Tinsley.

A joint graveside funeral service honoring Barbara and John Thatch was held Saturday, April 27 at Good Hope Cemetery.

Belt

Bonnie Kay Belt, 73, of Marion, died Friday, April 26, 2024 at her home in Marion. She was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Shelia (Rusty) Miniard of Marion; a son, and David (Tabitha) Belt of Marion; four

grandchildren, Hurst Miniard, Caitlyn Guess, Bailey Tanner and Seth Riley; a great-grandchild, Hunter Ann Yates; and siblings, Kenneth Williamson, Keith (Lucinda) Williamson, Norma (Steve) Guess, June (William) Jones and Lois (Bill) Gregory; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Belt; parents, Herman and Christine Williamson; and a sister, Sharon Driver.

Services were Wednesday May 1 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mexico Cemetery.

Cullen

David Lewis Cullen, 81, of Mayfield, died Sunday, April 28, 2024 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah.

His career was made up of military, law enforcement, and ministry. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran serving with the 28th Bomb Wing, 821st Air Division and the Aerospace Group Titan I Missile Project. He also served 5 years with the California Air National Guard. In law enforcement he served as a Patrolman in Providence, Police Chief in Clay, and retired with 28 years service to Kentucky. He was also Vehicle Enforcement as Regional Commander. He was ordained in 1972 as a minister, and pastored Beech Grove General Baptist Church in Dyersburg, Tenn., Enon General Baptist Church in Marion, The Mount Lebanon General Baptist Church in Dixon, and The Cornerstone General Baptist Church in Bertrand, Mo., where he was currently a member.

Surviving are his wife, Marie Timmons Cullen of Mayfield; four sons, Ronnie (Kelley) Cullen of Providence, Johnny (Shelly) Cullen of Marion, Jerry Cullen of Mayfield, and Steven (Jim Pat Wallace) Dupree of Paducah; a daughter, Cammie (Chad) Beasley of Mayfield; several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael David Cullen; his father, James Cullen; his mother Ruby Curry Cullen Negley; stepfather Ehlman Negley; two brothers, John Cullen and James Paul Cullen; and a sister, Sharon Pitzer.

Memorial services are at 5 p.m., Sunday, May 5 at Grace Life Church in Mayfield with Rev. Chad Lamb officiating. Friends may call after 3 p.m., on Sunday, May 5 at the Grace Life Church in Mayfield. Military Rites will be conducted by American Legion Post #26.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Life Church Playground Fund, 915 Paducah Road, Mayfield, Ky 42066.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, May 2

- Line dancing class is at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
- Prime Time Reading is offered from 3:30-5:30 p.m., each Thursday in May and June 6 at the Crittenden County Public Library. It is a family-based event led by professional storytellers/educators that presents reading and discussion strategies proven to increase creativity, critical thinking skills and academic success. Dinner and door prizes are provided. Contact director@crittendenlibrary.org to sign up.

Saturday, May 18

- The families of Roscoe Bradley Sutton and Mable Lucille Hargrove Sutton are having a family reunion at 11 am at the Crittenden County Lions Club Building at the Crittenden County Fairgrounds. The reunion is held annually on the third Saturday of May.



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- High Cholesterol
- High Blood Pressure
- Smoking
- Diabetes
- Overweight
- Sedentary Lifestyle
- Men Over 45, Women Over 55

**If you answer YES to any of the above questions, you may be at risk for heart disease.**

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# April auto renewal notices delayed, registration due now

If your vehicle registration was to expire in April, you may not have realized it. Because of a glitch in the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, notices that should have gone out in March for April renewals are just now being mailed.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor says his office had nothing to do with the late mailings, but believes his clerks will bear much of the negative feedback from frustrated auto owners once they get their renewal notices. Tabor said June notices were mailed early by the state, but April and May were not sent on time.

Tabor said Crittenden County is waiving any late fees or penalties for April renewals, which actually became delinquent on Wednesday.

“Drivers need to know that their decals could be expired and if they’re pulled over, they will get a ticket,” Tabor said.

The clerk points out that automobile owners do not need a renewal notice to go ahead and pay their April taxes and registration fees. For the fastest service, go to Drive.Ky.Gov to renew online if possible. You may also go to the clerk’s office to renew in person.

Online renewals are not available if previous balances are owed or if insurance information is not on file.

Kentucky’s new Automated Vehicle Information System (KAVIS) was launched in January and has been hampered by rollout problems. The system is used by county clerk staff to perform vehicle and boat transactions and to generate user data used to mail notices. April’s delayed renewal notices are the latest in a series of growing pains since the state started KAVIS. The state said changes were necessary to replace a 1970s-era computer system.



Local special Olympics members (from left) coach Rose Dempsey, Issac Whitley, Mandy McConnell, Corey Spees, Haylee Cruse, Billy Long, David Kimbrell, Talia Trail, Lisa Burnam, Daniel Godman, Andrew Holt, Charlene Phillips, Kaitlyn Head, William Young, Sarah Phillips, Destiny Suggs and Xavier Oster participated in regional events Murray recently. All but two of this competitors are advancing to Summer Games at Eastern Kentucky University. Other coaches are Serena Dickerson and Rebecca Woodall.

## ELECTION

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said. School board districts are different because there are only five of them while there are six magisterial districts. The map accompanying this article illustrates newly drawn magisterial districts, separating the county into six areas which are divided by roads or streets.

Changes to the district boundaries were necessary due to reapportionment, which is considered every 10 years. This is the first time in decades that Crittenden County has been prompted to redraw its voting districts map due

to shifts in population within the community. County leaders last summer approved the new reapportionment map.

The new map uses only streets, roads or highways and Marion city limits to divide districts. Previously, natural boundaries such as creeks, ridges or other geographic features were used as dividing lines. Tabor said the new boundaries divide precincts more efficiently.

Due to changes, four magistrates will serve voters in both city and county precincts and two magistrates will serve only county precincts. There are no magisterial elections this cycle.

There will be four all-city precincts and six all-county precincts. In redrawing precincts, the Board of Elections consolidated the county’s typical 12 precincts to just 10.

Voters are reminded that the county voting center, which previously had been at Marion Baptist Church, has moved to the former Ed-Tech Center, which has been renovated to become the Crittenden County Office Complex. Early voting will be held there, too. Anyone in the county can cast a ballot at the voting center no matter their home district or precinct. Otherwise, voters must cast ballots in their home district.



### Gem of a Day

Members of the West Kentucky Chamber Alliance were in Crittenden and Livingston counties last week for a day-trip and toured various locations, including Pine Bluff rock quarry south of Salem, Livingston and Crittenden hospitals, Siemens in Marion, Marion Airport, Fohs Hall, Clement Mineral Museum and had meals at Mulligan’s and Game Day in Marion. Pictured are chamber alliance members on the tour at the Clement Museum. Local members of the West Kentucky Chamber Alliance are Steve Watson and Chris Cook.

## PULL

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American Legion Buddy Rogers Park. All proceeds will benefit the local legion.

Bates, 59, is a Purple Heart veteran of the Iraqi War and is widely revered around northwest Caldwell County for his public service, which includes a number of volunteer jobs, one of them being a caretaker of the Veterans Memorial and American Legion Park.

One morning while drinking coffee and sharing some informal conversation, the late Jim Martin, one of the last World War II veterans who would regularly visit the diner, suggested that Fredonia needed a miniature tractor pull – garden tractor type rigs that would attract participants of all ages and capture fans.

Resources around the table are vast. A friend they call “Catfish” – aka Roger Mitchell – had a hunch that a miniature pulling sled used long ago was still in the area.

“He said there was one on Matt Prowell’s farm,” Bates recalled. “It had belonged to Matt’s father Wayne Allen.”

The sled was rusted and worn and found on a scrap pile.

“The old guys want to have fun,” Bates added, pointing around the table to some fellows, most of them at least 10 years his senior.

Chris Watson, Lynn Lindsay, Rick McDowell and Don Conway were breakfasting at the Coon Dog on this day and they all chimed in about how Bates and local Baptist minister Presley Lamm are the ring leaders.

“We used to do some things around Fredonia, but since Presley’s been here... we’ve done a

whole lot more. He does a lot around here,” Bates added.

From organizing nostalgic basketball games at old Fredonia gym to religious holiday blockbusters, Lamm indeed has his hands on the wheel and helps drive this small Caldwell County town toward good times. Perhaps the community’s biggest event is Thunder in the Valley, a huge Fourth of July Eve fireworks bonanza.

“Don gave us some weights, Chris had some steel we used to do some repair to the sled and we bought a couple of tires for it,” Bates explained.

Akridge Farm Supply donated some material to complete the refurbishing and a few experts with tractor pulling experience like Shelby Belt and Daniel Bugg have provided guidance.

“In a minute’s notice, these guys jump on a project,” Bates continues with a chuckle.

Watson said the men – mostly retirees – just enjoy having a community a project. Proceeds always benefit one organization or another. It’s what small towns do and this outfit is pretty dog-gone good at it.

The pull will be for “small, medium and large” contestants,” according to the diner crew. That means youngsters, teens and adults. There will be trophies for the kids, smiles for everyone and a proud-dad type moment for the men who’ve rolled a pulling relic out of a junk heap and turned it into a party of sorts for the Fredonia Valley.

“We just like to have things where people can get out, visit and talk to one another. That’s what it’s all about,” the preacher said.

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## Alcohol sales hits record in 1Q 2024

Revenue from booze has hit an all-time record for the City of Marion this spring.

Marion collected \$25,664.48 in taxes and license fees from legal alcohol sales during the first quarter of 2024, which ended March 31.

That’s higher than last year’s first quarter by more than \$1,600 and higher than any other previous quarter since legal liquor sales began here in 2019.

License renewals are typically paid in January and August, so those months will show larger revenue figures than most. However, sales at restaurants, bars and retail outlets were up in December of 2023, driving January’s taxes and fees to \$12,551.52. Previously, the highest one-month collection was in January of 2023.

Establishments that sell liquor by the drink or packaged bottles and cans have until the middle of each month to pay the previous month’s five-percent tax.

Two restaurants in town serve alcohol and there are two liquor sales licensees and a dozen businesses with a malt beverage package sales license.

A typical quarter generates about \$22,000 in tax and fee revenue. Tax revenue derived from the legal sale of alcohol is primarily spent on law enforcement.

Average monthly alcohol sales have gone up steadily since 2019 when liquor sales became legal in Marion for the first time since Prohibition. Average tax collection on alcohol sales in calendar year 2020 was about \$5,964. During calendar year 2023, the average was \$7,481.87, up slightly from 2022’s \$7,385. Sales are the highest around the holidays.

Last year, Marion received revenue of \$89,782 from the liquor tax. That was up from \$86,082 in 2022 and \$71,577 in 2020, which was the town’s first full year of legal sales.

## Riverview camping days see increase

Overnight camping stays are picking up at Riverview Park on the Ohio River in rural, northern Crittenden County.

In March, there were 19 overnight RV camping spots rented and two tent camping nights. The park, which is operated by the county, took in over \$1,800 in revenue during the month, which includes bookings for upcoming stays.

There are seven concrete RV pads with power, water and wastewater available. The campground includes a dock, rest-



rooms, park, basketball goal, pavilion and primitive camping.

Tent camping is \$5 per night and RV camping is \$20 with amenities.

Fees go toward maintenance and upkeep of the park, formerly known as Dam 50. Reservations can be made online at CrittendenCountyKy.org.

## Couple with children lose home to fire

Keith and Julie Millikan lost their home and a detached garage to fire on Friday. They have two pre-teen children. An account has been set up at Farmers Bank to help provide them with assistance. The Red Cross has also been involved in the response.

Firemen were called to the house fire, a doublewide mobile home on a permanent foundation, on US 60 West at about 2:30 p.m., Friday. No one was home and the fire may have started due to an electrical malfunction. A nearby garage was also destroyed. The family lost all of its belongings.

Firemen were at the scene for almost seven hours and were called back Saturday morning when the garage rekindled. Firefighters from Crittenden County, Sheridan, Salem, Shady Grove, Fredonia, Marion and Wheatcroft responded to the blaze.

## Princeton house fire turns into murder case

Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 2 is asking for the public’s help as part of a homicide investigation in Princeton.

A suspicious fire claimed the life of a 93-year-old woman on April 18. Dorothy Sparks was found deceased inside the home after firefighters were called to the scene on South Jefferson Street in Princeton.

Following an autopsy state police announced that they had launched a murder investigation and have asked the public for help.

“If anyone was in the area of South Jefferson Street Thursday (April 18), who may have information pertaining to this case, contact the Kentucky State Police, Post 2 at (270) 676-3313,” says a news release issued late last week.

Citizens can also report tips confidentially through the KSP website Tip Form found at the following link:

<https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/tip>.

## Show and Shine is back

Marion’s monthly summertime car shows are back starting later this month. Show and Shine events are planned for the third Thursday of each month beginning on May 23.

Shows will be held at Marion Commons in front of city hall. They will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m., on the last Thursday of each month through September.

Everyone is welcome to bring an entry or just stop by to observe and chat with owners. There is no admission. Show and Shine events are sponsored by Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission.

## Vaping way up in KY schools, says study

The number of drug, alcohol and tobacco events recorded by schools have increased in schools at all levels across Kentucky, according to data collected by Infinite Campus, an online student information tracking system.

Melissa Patrick with Kentucky Health News recently wrote that data from 2017-28 through 2022-23 found that Kentucky’s elementary schools saw a 475% increase in drug, alcohol and tobacco events, from 140 events to 805. Kentucky middle schools saw a 281% jump, from 2,336 to 8,912. High schools saw a 107% increase, from 8,995 to 18,651.

Data were shared at an April 24 Education Department Student Advisory Council meeting, where students discussed the increase in substance use and what they thought were reasons for it.

Information from the latest Kentucky Incentives for Prevention survey shows an association between serious psychological distress and substance abuse. The study found that students who experienced and reported having psychological stress were 2.5 times more likely to vape, 2.5 times more likely to use cannabis, 2.2 times more likely to binge drink and 3 times more likely to use cigarettes.

Students suggested several reasons beyond psychological distress for the increase in vaping, including peer pressure, an increase in use of social media among elementary students, and easy accessibility to the products.

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bearded trophy took its time pulling up the rear among a flock of turkeys. Young had spotted this bird out of the flock at a distance, then worked him in for a shot. The gobbler had beards of 11.25, 9.5, 9.25 and 2 inches and weighed 26.1 pounds with hooking 1.12-inch spurs.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### May 1, 2014

■ A slow start to spring resulting from consistently cool temperatures caused delays in the field planting for most local growers. Crittenden County native James Hunt is one of many area farmers trying to make up from valuable time lost.

■ As a part of the Backroads Tour and Festival, the Woman’s Club of Marion helda quilt show and bake sale. Carolyn Belt was selected as the People’s Choice Award winner for her quilt entitled “Purple Flowers.”

■ Crittenden County Middle School baseball player Ethan Dossett was pictured in the May 1 Press making a tag on a Lyon County runner during action at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The Rockets spotted Lyon six runs in the first but came back and won the game. They also defeated Trigg County and UHA for a three-game winning streak.

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

## Letters to the Editor

## Reader thinks voices unheard

To the Editor:

I am writing in regard to local leaders being disappointed that no one shows up for meetings concerning the future of Lake George. When meetings were held concerning water situations in Marion, city hall was packed, but we lost trust that our voices were heard. Same thing with fiscal court hearing on raising insurance tax. Leaders had already decided they were going to raise the tax.

It is not that we don’t care, but feel our input is useless. Trust needs to be restored.

Kay Grimes  
Marion, Ky.

## Letters Policy

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CALDWELL	5,852	5,557	295	5.0%	5.0%	4.0%
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## 50 YEARS AGO

### May 2, 1974

■ The Crittenden County Board of Education hired Jack M. Kenney of Mackenize, Tenn., as the head basketball coach at Crittenden County High School and coordinator for elementary physical education programs throughout the county. He also served as the assistant football coach.

■ A disaster drill was held to gauge the way the local hospital and rescue units would respond to a real emergency. A school bus wreck was staged in Mattoon in which 41 passengers were “injured.” Patients were transported by ambulance to te Crittenden County Hospital where they were attended to by local physicians and the hospital staff, the Crittenden County Rescue Club, County Civil Defense Unit, and the county’s police forces.

■ Crittenden County High School juniors Tracy Jay, Robin Webb and Jeff Binkley participated in the 14th annual University of Kentucky High School Juniors Conference held on the Lexington campus. They received information packets from the admissions office in order to begin

planning for their futures.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### May 6, 1999

■ Barbera Wheeler never imagined one of her hobbies to get featured in a national magazine, but that is exactly what happened. Wheeler entered the Room in Bloom contest in the 1998 issue of Country Living Gardener. She was notified a couple of months later that she had won top honors in the decorating contest. Staff at Country Living Gardener magazine came to Marion to complete a story about her and Wheelers Log Cabin.

■ Barbara Vaughn, a member of the Challengers Homemakers Club, received several honors at the State Homemaker Meeting held in Ft. Mitchell. Her needlepoint pillow earned a blue ribbon in the Cultural Arts division. She also received second place in the There Ought To Be a Law contest and recognition for her community volunteer hours.

■ Shane Young knew which bird he wanted on his wall, that’s why he stayed still and passed up shots at two other longbeards while his four-

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# Keep the faith and keep paddling

I still remember the first white-water rafting trip I took. I was just old enough to participate. I could handle a canoe in shallow moving water well enough but knew nothing about bigger water. I was surprised when the guide said that it was important to keep paddling when we went through the roughest water. He also said that the most important paddling was the strokes just before hitting the rough patches. About halfway through the trip a kayak shot in front of us just as we were about to hit a drop. In the middle of the turbulence, he got stuck and we landed right on top of him. I was afraid we had hurt someone, or worse. The kayak and the paddler bounced on though separated from each other. The guide's reaction was one of annoyance because the kayaker (I think he knew him) had broken a rule of courtesy and good sense. Even when we landed on the other paddler, the guide shouted, "keep paddling." His concern was to get us through without hitting the rocks and tipping. There was another instance fishing on Lake Michigan in which the



**Sean NIESTRATH**  
Faith-based columnist  
*Guest Columnist*

wind kicked up a little sooner and stronger than expected. We pulled in our lines and the captain headed us toward the dock. The swells were four to six feet – enough that we all were hanging on to keep from being tossed around. I would not have wanted to be in that water with no power. Swimming in waves and current also requires that you keep your arms moving. The rougher and swifter the water the more important it is to keep paddling. One of the themes of my life and of this column is preparation for rough water when there is none in sight. Spiritual discipline and training (whatever one's faith) is crucial for getting through life's rapids and storms. That discipline helps us to find others who are doing the same. It helps us to see a little further ahead. It sets us up to hit trouble at the proper speed, the right place, and the best angles. There is no way to get through this life without hitting some rough water from time to time. The decisions that we must make are whether we will be the ones on offense. I chose to get in the raft. I

chose to get in the fishing boat. I chose to jump in the water to swim. It is impossible to do anything worthwhile if we do not choose to put ourselves at risk from time to time. The storms and rocks will come, but we can choose our vessel, our captain, and sometimes the water we swim in. There is another reason to keep paddling. Sometimes there will be others in the boat who cannot. There are occasions when life hits us so hard that we lose our paddle. We lose our strength. We may even get bounced out of the boat. It is then that we need everyone else to keep going to get us through. In a storm or in white water, there is no time for judging. There is no time for looking around to see if everyone is pulling their weight. All we can do is pay attention to the captain or the guide and do what he says with all that we have. There will be time for laughing and crying and more training later. Keep paddling. The prophet Isaiah warns his people that there is trouble ahead. He tells them why and he tells them that the trouble will not last forever. Chapters 40-55 are often called "The book of consolation." Chapter 51 is an encouragement to stay faithful during times of uncertainty and difficulty. The water image is not white water but storms at sea.

"Hearken to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of men, and be not dismayed at their reviling. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago. Was it not thou that didst cut Rahab in pieces, that didst pierce the dragon? Was it not thou that didst dry up the sea, the waters of the great deep; that didst make the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? He who is bowed down shall speedily be released; he shall not die and go down to the Pit, neither shall his bread fail. For I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar — the LORD of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in your mouth, and hid you in the shadow of my hand." (Isaiah 51:7,9-10,14-16) Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

## God hears our prayers

**Question:** One of my closest friends is Hispanic. She's employed by a contractor doing hard manual work and is verbally abused. She has to work to help support her family. She can't speak up for herself because she doesn't have legal work papers. My heart breaks for her. What can I do to help her?

**Answer:** Employment-wise you can't do anything to help. Without her having a green card or American citizenship, she is greatly limited as to her employment opportunities. Your hands are tied to change her plight. You are already doing a valuable thing for her. Your loving actions and no doubt the giving of resources mean more than you can imagine. As Christians, we are to value and help everyone we can. Pray for her. She and her family are vulnerable and God treasures every person and especially helps those who are vulnerable. When we pray for someone who is struggling, God hears and acts on their behalf. The Psalmist affirms it, "You hear, O LORD, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more: (10:17, 18). Also, don't neglect to share the gospel with her. When you help someone come to faith in Christ as their Lord and Savior, you have done the greatest thing possible for them both in this life and eternally. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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# Friends, checkers and fond grocery memories

The wonderful old community grocery stores that once dotted our countryside are all gone now. Once a common and welcome sight, an important necessity and a vital part of our rural communities, they are now just a part of our past history. These two articles are from the archives of The Crittenden Press.

## February 1980. Crayne Grocery Store and Post Office

After more than 30 years, Crayne has a new postmaster but not a new post office. Seth Ferguson along with his wife Velma had operated the store and post office since October 1948. Of the existence of post office fixtures, Seth said "I know has been here 70 years and probably a lot longer." Part of the wooden cage, which separates the post office from the rest of the store, is hand-carved. While giving up the post office, the Fergusons plan to continue to operate the store. Mr. George Tucker was appointed the new postmaster.

Seth Ferguson has lived in such community grocery stores all his life. His father operated a general store, and he got his first sampling of the business in 1936 in Dycusburg.

He recalled he came to Crayne in the early 1940s and worked a while at the Dorroh Brothers' store. Then in 1942, he bought out George Long and went into business for himself. He built his present store building in 1943-44.

At the time there were three grocery stores in Crayne. Now his is the only one left. Of the other two, he recalled one burned and the other just went out of business.

In those earlier days, he said, this was the time of year when some mighty big crops were planted and made around the old stove in the back of the store building. Checker games around the stove went on from morning until late at night.

Although its business district has dwindled and its school and one of its two churches have closed over the years, the post office is still operating. The post office has played a major role in the town over the years.

Seth and Velma stayed in the grocery store business for a few more years but retired and closed the grocery store business in 1984.

Today the post office is still active and the beautiful old wooden post office box front still greets you as you enter the building. Many, many memories of this old store and our neighbors, the Fergusons that ran it for so many years, linger on in my mind, and will always be a part of the Crayne community history. My family's P. O. Box 26 is still there today in the original post office front. I remember as a child peeking up in it to see if we had any mail well over 70 years ago. A lifetime ago now.

## Tolu's Checker Tournament – Fun Times Recalled

In March 1980 at the Mills Standard Service Station in Tolu, the Tolu Checker Tournament was gearing up to take place. The smart money among the loafers is on Rudell Jacobs to advance to the king-row and unseat last year's winner Harry Dean Nation.

Nation, who lives a couple of houses down from the service station, was crowned checker champ last spring when he bested Noble Wright three out of five games at a fish fry held at the garage to mark the end of the tournament.

Jacobs, though, is none too sure he's up to the task. Although he's been moving men over checker boards for more than 60 years, he says he's not as good as he used to be. "I



Everyone's friends and neighbors, Seth and Velma Ferguson, stood behind the counter of their grocery store in 1980. They closed their grocery store in 1984. It was a vital part of the Crayne community.

could lay better when I was a kid." Jacobs said.

Nevertheless, none of the dozen or so loafers around the garage could recall anybody beating him lately. Others say that you shouldn't count Wright out either and predict he'll be back in final play again this year.

In all, 32 people entered this year's tourney, the same number as last year, although there's a few different faces.

The tournament is open to anybody who's got the 50 cents entry fee, but again this year no one from outside the immediate Tolu area has entered. Rules for play are kept simple and to a minimum. The initial pairings are accomplished by drawing numbers.

There's no time limit on when the games have to be played. Last year's tournament took about a month to complete. "There's no rush, just whenever," explains John Kemper.

Opponents have to

meet at the garage and play the best three out of five games. If somebody's doing bad and loses two games in a row, Kemper added, "He's just likely to say 'The hell with it, we'll finish this later' and walk out."

Although the winner receives only \$10.60 and the runner-up \$4.40, play is taken seriously. "You play the best you can play. One entrant almost worried himself sick over it last year, Sue Mills said.

While Jacobs says he has never studied a book on how to play the game, local resident John May admits he bought a book last year and read it and practiced to get good enough "to beat the kids."

About the only thing outlawed by the contest rules is interference in a match by people watching it.

- The rules are:
1. Any person who is entered can referee any match.
  2. .50 cents entry fee.
  3. During a game there will be no interfering by a bystander.
  4. All side bets accepted.
  5. Any interference from an entry will be disqualified.
  6. Best 3 out of 5.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

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A special thank you to the staff of Myers Funeral Home for the wonderful care and attention to Mom's appearance and the details of the service. It was perfect. Also, thanks to Brenda Alexander for doing Mom's hair. She looked beautiful. Thank you to Louise's Flowers for the beautiful arrangement.

Also, thank you to the staff and administration of Riverbend Nursing and Rehabilitation in Kuttawa for the gift in remembrance of Mom but especially the wonderful and compassionate care Mom was provided.



Dan Kemper, 7, and Rudell Jacobs were the youngest and oldest entrants in the 1980 Tolu Checker Tournament at Mills Garage. Sue Mills, in the background, enjoys the warmth of the wood stove on the cold spring day.

7. Grand Champion will receive 2/3 of the pot.

8. Runner up will receive 1/3.

Sue Mills says the tournament is just the thing needed for this time of year when farmers are not able to be out working in the fields. "Ah, they just have a lot of fun with this," she said. They loaf here anyway and this gives them something to do.

There's virtually always

a checker game going on at the garage, regardless whether or not there's a tournament going on. Last year, play was so fast and furious, the players wore out several cardboard game boards and resorted to making them out of plywood.

The fish fry is held as soon as possible after all but the last two entrants have been eliminated from competition. She said probably 125 people at-

tended last year to watch the final competition and eat.

May say he regards the winner of the Tolu tournament as the "world champion" and would like to see someone from some other place challenge him, but so far they haven't.

I love these old articles and pictures that appeared in The Crittenden Press, they bring back so many good memories of times in our past and of folks and friends that are no longer with us, but their memory remains.

(Both of these articles and pictures were done by my friend, John Lucas, former employee of the Press.)

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

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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: 2281 Mott City Road, Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky 42064, Map No. 071-10-04-006.00. Subject to all restrictions, conditions, covenants, and to all legal highways and easements. The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. 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 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. GIVEN under my hand this the 16th day of April, 2024, STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Special Master Commissioner (3t-20-c)

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Judy Ann Croft of 2782 Claud Belt Road, Salem, KY 42078 executrix of William Raymond Croft, deceased, whose address was 2782 Claud Belt Road, Salem, KY 42078. The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on May 15, 2024. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once. Melissa Guill, Clerk Crittenden District Court (1t-18-c)

On March 19, 2024 Cooper Towing & Recovery of Marion, KY at request of Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, picked up a 2012 Chevy Captiva plate #KY B96430 on Route 120, Marion, Ky., and took to 3425 Mott City Rd, Marion. Car with Vin# 3GNAL2EK8CS563111 belonged to Brent Johnson. Holland Motor Sales of 507 S. 12 St., Murray, KY issued the temporary tag on the vehicle. The vehicle will be sold on May 31, 2024 for tow bill and storage expenses. (3t-20-p)

A 1992 Dodge Spirit registered to Heather R. Soter, Vin# 1B3XA4634NF238248, picked up 2-23-24 on North Maple St., Marion, KY at the request of Marion Police Department will be sold Saturday, June 1, 2024 to recover cost of towing bil and \$50 per day storage fees. Vehicle was taken to 3425 Mott City Rd., Marion. There was no license plate on vehicle. Contact Cooper Towing & Recovery (270) 704-0943. (3t-20-p)

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The Crittenden County Project Development Board is inviting bids from qualified abatement firms for the removal and safe disposal of hazardous construction materials from the Critten-

den County Courthouse located at 107 S. Main St. Marion Ky 42064. This work is necessary before the structure can be razed to make way for a new Judicial Center facility. Interested firms are directed to the Lynn Imaging Online Planroom, www.Lynnimaging.com/distribution, where full details, specifications, bid requirements and contact information can be downloaded at no cost. Hard copies may also be requested but are at the requestor's expense. A pre-bid/walkthrough meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. central time at the courthouse, 107 S. Main St., Marion, Ky 42064. Opening of the sealed bids is set for Thursday May 23, at 10 am central time at the Crittenden County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Drive, Marion Ky 42064. (1t-18-c)

Bid Notice: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for the following surplus equipment: (1) 2000 Ford F450 diesel, 163,152 miles, with dump bed, salt spreader box, and snowplow. (2) 2001 MX 100 International tractor runs well. (3) 2005 Freightliner FC80 6-cylinder truck, 107,419 miles, with a Rosco patcher bed. (4) 2015 Tiger Saber 25 boom mower with cutter and ditcher heads, and counter-balance weight. This equipment can be inspected at the County Road Garage, 1901 U.S. Hwy. 60E, Marion, KY 42064. Bids may be mailed, or hand delivered to Crittenden County Fiscal Court c/o "specify name of equipment" Sealed Bid, 200 Industrial Dr., Ste. A., Marion, KY 42064 or by email to kristi.drury@crittendencountyky.org. All bids must be received by May 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened and read aloud during the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court on May 16, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS-45A. (1t-18-c)

Bid Notice: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for the application of Chip and Seal, single and double layer, on various roads in Crittenden County during 2024. All bids must be submitted to the county Judge Executive's office at 200 Industrial Dr., Ste. A, Marion KY 42064 or by email at kristi.drury@crittendencountyky.org by 4:00 p.m. CST May 15, 2024. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court May 16, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. Please indicate the item being bid on the outside of the envelope or in the subject box. If you have any questions regarding this bid notice, contact the office of the Judge Executive at 270-965-5251. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or

all bids in accordance with KRS 45-A. (1t-18-c)

Bid Notice: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for the following scope of work to be performed on County Bridge #028C0033N located at the intersection of SR 855 S. and Main Lake Rd. in southern Crittenden County. At abutment two (2), all timber piles shall be encased in reinforced and anchored concrete. The steel grid decking shall be welded to the superstruc-

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The Crittenden County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 6 through May 20, 2024. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2024, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2024 will be due about September 15, 2024.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the Crittenden County Office Complex and may be inspected during this period between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work-day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall **not** be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) Taxpayer must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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**SATURDAY**  
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Track at Area 1 Meet, Paducah

**MONDAY**  
Softball at Webster County  
Baseball hosts Dawson Springs

**TUESDAY**  
Baseball hosts Union County  
Track hosts Quad Meet

5th District Standings

DISTRICT SOFTBALL STANDINGS		
Team	Overall	Dist
Trigg County	13-12	3-0
Livingston Central	25-3	2-1
Lyon County	10-11	2-2
Crittenden County	10-13	0-5

DISTRICT BASEBALL STANDINGS		
Team	Overall	Dist
Lyon County	15-5	5-0
Livingston Central	9-13	2-3
Crittenden County	14-9	2-4
Trigg County	8-10	1-3

Games through 4-29-24

BASEBALL

Belt breaks on SB mark

Crittenden County senior outfielder Tyler Belt has broken the stolen base record he set last year. Belt has swiped 39 bags, outpacing the 38 he stole as a junior. He broke Matt Jent's single-season record last spring and has a chance to add on several more this season.

OUTDOORS

Turkey harvest slows

With only a few days left, turkey hunters in Crittenden County are on pace to bring home less meat this spring than they did a year ago. While 2023 was a slight bounce-back-season so to speak in harvest figures, 2024 isn't keeping up. With 332 in the bag as of mid-day Tuesday, the county's harvest is not likely to catch last spring's total of 413. The 2023 harvest was the first to eclipse 400 toms since 2013's take of 525. After 2013, the harvest took a quick nose-dive. It appeared to be on the way back up after last spring. Over the previous week, hunters tagged about 40 birds.

Bowfishing tournament

Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will host its annual Kentucky State Championship bowfishing tournament on Saturday, May 4. Registration is at 6 p.m., at Crittenden County Fairgrounds. For more information, call Will Miller at 270-963-5898. First place earns \$1,000.

Hunting Seasons

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

Turkey	April 13 - May 5
Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	May 18 - June 21
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round

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Senior Pitcher Jeremiah Foster and shortstop Quinn Summers meet at the mound as third baseman Hudson Stokes heads back to his position during a recent game at Marion.



BASEBALL

McCord 2-hits Storm

Rocket righthander Asa McCord struckout 7 over five innings and allowed just 2 hits as CCHS beat Hopkins Central by the mercy rule 11-1. Jaxton Duncan swung the hot bat for CCHS, knocking in 4 runs on one hit. Casey Cates had 2 hits and an RBI.

UHA beats Crittenden

Crittenden lost at home last Thursday 7-2 to streaking University Heights as Rocket batters managed just 2 hits. Hudson Stokes and Casey Cates had Crittenden's only hits, both singles. Chase Conyer and Stokes shared pitching chores, allowing 6 earned runs. UHA used two hurlers to strike out 11.

SOFTBALL

CCHS avenges March loss

Crittenden County avenged a March loss at Ballard Memorial by shutting out the Lady Bombers Saturday at Marion. Brodi Rich threw a complete game for CCHS, walking 1, striking out 7 and allowing 6 hits. The Lady Rocket offense was steady, scoring at least one run in 4 different frames. Georgia Holeman led the way with 2 hits. Elliot Evans, Hannah Jent, Morgan Piper, Rich, Aubrey Conyer and Macibelle Hardesty had a hit apiece.

Lady Rockets lose by one

Webster County won a pitching duel Saturday at Marion, besting Crittenden 2-1. Elliot Evans threw for CCHS and Chloe Papineau for the Trojan girls. Webster got both of its runs in the third inning and CCHS plated 1 in the fourth on an RBI by Morgan Piper to score Evans from second. CCHS had several chances to score more, but stranded 6 runners. Aubrey Conyer, Andrea Federico and Evans also singled in the game.

CCHS leaves 12 stranded

Crittenden County left a dozen runners stranded in a 10-4 loss at Marshall County last Thursday. An inability to find timely hits prevented CCHS from keeping pace with the Marshall women. Elliot Evans and Brodi Rich

shared the circle. Each has been putting in extra duty with staff ace Anna Boone out with a hand injury.

Hannah Jent had 4 hits and 3 RBIs. Evans and Jaycee Champion had 2 hits apiece.

TRACK AND FIELD

Girls win home Quad Meet

Crittenden County's girls won its Quad Meet last Tuesday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The boys' team finished third. Following are individual results:

GIRLS

100 Meters 3. Kylie Bloodworth (15.28), 6. Ruby Peek, 7. Madison Walker, 8. Callie Rich.  
200 Meters 4. Shelbi Belt (30.88), 5. Karsyn Potter, 7. Presley Potter, 10. Callie Rich, 11. Kylie Bloodworth, 13. Ruby Peek.  
800 Meters 1. Ella Geary (2:50.84).  
1600 Meters 1. Mary Martinez (6:07), 2. Aubrey Grau, 3. Ella Whitney.  
3200 Meters 1. Mary Martinez (13:23), 2. Aubrey Grau, 3. Ella Whitney.  
100 Hurdles 3. Susana Suggs (22.41).  
300 Hurdles 3. Susan Suggs (1:09.80).  
4x100 Relay 2. Crittenden (1:02.92) Bloodworth, Rich, Walker, Peek.  
4x200 Relay 2. Crittenden (2:18.37) Belt, Rich, Bloodworth, Peek.  
4x400 Relay (4:58.33) P.Potter, Geary, K.Potter, Belt.  
4x800 1. Crittenden (11:42.59) Martinez, P.Potter, Gray, Geary.  
High Jump 2. Presley Potter (4-2), 3. Shelbi Belt.  
Long Jump 2. Ella Geary (12-04.25), 5. Susana Suggs.  
Shot Put 1. Karsyn Potter (27-07.5), 5. Layken Gilchrist, 8. Madison Walker.  
Discus 1. Karsyn Potter (87-07.5), 9. Layken Gilchrist, 12. Madison Walker, 13. Ella Whitney.  
Team Totals: Crittenden 90, Trigg 87, Lyon 31, Livingston 8.

BOYS

100 Meters 6. Noah Byford (12.87), 7. Gaige Markham, 9. Bobby Hazel, 14. Matthew Valentine, 17. Aiden Musser, 20. Jayden Jones, 21. Reece Travis.  
200 Meters 6. Noah Byford (27.00), 7. Gaige Markham, 11. Bobby Hazel, 16. Aiden Musser,



Freshman high jumper Shelbi Belt makes a mark during last week's meet at Marion where she finished third in the high jump competition.

TOP5 BATTING LEADERS

Rocket Baseball	
Quinn Summers	.397
Hudson Stokes	.368
Jeremiah Foster	.347
Tyler Belt	.344
Casey Cates	.297
Minimum 45 ABs, through 23 games	

TOP5 BATTING LEADERS

CCHS Softball	
Andrea Federico	.457
Elliot Evans	.382
Hannah Jent	.370
Elle McDaniel	.344
Morgan Piper	.328
Minimum 60 ABs, through 23 games	



Outfielder Elliot Evans covers third base for a throw during a game last week at Marshall County.

20. Reece Travis.  
400 Meters 4. Matthew Valentine (1:04.49), 8. Aiden Musser.  
800 Meters 3. River Rogers (2:29.15).  
1600 Meters 4. River Rogers (5:24), 5. Landon Starkey.  
3200 Meters 3. River Rogers (12:33), 5. Landon Starkey.  
4x100 Relay 4. Crittenden (54.02) Hazel, Markham, Byford Valentine; 5. Crittenden Travis, Jones, Nesbitt, Chaney.  
4x200 5. Crittenden (2:11.89) Travis, Jones, Nesbitt, Valentine.  
High Jump 2. Cameron Nesbitt (4-02).  
Long Jump 3. Gaige Markham (14-03.75), 4. Bobby Hazel, 6. Cameron Nesbitt, 7. Aiden Musser.  
Shot Put 2. Grayson James (36-06), 5. Glenn Starkey, 7. Bryan Chaney.  
Discus 3. Grayson James (89-00.5), 8. Glenn Starkey, 9. Bryan Chaney.  
Team Totals: Trigg 98.5, Livingston 75, Crittenden 30, Lyon 24.5.

Potter discus champ at Murray Invitational

Senior Karsyn Potter won the discus competition Saturday at the Murray High School Invitational. Following are complete individual finishes by Crittenden County athletes participating at Murray:

GIRLS

100 Meters Heat 1 Final 5. Kylie Bloodworth 16.44, Heat 2 Final 3. Madison Walker 17.29.  
200 Meters Heat 1 Final 4. Karsyn Potter 32.09, Heat 2 Final 2. Kylie Bloodworth 34.34.  
400 Meters Heat 2 Final 1. Shelbi Belt 1:10.13, Heat 1 Final 5. Presley Potter 1:14.80.

BOYS

100 Meters Heat 2 Final 2. Gaige Markham 13.12, 4. Bobby Hazel 13.72.  
200 Meters Heat 2 Final 1. Gaige Markham 27.05, 3. Bobby Hazel 28.41.  
400 Meters Heat 2 Final 1. Matthew Valentine 1:01.28, 2. Aiden Musser 1:04.9.  
800 Meters 6. River Rogers 2:34.38, 8. Landon Starkey 2:42.6.  
1600 Meters 5. River Rogers 5:28.02, 6. Asa McCord 5:39.28, 7. Landon Starkey 5:49.37.  
3200 Meters 4. River Rogers 12:10.15, 5. Asa McCord 12:56.55, 6. Landon Starkey 13:12.37.  
4x100 Relay 3. Crittenden 51:81.  
Long Jump 6. Bobby Hazel 15-7, 8. Gaige Markham 14-8.  
Discus 3. Grayson James 104-02, 11. Glenn Starkey 64-7, 13. Bryan Chaney 59-10.  
Shot Put 4. Grayson James 33-2, 8. Glenn Starkey 26-6, 11. Bryan Chaney 24-6.

Fredonia baseball, softball registration

Registration for Fredonia youth baseball and softball is open and runs through May 18. Forms are available at Feagan's Furniture, Fredonia Valley Bank

and Akridge Farm Supply. Fredonia offers T-ball, baseball and co-ed softball for ages 3-18. Games are played in Fredonia at the VFW park.



Livingston Hospital hosted a 5K race and fun run last weekend at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Pictured are (from left) Ryder Williams, Ryah Williams, Raelynn Forsythe, Camreigh Venable, Conner Partee, Brooklynn Lovell, Eli Lovell, Bryan Willett (back) Darrell Williams, Katie Wood, Lauren Turner and Charles Stone. 5K top finishers were Eli Lovell, first; Bryan Willett, second; and Charles Stone third in the male division. In the female division it was Lauren Turner, first; Katie Wood, second and Brooklynn Lovell, third. In the one-mile fun run Conner Partee was first, Darrell Williams second and Ryder Williams third. For the female division Raelynn Forsyth was first followed by Ryah Williams in second and Camreigh Venable in third.



All A State Champion Lady Cardinals

Livingston Central went undefeated, winning six straight games in the All A Classic State Softball Tournament last weekend in Owensboro. The Lady Cardinals, who had beaten Crittenden County 6-1 in the Second Region All A championship game, outscored its state tournament opponents 45-10 and seventh-grade pitcher/outfielder Addison Tramble was tournament MVP. Hadley Hargrove, Emersyn Ramage and Victoria Joiner were also named to the All-Tournament Team. Livingston also won the small-school tournament in 2014. Pictured are (from front left) Baylee Neal, Nevaeh Jennings, Hadley Hargrove, Aubrey Leahy, Arianna Thorn, Amelia Ray, (back) coaches Dawn Campanella and Keith Tramble, Angelina Thorn, Addison Tramble, Irelynn Burns, Chloe Doyle, Victoria Joiner, Emersyn Ramage, Mikaela Holman, Adalynn King, Eden Campanella and coaches Cody Ogg and Matt Hargrove. Livingston's overall record was 25-3 following the state tournament.





# Proper size, installation crucial for plants

The perfect landscape may start with a healthy, lush lawn, but for interest and depth, you'll also need to consider the plants that surround it.

Thankfully, it's easy to make considerable improvements to your backyard life using tips from professionals. Landscape designer Doug Scott has partnered with lawn care equipment manufacturer Exmark, to offer these tips for selecting and installing plants that will beautify your outdoor living areas.

**Choosing Plants**

- Choose plants well-suited for your specific growing conditions. Knowing your growing zone is important, however you should also be mindful how conditions like sun exposure can change as you move around your yard.
- Choose the right size plants for the space. Bear in mind that what you're planting today is much smaller than what it will be once it's matured. Always read a plant's care label to understand its optimal growing conditions and size at maturity.
- From a design perspective, think in terms of texture, layers and drifts. When addressing the overall texture of your planting beds, choose plants that vary in form, size, color and leaf structure. This will create greater interest, and a space that's more visually appealing and enjoyable to spend time in.

For a lush look, think in terms of layers when considering composition. Much like in a painting, you should have background, middle ground, and foreground layers. Your background layer should consist of taller evergreen shrubs to provide something alive and green to look at all year long, no matter what's happening in front of them. Your middle ground layer should be lower than the background layer to create interest, and is where you can add a contrasting evergreen shrub or pop of color with a perennial plant. Finally, your foreground layer should help transition the planting beds to your lawn space. You can accomplish this with smaller perennials, evergreens, annuals or creeping ground covers.

When addressing drifts, read the plant labels to know how large they'll grow. This can help ensure plants grow



Choosing the right size plants and knowing the sun's habits are key to lush plants.

- in together as they mature, but are not overcrowded.
- Installation**
1. Dig a hole that's about two times the diameter of the pot your plant's being transplanted from, and about the depth of the pot.
  2. Mend in compost or soil conditioner to give your plant the organic material it needs to thrive. If you'd like, add
  - slow-release fertilizer, and mix well.
  3. Place your plant in the hole, making sure that it sits at, or just above, the level it did in the pot.
  4. Backfill with soil, stopping to add water when the hole is about halfway full.
  5. Fill the rest of the hole with soil, then firmly press down.
  6. Soak your plant with



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- more water.
7. Finish by adding mulch, making sure it's pulled away from the base of your plant.
- Scott offers more insights in "How to Choose Plants for Landscaping," a recent episode of "Done-in-a-Weekend Projects," an original series from Exmark. To watch the video, visit Backyard Life, which is part of a unique multimedia destination with a focus on helping homeowners make the most of outdoor spaces.
- "Now that you have the inspiration and know-how needed to choose and install plant material, you can create landscaping that reflects who you are and how you'd like to live outside," says Scott.

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# Youth drive enthusiasm at H&H

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Youthfulness is a valuable element to the retail concoction of H&H Home and Hardware.

The natural properties of first-time employees compounded with the older, more knowledgeable staff create a homogeneous mixture worthy of recognition.

Half of the employees of the Marion hardware business are in their teens and 20s and exude an enthusiasm deserving of recognition in The Crittenden Press' 10 Under 40 community recognition program.

The youngest generation is malleable and engaged, key factors to the store's success, according to their boss, owner Shanna West.

"They're open to the team dynamic we expect here, they're the best blank slate from which to build positive habits and positive team development," West said.

Over half the staff, in fact, is under age 23. Many are still in high school and some expect to remain at H&H Home and Hardware after high school graduation.

Layla West, the third generation in her family to work at H&H, said work is literally and figuratively a family environment.

Her grandmother Stacy Hunt, whose husband started H&H Supply three decades ago with Phillis Hardin, praises her daughter's maturity.

"I know it will be in very good hands when I decide to

retire. I don't doubt for a second that she'll take it to new heights just like her mom did when she joined the family team," Hunt said. "Family business can be very challenging, but what a wonderful place to be and still call it a job!"

West said her youngest employees work in a demanding, fast paced, service oriented company that has high expectations for customer service, work ethic, team dynamic and community involvement.

"They are taught here to measure their success in unconventional ways and they do so every day," West said. "They form a super team of support for the rest of our team who is over 40."

Among this younger generation are mechanics, sales associates and heavy lifters. They provide the smiles that greet customers when they walk in the door, help customers find products, repair their weeders and send them on their way with a "have a good day." They're trusted in valuable roles from the lumber stacks to the potting soil.

"Many of young team members have never worked any other traditional job before, so in most cases we're

their first 'real' job," West said. "We want to be their first job! They're engaged, but it does take a commitment from those in leadership roles to set the example and to constantly cultivate a positive, growth-centric atmosphere.

"They dig in and carve out their own niches, they jump in, they speak up, they serve, they carry, they load, they are eager to do it all."

Dakota Peck is one of

H&H's "young'uns."

"It's a family environment, feels more like family and fun than work most days," Peck said. "I like to help people find what they need and it just makes me feel good."

Keifer Watson, 18, is a Stihl mechanic who's taken Stihl training, and after graduating this month from Crittenden County High School plans to remain at H&H.

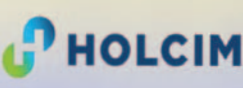
"We are blessed to have

The youngest employees of H&H Home and Hardware chosen for recognition through 10 Under 40 are (front from left) Alana West, Ella Travis, Luke Young, Kaylee Hewitt, (back) Braden Sunderland, Dakota Peck, Keifer Watson and Layla West.



those young'uns who really understand the importance of customer service and importance of being correct, and they come together to make exciting retail atmosphere."

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