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## Services Planned Across the Area

Memorial Day weekend events are planned in Crittenden, Caldwell and Livingston counties, offering multiple opportunities to honor fallen service members.

■ A service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 24 at Blackford Veterans Memorial featuring a 100-year-old World War II veteran Richard Kolodey as keynote speaker. (See details at right and on Page 10).

■ On Sunday morning, Burna American Legion will host a breakfast at 8 a.m., at its facility off US 60 in Burna.

■ In Marion, at 10 a.m., at Mapleview Cemetery there will be a Memorial Day Service led by the American Legion.

■ At 11 a.m., in Shady Grove there will be a Memorial Day service with U.S. Marine Cpt. Barkley Hughes (ret.) as keynote speaker. Lacie Duncan and Kayla Maxfield will sing and Clay Stevens will perform Taps. Lunch will be served at the fire department following the event.

■ In Fredonia, there will be a Memorial Service at 1 p.m., on Monday at the town's Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial. Afterwards, at 2 p.m., there will be an historical marker dedication at Buddy Rogers Park to commemorate the Black Patch War and burning of the Rice Tobacco Factory. (See details on page 10).

## Class of 2025 at the starting gate

Crittenden County High School's Class of 2025, which includes 86 seniors, will be honored Friday night with commencement services beginning at 6 p.m., at Rocket Arena. The school will host Class Night at 6 p.m., on Thursday also in the gymnasium.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden-Livingston Water District meets at 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, at the Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Marion City Council meets in special session at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 27.
- Livingston Fiscal Court meets at 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, at the county office complex in Smithland.
- Crittenden County Public Library Board meets at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 29, at the library.

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Marion's Hometown Heroes project kicks off with banners displayed in town for Memorial Day. Pictured are (from left) Tourism Director Michele Edwards, County Clerk Daryl Tabor, local historian Brenda Underdown and Mayor D'Anna Browning, who were each instrumental in launching the project.

## 100-year-old speaker to tell of bomb squad days

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

Richard Kolodey, a 100-year-old World War II veteran and one of the last living links to the pivotal Pacific theater, will be the featured speaker at the Blackford Veterans Memorial event this Memorial Day weekend.

The event, set in the quiet, rural setting of Webster County, offers a fitting backdrop for a man whose life has been marked by service, sacrifice, and a remarkable journey through some of history's most perilous mo-

ments.

Kolodey, born on Valentine's Day in 1925, grew up in Texas before moving to Dallas, where he graduated from high school in 1942. Like many young Americans, his life changed abruptly on Dec. 7, 1941, when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. Just 16 at the time, Kolodey was determined to join the fight but had to wait until he graduated the following year. At just 17, he needed his parents' permission to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps, which he received, signing away their young son to a

war that would take him halfway around the world.

After boot camp, Kolodey completed the rigorous training required to join the Marine Corps' fledgling aviation wing. He became a crewman in a Grumman TBF Avenger, a massive torpedo bomber known for its heavy payload and versatility in both bombing and submarine hunting. Assigned to the 1st Marine Air Wing's Marine Torpedo Bombing Squadron VMTB-233, Kolodey and his squadron

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Christmas 1965

## Bobby Jennings County's Second War Casualty



## Family revists double funeral in wake of war casualty report

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

On a winter's day in 1967, sorrow visited a quiet home near Rosebud in northern Crittenden County. Twice.

Army Pfc. Bobby John Jennings, a 23-year-old rifleman in Company A, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, was mortally wounded on Feb. 7, 1967, in Tay Ninh, Vietnam, after stepping on a claymore mine during hostile ground action. Within hours, a second tragedy unfolded back home in Kentucky: Jennings' father, John Balos Jennings, col-

lapsed and died of a heart attack upon learning of his son's death from military officials who came to deliver the news in person.

The double loss rocked the Jennings family and the broader Marion community. Bobby John Jennings was the second casualty from Crittenden County in the Vietnam War. He had grown up in the Rosebud area and graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1961, where he was known for his musical talent and deep faith. He played gui-

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## Whispering Bill Anderson is part of Cutter and crew's Class Night plan

STAFF REPORT

Country music icon Whispering Bill Anderson, the longest-serving member of the Grand Ole Opry and a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, will be in Marion Thursday night for Crittenden County High School's Class Night festivities. He'll join rising bluegrass group Cutter and Cash and the Kentucky Grass to help present the inaugural Eugene Mose Ward Scholarship.

The scholarship was established in memory of Ward, a longtime friend of the music community

and husband of Jeannie Seely. Ward died in December. Last spring, he and his wife, the Grammy-winning country artist, delivered the commencement address at CCHS graduation. The couple had developed close ties to Marion through their work with Cutter and Cash Singleton, who are produced by Seely.

Since Ward's passing, Cutter Singleton and his bandmates have worked to launch the scholarship in his honor, garnering support

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Bill Anderson

## City seeks tax hike, water rate increase

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council will next week decide whether to double its occupational tax and increase water rates by 15%, both measures leaders say are necessary to balance a new budget.

During a lengthy regular monthly meeting Monday, council members pored over revenue-generating options and contemplated ways to save money. The city faces a projected narrow margin of black ink in the current budget cycle, which ends next month, and a deficit in the utilities department. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

After a detailed presentation by City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield and discussion among elected leaders, the council introduced a budget ordinance that includes sharp increases in tax and water rates. The plan will be on the table for formal approval at 5 p.m. Tuesday during a special meeting at city hall.

City leaders say some of the financial strains associated with its water crisis are starting to negatively affect future spending plans. The city has also recently learned that a dam and spillway inspection at Old City Lake found critical structural issues that will require immediate attention. Those could be costly, Mayor D'Anna Browning said after the meeting, pointing out that other operational expenses are rising rapidly due to tariffs and inflation. Health insurance costs have gone up about 20%, city leaders said.

"We are tasked with catching up to things that should have been done years ago. It has now fallen on our laps," the mayor said. "We are having to do things in leaps and bounds to get caught up."

She pointed out that the city's business license fee has not increased in more than 50 years. Additionally, Browning said a water rate study two years ago suggested a 50% increase in rates to avoid red ink in the utility's budget, but a lesser increase was taken at the time. Now, the council wants to bump it up to catch up.

"We are years behind the eight ball with these increases in insurance premiums, tariffs and chemicals," the mayor said.

At its meeting earlier this week, the city council introduced a 2025-26 budget ordinance. The proposed spending plan will require a 0.75% increase in the city's occupational payroll tax - expected to generate \$425,000 in new revenue. That will mean doubling the city business license from \$25 to \$50 and doubling the payroll and net profits taxes from 0.75% to 1.5%.

Crittenden County government recently tripled its payroll tax from 0.5% to 1.5%.

Additionally, the city council agreed on a 15% increase in water rates, slightly above the 13% minimum required to cover a shortfall in the water fund, which is expected to end the current fiscal year \$77,000 in the red. The increase will add \$4.02 to the minimum water bill.

City Councilman Bobby Belt suggested a more moderate increase, but the general consensus appears to favor the full rate hike outlined in the

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# Deaths

## Woodall

Lexington, Kentucky - Jerry Allen Woodall, only child of Allen and Hilda Woodall, was born August 13, 1942, in the Mexico community of Crittenden County in far Western Kentucky. Jerry grew up hunting and fishing in the Kentucky and Barkley Lakes area with his Uncle Billy Wayne Baird. He was loved by his many aunts, uncles, and cousins, growing up in the Mexico Baptist Church family. Jerry was a 1960 graduate of Crittenden County High School where he was active in student affairs and various student organizations, holding class officer positions throughout. He was also a member of the Crittenden County Rocket basketball and football teams. Jerry excelled in football and was an All-Western Kentucky Conference performer during his junior and senior seasons. He was also proud of the fact that he and a few of his teammates used to load hay for ten cents per bale in between practices during summer “two-a-days.” Jerry’s athletic talent and work ethic would land him in the Crittenden County High School Rocket’s Hall of Fame in 2003. Jerry gave all he had to his Crittenden County community. Service to community, even in a quiet way, would be a theme that would dominate the rest of his life.



Woodall went on to accept a full athletic scholarship to attend Murray State University to play football. While at Murray State, Jerry was a four-year starter and one of the last of the great “two-timers” playing on both sides of the ball at linebacker and center. Jerry was once again active in student affairs serving as Vice-President of the Student Council and Vice-President of his Junior class. He was also a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity serving as Vice-President and Rush Chairman. The White Cross certainly gained new luster by his life. Upon graduation from Murray State in 1965, Jerry married his Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, Sonia Henrietta Davis of Grayville, Illinois, affectionately known as “Hank.” Jerry and Sonia would later welcome two sons to their marriage, Jon Allen (Mindy) and Scott Lamont (Amanda). The couple would have celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on July 3, 1965.

Jerry’s next life-changing event also came in 1965 when he was hired by Brandeis Machinery and Supply Corporation in Louisville, Kentucky. At Brandeis, Jerry was trained as a sales representative under the watchful eye of Mr. Milo D. Bryant who would become his lifetime mentor and business partner. In 1968, Jerry was named Sales Representative for the Central Kentucky Region, with Lexington, Kentucky as his base of operations. As a result of his tremendous success as a Sales Representative, he was named Central Division Manager (Louisville) and Vice-President of Brandeis in 1972. He served in that role until 1980 when he became a partner in Carrey Construction and Carrey & Woodall Equipment Company in Lexington. Jerry also started business ventures in Ashland, Kentucky for the purpose of transporting coal, sand and aggregates up and down the Ohio River. Those companies included Economy Transportation, Sandy River Towing and Ashland Materials Company.

In 1988, he acquired the assets of J.C. Riggs Construction Company, subsequently changing its name to Woodall Construction Company, Inc. With his family by his side, Jerry built a successful company completing hundreds of commercial and residential projects throughout Central Ken-

tucky. These projects improved the campus of the University of Kentucky, the City of Lexington, and the other Central Kentucky communities where Woodall conducted business. Along with his sons, Jerry also formed various real estate development companies that completed numerous successful projects in the Central Kentucky area. Jerry considered each member of the Woodall Construction team as his extended family, caring deeply for all of them. One of his favorite days of the year was gathering with his family and his team at year-end for the annual Woodall Employee Christmas luncheon. His business legacy will certainly live on in the lessons he instilled in his family.

Building on his lifelong devotion to service, Jerry was active in community affairs devoting his time to various organizations and their governing boards. He was a member of the Crestwood Christian Church (former Deacon), Murray State University Board of Regents, Whitaker Bank Corporation Board, Central Bank Advisory Board, The Homebuilders Association of Lexington and The Associated General Contractors of Kentucky. In 1998, he was named Associate of the Year by The Homebuilders Association of Lexington. He was a member of the Lexington Club, the Thoroughbred Club, past member of the Lexington Country Club, and a 38-year member of The Lexington Athletic Club. Jerry was an avid physical fitness enthusiast who played full-court basketball up until his 70th birthday. “Don’t leave the old guy open in the corner,” was the familiar refrain. A young 82-year-old, Jerry continued to participate in bootcamp, cross-fit and spinning classes at LAC with his fitness family.

Jerry was an avid UK sports fan and supporter of University of Kentucky athletics. He was a member of the UK Fellows, The “K” Fund and The Wildcat Club. No one enjoyed a UK sporting event more than Jerry. He was a tireless Cats fan and could always be found holding court somewhere in and around Kroger Field on Saturdays in the fall. He also enjoyed following the Wildcats basketball team whether they were playing at home or away. Jerry considered the UK Athletics Administration staff as just another part of his extended family.

In addition to his wife, Sonia, and his two sons, Jerry is survived by his many cousins and his grandchildren, John Davis Woodall; Baylor Allen Woodall; Katherine Scott Woodall; Franklin Henry Woodall; and Baird Bailey Woodall. Jerry was immensely proud of his grandchildren and their academic and athletic accomplishments. He attended literally hundreds, perhaps thousands, of baseball, football, basketball and swim events all over central Kentucky and the greater United States. Wherever the “Grands Master Schedule” may find him, PopPop was always on the front row cheering on his grandchildren, as they were the source of his greatest pride and joy. His legacy will live on in each of them.

Milward Funeral Directors – Broadway will be in charge of arrangements. A Celebration of Life and White Rose Ceremony (Sigma Chi) will be held at a later date to be announced soon.

## Martin

Sandra Lucille Martin, 76, of Marion, died Thursday, May 15, 2025 at her home. She was a life-long caregiver, having worked at Crittenden Health and Rehab. She was a member of Seven Springs Baptist Church and the Order of Eastern Star.



Surviving are four children, Marketta Adams, Janette (Joe) Winters, Harlan (Wanda) Martin and

Ernest Martin, all of Marion; a sister, Gladys Donahue of Marion; two brothers, John (Susan) Kinnis of Marion and Ray (Melody) Kinnis of Lake Village, Ind.; three grandchildren, Rebecca (Johnthan) Kentfield, Pamela (Brian) Kirk, and John Reed Martin; seven great-grandchildren, Madison, Tamara, Jonathan, Emily, John II, Gabriel and Allie Brooke; two great-great grandchildren, Tatum and Scarlett; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Reed Martin, her parents, Thomas and Mary “Minnie” Augusta Guess Kinnis; two sisters, Wilma Stromatt and Lena Miller; five brothers, Evan, Elvis, Frank, James and William “Ski” Kinnis; and a great-great-granddaughter, Sophia.

Funeral services were Monday, May 19at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial was in Asbridge Cemetery.

## Martin

Fannie Belle (Simpkins) Martin, 101, died Wednesday May 14, 2025 at her niece’s home in Hebron, Ind.

She was born April 8, 1924. She was a member of Ed-dyville Baptist Church. She worked in the manufacturing industry.



Surviving are a step-daughter, Tamara Diaz of Dixon, Calif.; five grandchildren, Jerry (Angie) Simpkins of Evansville, Ind., Sheri (Roger) Claridge of Newburgh, Ind., Willie Diaz, Michelle Diaz and Wesley Diaz, all of Dixon, Calif.; three great-grandchildren, Shelby Simpkins, Jared (Bri-ley) Simpkins and Brooke Simpkins; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Martin 1968-2011; sa on, Joseph Paul Simpkins; two brothers, Sylvin Simpkins and William Floyd Simpkins Jr.; two sisters, Margie Riley and Anna Mildred Reed; and her parents, William Floyd and Miriam (Travis) Simpkins.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 24 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Rueben Scheeringa and Bro. Justin Wesson officiating.

Burial will follow in Frances Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m., Friday, May 23 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

## Schuessler

Janet M. (nee Delue) Schuessler was fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Mother Church on Thursday, May 15, 2025. She was the dear wife of the late David Schuessler; mother of her two late



sons, Dale and Daniel; and of her devoted daughter and caregiver, Joyce (Denton) Bloodworth; the dear daughter of the late Leo and Marie Delue; and sister of James and Ann Delue. She will be missed by many including her confidant & most loved bff Karen Bruskin.

Schuessler was born Nov. 25, 1944, baptized at Holy Family Church, went to St Pius grade school and graduated from Cleveland High school in St Louis, Mo., where she met and later married the love of her life, Dave Schuessler on June 22, 1963. Soon their little nest of two grew to five with the arrivals of Dale, Daniel and Joyce.

Life was usual for a growing family.....trials, tribulations, smiles and tears. The years flew by leaving a trail of hopes and dreams, but also loss and sadness. Entering into her retirement years without her “men,” Schuessler decided to move closer to Joyce in Kentucky, so the move was on in 2005.

Schuessler and Joyce were the queens of bargain hunting. She always loved to read, so now she had the time to enjoy her

books. But as time travels on, aging has a tendency to begin its descent upon people and as her 80th birthday was approaching, she suffered a mild stroke, which didn’t stop her on her birthday celebration, just slowed her down a tad. Unfortunately, an insidious cancer was growing quietly which reared its ugly head in January. For the last several months, she fought the good fight against her painful journey, along with her devoted daughter, friend Donna Vaughn and her Hospice team, especially her nurse JJ, to whom the family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude. She will be missed by many.

On May 15, leaving her

pain & suffering behind, Schuessler winged her way into the arms of her God, her husband, sons, and parents. May she have a huge smile when they greet her.

Pall Bearers were Denton Bloodworth, Joyce Bloodworth, Kenny Perry, Coleton Bloodworth, Donna Vaughn and Hunter Bloodworth.

Burial will be in Smithland Cemetery after a private service with no visitation.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left online at [boydfuneraldirectors.com](http://boydfuneraldirectors.com)

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### Crittenden County Animal Clinic

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Camper's Name _____	Name Used _____
Address _____	City, State, Zip _____
Grade Entering Fall _____	Age _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____
Parent's Name _____	Phone: Home _____ Office _____
Emergency Contact (not parent) _____	Phone: Home _____ Office _____
Doctor's Name _____	Phone: Home _____ Office _____
Food or Nut Allergy _____	
<b>Circle T-Shirt Size</b>	<b>Youth S M L Adult S M L XL</b>

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### Be alert for caregiver financial abuse

Do you have a parent or other elderly relative who may soon need a caregiver? If so, be diligent when selecting the right person for the job — because choosing the wrong one could lead to big financial problems.

You might find a close family member or friend to serve as caregiver — someone who is honest and trustworthy, with good judgment and strong money management skills. However, in many cases, people hiring caregivers just don’t know how they’ll perform until the caregivers have begun work. A dishonest caregiver could steal valuables or cash from the person they have been paid to assist or incept their mail to obtain credit card numbers and other sensitive information to commit identity theft.

I you enlist a caregiver and begin having doubts about them, you’ll need to watch out for these warning signs of possible financial



abuse:

- Efforts to prevent the individual receiving care from speaking to family members
- Inquiries into the location of estate-planning documents, such as will
- Interest in brokerage and retirement accounts, possibly with the intent to change transfer-on-death designations
- Withholding financial or medical information from the family
- Missing jewelry or property
- Requests to be a joint holder on bank or brokerage accounts, sometimes followed by large cash withdrawals paid to the caregiver
- Request for legal authority, such as a financial power of attorney naming only the caregiver

This last item — the request for financial power of attorney, or POA — is particularly concerning because of the scope of duties covered by this type of authority. That’s why it’s so important that all family members understand what a financial POA can and cannot do.

A general financial POA provides the agent with the authority to act on behalf of an individual’s finances, while a limited financial POA gives the agent the authority only for certain actions, such as paying bills, making withdrawals and opening or closing bank accounts. A general financial POA and a limited financial POA both can be durable, which means they take effect once executed, or springing,

which is contingent on a specific event, such as a physical illness, mental incapacity or even a hospitalization.

Unfortunately, some POA agents have abused their responsibility by stealing money, making unauthorized transactions and even attempting to change the beneficiary designations on retirement accounts or insurance policies owned by the people for whom they provide care. These beneficiary designations can even supersede the instructions left in a will or living trust — and they can’t be changed by a financial POA.

If you suspect financial abuse by a caregiver, consider contacting your loved one’s financial advisor or attorney, if you know



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who it is. While they can’t share information with you, they can check for red flags and contact your loved one directly. You also can get help from your state government. The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) provides a listing of offices in each state at [napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area](http://napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area).

Finding a caregiver for a parent or other elderly relative can be emotionally difficult, but it doesn’t have to be financially draining. Get to know the caregiver if you can and watch for any red flags, so you can take comfort in knowing that your loved one’s finances are in good hands.



# County approves FY26 budget, jail & roads biggest part

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court last week approved its spending plan for 2025-26, which includes new revenue from an increased occupational tax.

The balanced budget, approved unanimously last Thursday by magistrates and presented at the monthly court meeting, proposes \$14.27 million in spending for the fiscal year starting July 1, with the majority of funds allocated to the jail, roads and general government operations. Two magistrates, Travis Perryman and Robert Kirby, were absent from the meeting.

The largest portion of the budget (33.34%) will go to the Road Fund, totaling more than \$4.6 million. The Jail Fund will receive \$3.83 million, or 27.45% of the budget, while the General Fund is allocated \$2.95 million, making up 21.15%.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the Road Fund includes more than \$2 million for operation of the ferry and improvements on state highways. He said the county is simply a pass-through agent for those dollars and does not have discretion over them.

Grant revenues also play a key role in the spending plan, including

\$851,800 in federal grants and \$823,865 in state grants. A majority of that money has yet to be approved through granting agencies. If secured, the funds will be used for major improvements at Fohs Hall, including a walking trail and outdoor restrooms, and to build an ambulance bay in Industrial Park South next to the Emergency Operations Center.

Recently, the county was asked by Crittenden Community Hospital to begin paying rent for housing EMS on the hospital campus. A negotiated rate of \$1,000 per month has been agreed upon between the county and the hospital. That is also in the new budget, as is an increase for the county attorney's office, which will go up to \$550 a month from \$300.

The budget includes a 2.9% pay increase for employees other than those at the jail, which will receive just 1%.


Other notable allocations include \$454,155 for the county's 911 center, \$227,500 from opioid settlement funds, and \$184,000 toward child support services. Smaller distributions include economic development, parks and recreation, and ASAP Board operations, which each account for 1% or less of

the overall budget.

The jail makes up about one-third of the county's entire budget, so it has been closely scrutinized during budget talks. The detention center has operated in the black for the past several years, but Jailer Athena Perry said during a recent budget committee meeting that rising costs and declining state inmate numbers have been problematic this year.

Judge Newcom said with just weeks left in the current year's budget cycle, the jail is facing a projected shortfall of around \$283,000, which could continue into the new year without adjustments. During recent budget talks, officials discussed several cost-saving measures that could reduce a potential deficit in the coming fiscal year starting July 1, including eliminating free staff meals, managing comp time more efficiently, limiting raises and relying on general attrition to lower payroll. Those efforts are expected to save about \$220,000. Additionally, the county is asking the jail to work toward spending less and find ways to hold more inmates.

Magistrate Matt Grimes, during last week's fiscal court meeting, asked the jailer to

Crittenden County Detention Center				
	JAIL CENSUS	April 2025 Avg	March 2025 Avg	Montly Average 2024
	State Inmates	65.9	67	75.38
	Federal Inmates	69.3	67.4	67.69
	Other County Inmates	23.1	22.5	21.82
	Critenden County Inmates	14.7	21.7	19.86
	<b>TOTAL INMATES</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>178.6</b>	<b>184.75</b>
	Highest Daily Count	183	190	195.67
<b>DETENTION CENTER REPORT</b> May 15, 2025	Lowest Daily Count	167	174	178.75
	REVENUE	April 2025	March 2025	Montly Average 2024
	State Housing Payments	\$69,902.52	\$73,401.18	\$81,220.16
	Federal Housing Payments	\$118,503.00	\$119,073.00	\$116,235.25
	Federal Transport Payments	15180	\$13,038.10	\$13,566.71
	Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$21,888.00	\$20,808.00	\$21,399.00
The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count is an average for last month. • Federal Inmates \$57 Per diem • State Inmates \$35.34 Per diem • Lyon County Inmates \$36.00 • Other County Inmates \$40.00	Other County Housing Payments	\$2,720.00	\$3,720.00	\$1,802.17
	Weekend/Work Release	\$640.00	\$1,080.00	\$477.33
	<b>TOTAL HOUSING</b>	<b>\$228,834.02</b>	<b>\$231,120.28</b>	<b>\$234,709.79</b>
	ANALYSIS			
	Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$17,680.00	\$26,840	\$19,290.67
	Numbers of Co. Housing Days	442	671	602.83
<b>MARCH CASH FLOW</b> Total Receipts \$378,998.71 Disbursements \$284,626.62	County Daily Housing Rate	\$40	\$40	\$32
	Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	14.7	21.7	19.86

define the maximum number of inmates the jail could hold and how many employees she currently has on the roll.

Perry said 172 is the maximum number, with 133 housed in the main jail and 39 in the restricted custody center. The jail's typical monthly average is above the stated maximum. The average daily count last month was 173, with the highest one-day total at 183 and the lowest at 167.

Other county leaders questioned leaving the \$36 E-911 fee on the books and in the budget. County Clerk Daryl Tabor, Sheriff Evan Head and County Attorney Bart Frazer each testified in favor of eliminating the fee, mostly because it is difficult to administer and collect, particularly delinquent accounts.

Also in the budget is \$50,000 to buy a used ambulance to help support what EMS representatives say is an aging

and unreliable fleet. A new ambulance would cost around \$250,000, Newcom said.

The county tripled its occupational tax effective July 1 — from 0.5% to 1.5% — which the judge believes will generate around \$800,000 in the coming fiscal year. He said those additional funds will be used to buy the ambulance, pay rising employee health insurance costs and meet any further shortfalls in the jail budget.

# This is how we honor our war heroes

Each year on the last Monday in May, we join other Americans who gather in cemeteries, at veterans memorials and beneath the flag to honor those who gave their lives in defense of our country and the freedoms we hold dear. Memorial Day is a solemn national observance rooted in both grief and gratitude. It is a time to remember the fallen and reflect on the cost of liberty.

Born out of the Civil War, Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. Communities across the country began placing flowers on the graves of soldiers lost in that devastating conflict, eventually inspiring a national tradition. On May 30, 1868, Maj. Gen. John A. Logan formalized the observance, calling for Americans to decorate the graves of war dead with the choicest flowers of springtime. That first event took place at Arlington National Cemetery, where thousands honored both Union and Confederate soldiers.

Over the decades, as America faced new wars and new losses, the holiday grew to include all who died in military service. In 1971, Con-

gress officially recognized Memorial Day as a federal holiday to be observed on the last Monday of May.

Locally, Crittenden County keeps this tradition alive in powerful ways, from the modest yet meaningful ceremonies at Mapleview Cemetery in Marion, to gatherings flanked by taps at Shady Grove Cemetery, Blackford Veterans Memorial, Burna American Legion Post and Fredonia Veterans Memorial. These observances bind neighbors and families together in a shared moment of remembrance. They are reverent and deeply rooted in respect.

This year, a new and poignant tribute has been added to our local commemorations. Marion's Hometown Heroes banner project debuts this week as we head into the Memorial Day weekend. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Brenda Underdown, Daryl Tabor, Mayor D'Anna Browning, Marion Tourism Commission and others,



banners honoring 26 Crittenden County natives who were killed in action will hang for about two weeks throughout town. These banners serve as a reminder of the price paid by these brave men and their families. Special thanks goes to Michele Edwards, Cortny Cosby and Anna Baker, says the mayor, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring the project to life.

Tourism paid for the initial 20 banners commemorating those who died in service to our country. Another five banners were funded privately, partly with a donation from Kentucky Utilities.

"My hope is that we can continue to add more every year until all of our heroes have a much-deserved banner," the mayor said. Importantly, the banners on display this Memorial Day are reserved specifically for those killed in action, a distinction at the heart of this holiday. Banners for surviving veterans, including POWs, will be featured on patriotic holidays like the Fourth of July and Veterans Day. Those interested in honoring a veteran with a banner

can still do so. The deadline to order banners for the July 4th display has been extended to June 1, and for Veterans Day, banners may be ordered until October 1. Forms are available at Marion City Hall.

Daryl Tabor, who helped compile photos and military service records for each banner, called the project a living memorial. The clerk's office is sponsoring this year's full-page salute to the men who died in action in wars since World War I. Years ago, when Tabor was editor of the newspaper he began the research that has led to The Press' annual tribute to fallen heroes.

Tabor said the banners will be "Another reminder of the faces of young men who died in action."

"You may not know their faces but you'll know the family name," he said.

Historian Brenda Underdown collaborated with Tabor on much of the research. She said the project was emotional and deeply personal. One inspiration was her late husband's father, Johnny Underdown, who fought in World War I.

"I had his pictures, flags and information and it was just laying there. It had never been used before," Underdown said about joining the project to recognize the county's soldiers.

"This history can now be carried on down through the years to the next generations," Underdown said.

As Tabor and Underdown shared, intent behind the banner project is to plant those names, and now faces, back into the heart of a town where these heroes once lived, went to school, worked and walked.

Memorial Day is not just about those we've lost. It is also about those who remember, who speak the names, share the stories and carry forward the legacies. Thanks to this community's commitment, our fallen are not just names carved in stone. They are faces on Main Street.

This is a list of soldiers for whom banners have been provided or purchased by family. They will be displayed around various holidays throughout the year. Call city hall to inquire about a banner.

Paul Belt, US Army  
Eugene Walker, US Army  
Doyle Polk Jr., US Army  
Charles O. Freeman, US Air Force  
James Virgil Holloman, US Army  
Glenneth Reed James, US Army

Orville Truitt, US Army  
Donnie McKinney, US Army  
Scott A. Campbell, US Army  
Kenneth Conger, US Army  
Jerald Henry, US Army  
Michael Cody Brandon, US Marines  
Malcolm Hunt, US Army  
Allen Ray Teer, US Navy  
Cecil J. Croft, US Army  
Jason D. Hurley, US Air Force  
Charles William Sisco, US Army  
Paul Douglas Hughes, US Marines  
Paul Blane Rushing, US Army  
Earl Clark, US Army  
Floyd "Pete" James, US Army  
Jimmy R. Estes, US Army  
Lafe K. Lizzy, US Navy  
Billy J. Williams, Army Guard  
Leon Beard, US Army  
Ellis B. Ordway, US Army  
James "Red Rock" Stone, US Army  
Ralph C. Hamilton Jr., US Army  
Robert Hardgrove, US Army  
L.C. Hazzard, US Army  
Robert L. Gipson, US Army  
Degarth Hall, US Army  
Thomas Perkins, US Army Air Forces  
Elba R. Walker, US Army  
Johnny W. Lindsey, US Army  
Charles L. Doom, US Army  
Bobby J. Jennings, US Army  
James K. Hughes, US Army  
Ollie J. Belt, US Marines  
Junior R. McDowell, US Army  
Jack L. Woody, US Army Air Forces  
Vivian McDonald, US Army  
Forest E. Brantley, US Army  
Herman Shewcraft, US Army  
Carl D. Bozeman, US Army  
James R. Miles, US Army  
Don E. Asbridge, US Army  
Sam L. Railey, US Army Guard  
Howard C. Enoch Jr., US Army Air Forces  
Denver Marvel, US Army Guard  
William L. Peek, US Army  
Roy Cobb, US Army  
Herbert A. Hoover, US Army

## SPEAKER

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embarked on one of the most dangerous campaigns of the war, the island-hopping offensive to reclaim the South Pacific from Japanese control.

Kolodey's unit arrived at Guadalcanal in August 1943, a place already etched in American military history as the site of a bloody, six-month campaign to secure the first major Allied foothold in the Pacific. From this small island, Kolodey and his squadron flew mission after mission, dropping 500 and 2,000-pound bombs on enemy positions, ships, and airstrips.

"I got into the three major battles of the Solomons in the 13 months I was over there," Kolodey recalled.

They dropped four 500-pound or two 2,000-pound bombs, flying from Guadalcanal through some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

The Solomons campaign was a brutal, grinding effort to push back the Japanese Empire one is-

land at a time. It included the battles for Bougainville, New Georgia and the Northern Solomons. For Kolodey and his crewmates, survival depended not just on skill but on the sheer will to keep flying amid heavy anti-aircraft fire and relentless enemy fighter attacks.

Kolodey returned to the United States in 1946, eager to start a new chapter. During training at Murray State, he met Florence Timmons, a local girl from Slaughters, who would become his wife. The two married on May 7, 1945, and settled in Madisonville, where they raised two sons and built a life together that lasted for more than five decades. Florence passed away in 1997, on their 57th wedding anniversary.

After the war, Kolodey transitioned into the grocery business, a career that spanned more than 36 years and took him to towns across Kentucky, including Princeton, Hazard, Richmond and Frankfort. Kolodey man-

aged several stores in the state.

Today, Kolodey still lives in Slaughters. At 100, he remains active, still driving but finally giving up mowing his own yard, a small concession to his advancing years. He is one of only two known World War II veterans in Webster County, alongside 102-year-old Billy Blankinship.

Looking ahead to his Memorial Day speech, Kolodey reflected on the importance of sharing his story.

"Very few people know much about World War II in the Pacific. Your high school don't teach it, and you can ask 100 people, not two of them would know where the Solomons are," he said.

As he takes the stage this Memorial Day weekend, Kolodey will share not just his personal military history but the broader story of a generation that fought, sacrificed and endured for the freedoms enjoyed today — a legacy that, like Kolodey himself, has stood the test of time.

## DOUBLE

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tar, sang and was even licensed to preach by Baker Baptist Church as a minister of the gospel.

Pam Futrell, Jennings' niece who now lives in Huntsville, Ala., was just 3 1/2 years old when it happened, but she remembers her father and the rest of the family talking about Bobby John. Pam's father, Bill Jennings, was Bobby John's older brother. He lived his entire life in Marion. The family also included middle brother Harold "Bub" Jennings, who later settled in Colorado after serving in the Army. He owned and operated Jennings Market in Westcliffe, Colo.

The Jennings boys were sons of John Balos and Mary Jennings. Bobby John was drafted in 1965 and deployed to Vietnam in July 1966. His military record reflected a young man committed to duty and service.

According to a citation for the Bronze Star Medal, awarded posthumously, Jennings contributed significantly to the construction of a brigade base camp, often working extra hours during his free time. The citation noted his "coolness under pressure and excellent marksmanship ability," traits that made him a valuable asset to his unit until his final moments.

His awards included the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman Badge. The Vietnamese

government also recognized his sacrifice with military honors.

When serviceman came to the Jennings home on Feb. 9, two days after the young soldier died in combat, his father saw them at the door.

"He had a heart attack and died. When he saw them coming, he knew what it is was," Futrell said, pointing out that the elder Jennings had suffered from a heart condition for many years.

A joint funeral service under the direction of Hunt Funeral Home was held for Bobby John and his father at Bakers Chapel Church with burial in Rosebud Cemetery.

Futrell said there are still a handful of distance relatives in Crittenden County, but no close family members. Still, Bobby John's legacy lives on in the memories shared by nieces and nephews scattered across the country.

Memorial Day brings with it stories like that of Bobby John Jennings, stories of sacrifice not only on foreign battlefields but in the living rooms of families left behind. As Memorial Day weekend approaches, Crittenden County is remembering Jennings and others who gave their lives in the sacrifice of their country by displaying Hometown Hero banners downtown and organizing services in the community.

- Hear The Press' interview with Pam Futrell on our Thursday NewsCast at The-Press.com.





Correction: Head Start dates for screening

A news brief in last week’s newspaper had the wrong screening date for Chapel Hill Head Start students. The program will begin accepting applications for its Early Head Start and Head Start programs early next month. Not next week.

Program highlights include play-based and individualized learning, developmentally appropriate curriculum, and outdoor exploration. Free Pre-K screenings for the 2025–26 school year will be held Thursday, June 5 from 3 to 6 p.m. and Friday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Openings are available in full-year programs. For more information, call (270) 965–1568, Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Livingston’s BOE report from April

Livingston County Board of Education passed a number of items during its regular monthly meeting on May 12, including adoption of the 2025–26 tentative budget, next year’s salary schedule and an amended 2024–25 school calendar.

All votes were unanimous among board members David Kitchens, Tony Sanders, Tammy Sayle, Christine Thompson and Terry Watson.

Highlights included approval of the following: Emergency certified substitute teachers; Duguid, Gentry and Associates as district auditors; Farmers Bank as depository bond holder; School-based decision-making (SBDM) budgets; a payment of \$86,641.35 to PFGW for the LAVEC project; renewal of the School Resource Officer contract for 2025–26; and extension of Darryl Chittenden’s contract as administrative consultant.

In other business, the board accepted consent items including multiple financial reports and payments from April and early May, personnel changes and student travel requests.

The board also entered closed session with the superintendent screening committee to discuss applicants for the district’s top leadership role. No action was announced after returning to open session.

Park numbers down

Riverview Park experienced a sharp decline in camping activity during April 2025. County officials attribute the downturn to transportation issues affecting the road into the park.

KY 387 (Dam 50 Road) is closed until August for replacement of a bridge over Crooked Creek near Hebron Church Road. About 169 vehicles typically travel along that road in an average day’s time, according to information provided by Keith Todd of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. During camping and boating season, those figures are higher.

Only 9 RV nights and a single tent night were reserved last month at the park, leading

to significantly reduced revenue. Before the road was closed, March saw 43 RV nights and 13 tent nights.

With the road closure, campers, boaters and anglers are forced to take a detour through Mattoon and the Amish country, adding several minutes to the trip from Marion.

County officials say the automated reservation system online has been temporarily shutdown to force campers to phone in reservations. That provides an opportunity for campers to be told about the closure and detour.

RV sites are available for \$20 per night with full hookups, and tent sites for \$5 per night. CrittendenCountyKy.org provides a phone number to call.

Animal Shelter sees fewer adoptions in April

Crittenden County Animal Shelter saw a quieter month in April, with fewer adoptions but a strong show of community support through donations.

As of April 30, the shelter reported 35 dogs on-site and 45 in foster care. A total of 22 dogs were brought in during the month. Sixteen of those animals were transferred to rescue groups, and one dog was adopted. No animals were reclaimed by their owners.

The shelter reported no escapes, deaths from medical conditions or euthanizations in April.

Financial support for the shelter totaled \$1,663 for the month. While pet adoption fees amounted to just \$80, the shelter received \$1,483 in donations. Additionally, \$50 was collected in reclaim fees and another \$50 through sponsorships. No revenue was reported from dog licenses.

Deadly storm passes through Kentucky

At least 28 people died across Kentucky and Missouri last weekend after powerful storms swept through the Midwest and South late Friday into early Saturday. Kentucky suffered the greatest loss of life, which included at least 19, Gov. Andy Beshear said earlier this week.

Seventeen of the Kentucky deaths occurred in Laurel County. In neighboring Pulaski County, a veteran firefighter, Maj. Roger Leslie Leatherman, was fatally injured while responding to the severe weather. Hundreds of homes were damaged across the southeastern part of the state.

The tornado that tore through London and Somerset flattened homes, leveled businesses, and knocked out power for thousands. Somerset Mayor Alan Keck said the south side of the city was hardest hit, including damage to a Lutheran church, Baxter’s coffee shop, a

Speedway store and the South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative office. A Baptist association building was also heavily damaged.

The deadly storm cell had tracked directly across southern Crittenden County on its way across the state, but no serious local damage was reported.

The destruction marks yet another blow for Kentucky, where 24 people died just two months ago in severe weather that caused widespread flooding.

County offices will be closed over holiday

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the offices at Crittenden County Office Complex, including the judge-executive, county clerk, PVA, sheriff, road department, convenience center and animal shelter will be closed Monday May 26.

In addition, the convenience center and animal shelter will be closed Saturday.

Local alpha-gal sufferers can watch free webinar

Crittenden County residents can learn more about alpha-gal syndrome during a free webinar at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 29. The session, offered by the Cooperative Extension Service, will provide information on the tick-related allergy that can cause severe reactions to red meat and other mammal-derived products.

Participants may watch from home after registering or attend the watch party at the Extension Office, where those in attendance will receive a tick kit that includes tweezers, a lighted magnifying glass and alcohol wipes.

Alpha-gal syndrome is caused by bites from the lone star tick, which transmits a sugar molecule into the bloodstream that can trigger delayed allergic reactions to beef, pork and other mammal-based products. Kentucky ranks among the top states for confirmed cases.

The program will cover prevention, label reading tips, dietary alternatives and how to manage life with the condition. For more information, contact the Crittenden County Extension office.

SNHU recognizes those on spring awards lists

Southern New Hampshire University has named April Robbins of Uniontown and Amber Daleske of Fredonia to its Spring 2025 Dean’s List, which requires a 3.5 GPA.

Jessica Langston of Princeton, Victoria Wiggins of Salem and Kalynn Jackson of Marion were named to the President’s List, which requires a 3.7 GPA.



Top runners from Saturday’s Livingston Hospital Foundation 5K included (from left) Justin Williams, Jessica Adams, Ryder Williams, Tammy Williams, Ryah Williams, Charles Stone, Kyle Stone, Haven Brown, Hannah Berry, David Evans, Aubrey Grau and Haley Rogers.

CLASS

Continued from page 1 from some of country music’s biggest names. Among those backing the effort is Gus Arrendale, president of Springer Mountain Farms, a Georgia-based poultry company and prominent country music sponsor. Arrendale will be on hand Thursday to help make a major announcement regarding the scholarship’s future, including a significant financial contribution.

Joining Arrendale on

stage will be Anderson, Seely, and several other guests from Nashville, many of whom have played a role in the musical journey of Cutter and Cash. The hometown band is poised to release a new single featuring recitation by Anderson. Last year, the group debuted their first release – a rendition of “Mammas Don’t Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys” – with Seely as producer. Cutter Singleton said the new track is another classic country cover and one of five sched-

uled to drop this year.

“This is a big deal,” Singleton said. “I am so thrilled someone like this wants to come to our town. I’m really excited.”

One person especially touched by the occasion is 90-year-old Margaret Gilland, a lifelong Marion resident and longtime fan of Anderson. “We’ve exchanged notes, and I’ve sent him cards. I’ve known him 40 or 50 years,” Gilland said. “I’ve gone to his shows in Taylorville, Ill., and to fan club dinners in Nashville. I know his

family, and he knows mine.”

Gilland said she was stunned to receive a personal invitation to Class Night. “It shocked me when Cutter called. I guess I will go. Cutter is coming to get me and take me there. It’s an honor.”

The Eugene Mose Ward Scholarship will be awarded publicly for the first time Thursday evening in Rocket Arena, marking a special night where country legends and community roots converge.



10 YEARS AGO

May 21, 2015

■ Abigail Martin, Elle McDaniel and Cooper Crawford were pictured holding a hatched chicken in Jayme Young’s first-grade classroom. It was part of an educational project in both Young’s and Kassie Green’s classes.

■ Tammy Duvall, Crittenden County High School assistant principal, was asked what she liked most about living in Crittenden County and her response was, “I like the small town feel of it and I like the small churches that give a sense of family and belonging.” Vince Clark, the superintendent of Crittenden County School District was asked the same question and said he liked the people and the rural country setting.

■ Nine students graduated from Tiny Tot Daycare in Marion. The ceremony was held at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Marion. Daycare owner was Chris Hodge and the Head Start teacher was Karla Hodge. Graduates were Jordyn Hodge, valedictorian; Ella Hoover, salutatorian; Drake Young, Literacy Award winner; Caden Penn, Science Award winner; Tucker Hardin, Physical Development Award winner; Cooper Robertson, Cognitive Award winner; Emerye Pollard, Creative Art Award winner; Gabriel Shoemaker, Social Award winner; and Hudson Stokes, Math Award winner. This was the final class to graduate from the daycare center that was set to close after 27 years.

■ Aaron Lucas was the First Region Class A champion in the 3200 meters and was headed to the state meet with Colby Watson and Margaret Sitar. Sitar was regional champion in the 1600 meters. Watson finished second in the regional high jump and was headed back to state for the second time. His was the highest state ranking among the three local qualifiers.

25 YEARS AGO

May 18, 2000

■ Rumor became fact when Pamida, Inc. announced its intentions to open a discount department store in Marion. A real estate deal between Pamida and Robert “Buddy” and Mary Jane Watson was closed through Homestead Auction-Realty in Marion, paving the way for the mass merchandising retailer to begin work on constructing its newest outlet.

■ One of the largest graduating classes in Crittenden County High School history was set to receive diplomas. There were 125 graduates. Valedictorian was Stacy Cook and Salutatorians were Kara Harris, Lindsey Watson, Ashley Johnson and Jessica LeFan.

■ The oneighty youth center in Darben Plaza held an Eating Contest in conjunction with a performance by Evansville band Drag the Stick. The winning team of the contest was Andy Myers, Jimmy Smith, Zach Belt and Rodney Travis as they gobbled up nearly two dozen hamburgers.

50 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1975

■ Stuart Collins found at Mattoon Elementary School field day that a steady hand was required for catching raw eggs. The egg slipped through Stuart’s fingers and splattered him in the face as he tried to catch it. Two eggs were thrown by Mattoon teacher Phyllis Sykes. Stuart was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Collins of Route 7, Marion.

■ The bowling league winners for the Saturday morning league of Crittenden County High School Bowling Teams were the Boswell’s Bombs. Members of the team were Mike Allison, Mark Smiley, Jerry Boswell and Brian Floyd. The Lola Hellcats placed second out of eight teams.

■ Vickie Brookshire was crowned queen for the Town and Country Riding Club. Her escort was James Carl Johnson. Other members of the court were Sandy Boone and Mark Holloman; Leslie Crider and Billy Stallions; Rhonda Kirk was the outgoing queen and her escort was Donne Mills. Crown bearers were Danette Gough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Gough, and Chris Holloman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holloman. Wesley Cullen was president of the Riding Club and he presented the roses to Miss Brookshire.

■ Suzette Rozwalka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rozwalka of Marion, was crowned during the Brownie Beauty Contest. Her attendants were Sherry Smiley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Otto Smiley, and Kelly Atwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Atwell.

CITY

Continued from page 1 proposed budget plan.

Mayor Browning said the city will also look for ways to save money. She recom-

mends exploring cooperative purchasing through the Pennyrile Area Development District to reduce water plant chemical costs by buying in bulk with other municipalities.

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Those who plan good have joy

Imagination gets off on the wrong foot in the Bible and never recovers – at least as far as the word ‘imagination’ goes. It’s not there very often, but every time it is used it is in a negative context. Genesis 6:5 says, “The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” Imagination is connected to idolatry and bad behavior.

The idea of a heart that ‘devises’ is in the same thought pattern as imagination. However, there is room for a heart or an imagination that has been taught and trained. Proverbs 12:20 tells us, “Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, but those who plan good have joy.”

I believe that faith requires imagination. This is not fanciful thinking that believes things that aren’t there. This kind of imagination is of the sort that believes there is a better world ahead of us and can see it when others cannot. It will cause one to speak and act in surprising ways. It is risky thinking because so many, even in the religious world, are stuck in literal, law-oriented narratives that are afraid of a new story being told. New stories mean that “the old is passing away.”

The Psalms and the Prophets require imagination that has been trained by the shocking poetry that we read. They speak of things too wonderful to be constrained by our thinking of scarcity, division, and self-righteousness. They speak of things that are so powerful that they require the metaphor of poetry. The stories and poems of the Bible pull us out of ourselves and into the life of a people and a good and abundant creation. Many of the stories and poems we read in the Bible do not tell us what

to think (despite much preaching and teaching we hear), but rather how to think.



Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist  
Guest Columnist

Good teaching does this. Good teaching turns the status quo on its head and excites the imagination of those willing to risk better things. It can also raise the ire of those who have an interest in the way things are. The best teachers use their imaginations that have been trained in their field and can apply their experiences.

I have recently been reading, again, some sermons from Martin Luther King, Jr. His imagination was trained by the best schools in our nation and a heart that wanted better for all people. In his sermon, “The Three Dimensions of a Complete Life” delivered April 9, 1967, in Chicago, he used the parable of the Good Samaritan to teach we should help each other.

His imagination was sparked by his study of the text, what he had heard said about the parable in other sermons, and his own experience driving from Jerusalem to Jericho and driving in Atlanta. Understand that no one living today knows why the Levite and the priest passed by on the other side. We have some good guesses, but no one knows, that requires imagination. Here is what he said,

“They [the Levite and priest] were just like me. I was going out to my father’s house in Atlanta the other day. He lives about three or four miles from me, and you go out there by going down Simpson Road. And then when I came back later that night...And a fellow was standing out there trying to flag me down. And...I knew he needed help...I’ll be honest with you, I kept going. I wasn’t really willing to take the risk.”

“I say to you this morn-

ing that the first question that the priest asked was the first question that I asked on that Jericho Road of Atlanta known as Simpson Road. The first question that the Levite asked was, “If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?” But the good Samaritan came by and he reversed the question. Not “What will happen to me if I stop to help this man?” but “What will happen to this man if I do not stop to help him?” This was why that man was good and great.”

Imagination combined with faith turns life on its head. The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 through 7 does the same

thing. Isaiah 43:18-19 are among the most pivotal verses in the Old Testament because they ignite the imagination,

“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”

Imaginations fueled by training and faith still have the power to change things in this world for the better... and they will.

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# Remember veterans of our past

This interesting Memorial Day article first appeared in The Crittenden Press on Aug. 11, 2005. It was written by Amber Coulter, Press staff writer, at the time, that was 20 years ago. Many of us perhaps had forgotten the article, or many may have not had the chance to read it. Ronald “Tink” Hicklin, who was interviewed for the article, passed away in 2015, but through the archives of The Press his story remains with us.

### Remembering the Bomb

Ronald “Tink” Hicklin of Marion was about 3,000 miles from Japan, but only three miles from the preparation and take-off site of the historic B-29 bomber that on Aug. 6, 1945 dropped the most destructive man-made weapon in history.

Stationed on a Pacific island during World War II, Hicklin was intimately involved in keeping B-29s like the Enola Gay (The Enola Gay was a Boeing B-29 Superfortress bomber that played a pivotal role in World War II. On Aug. 6, 1945, it dropped the first atomic bomb, code-named “Little Boy,” on Hiroshima, Japan).

Although a member of the same outfit, Hicklin remembers not knowing anything about the top-secret Atom Bomb until after it was dropped from a B-29 like those he was repairing.

The attack on Hiroshima, Japan was so secretive, Hicklin didn’t know about it until later that day, when civilians near the base had gotten wind of the news. This past Saturday, (Aug. 6, 2005), the anniversary of the attack, Hicklin sat in his hometown of Marion and remembered the letter he received in 1942 explaining that he had been selected for the draft.

### Draft Call

On Dec. 7, 1941, the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Hicklin’s father told his family it had finally happened, the Japanese had attached the United States and the nation was at war. Hicklin’s father had been following the troubles between Japan and the United States for some time, but it didn’t mean much to the young Hicklin.

“Pearl Harbor just seemed away way off somewhere,” he said. “Of course, as the world got smaller, it’s not very far.”

What Hicklin did know was that the draft he had registered for the previous year would soon come to claim him and everyone else who was able to serve. Until that point, the draft was only used to replace people as needed. “I knew it was coming; everybody knew it,” he said. “Everyone knew when their number came up for the draft, they’d be called.”

By mid-February Hicklin was on his way to Indiana for induction into the military.

There, he joined countless others during an aptitude test and learned on a train ride to Wichita Falls, Texas that he was headed to an Air Force training school. He was going to be an airplane mechanic.

### His Duty, Airplane Mechanic

Hicklin said his test may have counted, but he thinks the military just put people where they were needed, using more respect for the alphabet than anything else. He remembers the names of everyone in his school and barracks beginning with an ‘H’.

In his two and a half years of training, Hicklin



World War II Veteran Ronald “Tink” Hicklin was always a familiar and loved person to see at the past Mapleview Memorial Days services.

toured different airplane schools and plants such as those in San Diego, Seattle and Patterson, N.J. There, the draftees studied, took tests and filled out workbooks until they were sent back to base in Kansas to be shipped out to Saipan.

The Pacific island of Saipan, where Hicklin and other mechanics spent a year and a half preparing planes for flight and repairing them when they returned from missions, was strategically placed about half-way between the western coast of United States and the Japanese mainland. The bombers that attacked Hiroshima took off from the nearby island of Tinian.

Hicklin distinctly remembers the anxiety that hovered over the ground crew while their plane was on its 14-hour mission. he would watch it go off in the morning full of flight crew members they didn’t know and look tensely for its return at night.

One night, the plane didn’t return. Hicklin said they never found out what happened to it or the crew. Later historical research indicated they had probably been shot down and the crew killed, he said.

Hicklin’s crew was furnished with another B-29, and he continued his days on Saipan in that way, with little to do but work, sleep and wait on the planes.

### War Ended

Then, the war was ended for all intents and purposes as suddenly as it had begun for the United States. On Aug. 9, another atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, and the Japanese surrendered before a planned third bomb could be dropped on Aug. 15.

Hicklin said he was grateful for the bombing because it signaled his imminent return to Crittenden County. “I was glad it happened because it ended the war, which it did,” he said. “We wanted to get home.”

The war officially ended on Sept. 2, and Hicklin was back home the

following November.

### Robert M. Davis - Unmarked Crittenden County WWI Hero

In the first Crittenden County Cemetery Books published in 1972, there was a note in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery listings that someone had submitted that said “Bob Davis, WWI Serviceman killed in action and was buried there without a stone.”

After further checking, Robert M. Davis has a war record listed in the Crittenden County WW I Historical Register book that was compiled after World War I was over. It shows that Robert M. Davis entered into service on Oct. 24, 1917 at Marion, KY and was sent to Camp Taylor, KY for training.

### Later Death Information From the St. Louis Star and Times, Oct. 18, 1918:

Private Robert M. Davis, Company C, 6th Infantry, was killed in action Sept. 28, according to notices to his mother, Mrs. Fannie D. Davis, who was living in St. Louis with her daughter on 619 Slattery Street. Davis has a wife and two small children living at Tolu. He was drafted and trained at Camp Taylor before being sent overseas. Two brothers, Thomas and Walter, are privates in Company 1, 138th Infantry in France.



PVT. Robert M. Davis, a Crittenden County World War II hero KIA, lies in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in an unmarked grave. His death tells of a brave soldier who gave his all.

### From the Kansas City Star newspaper on Nov. 24, 1918:

Robert M. Davis, another member of the intelligence staff, volunteered to act as a runner while the troops were in Montrebois Woods. It was his duty to keep in touch with the various battalion headquarters and the brigade headquarters. The boche (German soldiers) were shelling the woods and filling it was gas. It was up to Davis to find the other battalions and carry the news back through regimental headquarters. Davis did it, but he was knocked down by exploding shells seven different times.

### Body Sent To Marion

His remains were sent back home to Marion for burial and he is buried in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery without a marker. His mother Fannie Millikan Davis is also buried there without a stone.

This Memorial Day, my prayer is that the generations of today never forget those that through the years have given of their best freely that all which our flag represents might be kept true and secure.

*(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).*

## Community Calendar

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

### Thursday, May 22

• The Marion Show and Shine Car Show will return this summer on the fourth Thursday of each month, running through September at Marion Commons. Events will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. This year's show dates are tonight, June 26, July 24, Aug. 28 and Sept. 25. Attendees who register at each show will be entered to win \$500, with the drawing to take place at the final show on Sept. 25. The event is sponsored by the City of Marion Tourism Commission. • Crittenden County Public Library Board will meet at 5 p.m. in the library meeting room.

### Saturday, May 24

• Asbridge Cemetery Association will host its annual meeting at 10 a.m. at the cemetery. Preaching and potluck will follow the business meeting.

### Sunday, May 25

• Caldwell Springs Missionary Baptist Church will have Homecoming with Pastor, Bro. John East and guest speaker Bro. Chris Moore. All donations taken up this day go to the upkeep of the cemetery. Several big trees have been removed from the cemetery and donations are needed to help pay for these extra expenses. Make checks out to Caldwell Springs Cemetery fund and mail to: Houston Peek, 3211 S.R. 855 South, Fredonia, KY 42411.

### Tuesday, May 27

• Hooks and Needles meet at noon at the Crittenden County Public Library.

### Wednesday, May 28

• Walk in the Park begins at 3 p.m. at the Marion City-County Park.

• Lesson Leader Training starts at 10 a.m. at the Crittenden County Extension Office.

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Notice is hereby given that on May 14, 2025, Perry L. Morris of 2118 Meadow Hill Ln., Utica, KY 42376 was appointed administrator of Lewis Everett Morris, deceased, whose address was 330 Sturgis Rd., Marion, KY 42064. All persons having claims

against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administrator before the 12th day of November, 2025 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 (1t-20-c)

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 25-03: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF MARION CODE OF ETHICS AND ADOPTING THE CITY-COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS BY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARION AND CRITTENDEN COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on May 19, 2025, at 5 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on April 21, 2025, at 5 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance amends the City Code of Ethics by establishing a City-County Code of Ethics, creating a city-county code of ethics board for enforcement and authorizes the Mayor to execute an interlocal agreement with Crittenden County. The Code further provides that any person who fails or refuses to file the statement or who fails or refuses to remedy a deficiency in the filing [...] shall be either guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor and may be referred to the appropriate agencies of state and local government or may be found to be a civil offense and shall be subject to a civil fine imposed by the Board in an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day, up to a maximum total civil fine of five hundred dollars (\$500). Any civil fine imposed by the Board under this section may be recovered by the city or county in a civil action in the nature of debt if the offender fails or refuses to pay the penalty within a prescribed period of time. Also, any person who intentionally files a statement of financial interests which he or she knows to contain false information or intentionally omits required information shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Further, if the Board finds a violation has occurred the Board may impose a civil penalty of not more than \$500.00 per violation or may charge the violator with a Class B Misdemeanor and referred to the County Attorney.

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-005 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS AND ADOPTING THE CITY-COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS BY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARION AND CRITTENDEN COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE JUDGE/EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE SAME

Notice is hereby given that the Fiscal Court of Crittenden County Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on April 29, 2025, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Ordinances of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a special called meeting of the Fiscal Court held on April 29, 2025, at 5 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance amends the County Code of Ethics by establishing a City-County Code of Ethics, creating a city-county code of ethics board for enforcement and authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Marion, Kentucky. The Code further provides that any person who fails or refuses to file the statement or who fails or refuses to remedy a deficiency in the filing [...] shall be either guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor and may be referred to the appropriate agencies of state and local government or may be found to be a civil offense and shall be subject to a civil fine imposed by the Board in an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day, up to a maximum total civil fine of five hundred dollars (\$500). Any civil fine imposed by the Board under this section may be recovered by the city or county in a civil action in the nature of debt if the offender fails or refuses to pay the penalty within a prescribed period of time. Also, any person who intentionally files a statement of financial interests which he or she knows to contain false information or intentionally omits required information shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Further, if the Board finds a violation has occurred the Board may impose a civil penalty of not more than \$500.00 per violation or may charge

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the County Clerk in the County Administrative Office Building, Industrial Drive, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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SCHEDULE | RESULTS

5th District Tournaments

BASEBALL AT EDDYVILLE

Sunday's Semifinal Results

Lyon County 11, Livingston Central 1

Trigg County 6, Crittenden County 0

Monday's Championship

Lyon County 8, Trigg County 1

SOFTBALL AT EDDYVILLE

Monday's Semifinal Results

Livingston Central 4, Crittenden County 2

Trigg County 5, Lyon County 1

Friday's Championship

Livingston Central vs Trigg County, 6pm

FOOTBALL

Rocket Youth Camp

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

RECREATION

Swim team registration

Marion Country Club Stingrays swim team invites interested swimmers and families to attend an informational meeting at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 29 at Marion Country Club. This event is open to anyone interested in learning more about joining the Stingrays swim team. Attendees will receive full details on registration, practice schedules, meet dates and more. Swimmers will have the opportunity to try on team swimsuits, ask questions, and complete swim assessments. There is no age requirement to participate, but swimmers must be able to swim the short length of the pool unassisted to be eligible for the team. The team will practice three days a week and compete around the region. There are no required pool fees to participate this year. There is a \$30 Stingrays registration fee. For more info, text Kim Vince at 270-704-1446.



Pickleball champions

Sam Dean of Princeton and Shana Geary of Marion won their respective divisions of the first pickleball tournament at Marion's City-County Park over the weekend. The two also teamed up to capture the championship of mixed play.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

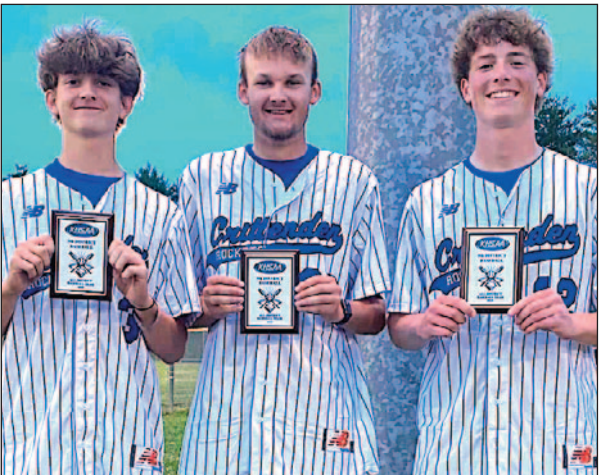
Here are some of the most common hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up:

Bullfrog	May 16 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	May 17 - June 15
Coyote	Year Round

Spring Sports | Weekly Roundup



Crittenden County High School's softball and baseball seasons came to a disappointing end earlier this week as the Rocket baseball team fell to Trigg County in the Fifth District Tournament and the Lady Rockets lost to Livingston Central in the softball tournament. Pictured (clockwise from top left) are Jaxton Duncan taking a swing in the tournament game at Eddyville on Sunday; starting pitcher Chase Conyer; all-district selections Hudson Stokes, Asa McCord and Quinn Summers; and Lady Rocket catcher Elle McDaniel making a tag on Livingston's Victoria Joiner during the softball semifinal, also at Eddyville.



CCHS SOFTBALL

FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

**Livingston holds off Lady Rockets**

Livingston Central, the No. 13 team in Kentucky according to KHSAA power rankings, had outscored Crittenden County 34-0 in three regular-season games. On Monday, the Lady Rockets made a game of it before losing 4-2 in the semifinal round of the Fifth District Tournament at Eddyville.

Eighth-grader Brodi Rich pitched a complete game for Crittenden, allowing just two earned runs. Two CCHS errors in the first inning allowed Livingston to take a 4-0 lead. Rich struck out three and walked two while allowing eight hits.

Junior Anna Boone had three hits and scored a run for CCHS, which plated a run in the third and one in the fourth but couldn't muster a timely hit thereafter.

Livingston ace Addison Tramble, an eighth-grader, allowed six hits, walked none and struck out eight.

The Lady Rockets' season ends at 10-17. Meanwhile, Livingston (23-5) moves on to play Trigg County (21-13) in Friday's championship game. Both teams advance to the Second Region Tournament, which begins

Monday at Webster County.

**Girls lose by one at Union County**

In her final regular-season pitching performance, eighth-grader Brodi Rich threw another gem, but the CCHS defense let her down. Union County edged Crittenden 7-6, largely due to four errors. Rich allowed just one earned run.

At the plate, Elliot Evans had three hits, including a triple, two RBIs and scored twice. Andrea Federico had a home run and a double among her three hits. She also scored twice. CCHS finished the regular season 10-16.

ROCKET BASEBALL

FIFTH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

**Trigg ends Rocket season in 5th opener**

Crittenden County outthit Trigg County on Sunday in the Fifth District Tournament semifinal round but was unable to score in a 6-0 loss to the Wildcats, ending the Rockets' season with a 10-17 record.

Quinn Summers had two of CCHS's six hits, including a two-out double in the first inning. Trigg managed five hits and drew a half-dozen walks in the contest, scoring five of its runs in the third inning, all earned.

Seniors Chase Conyer and Asa McCord handled the pitching for CCHS. Each struck out a couple of Wildcats. Conyer went 2.1 innings and was tagged for four runs. McCord finished the game, allowing two runs.

The Rockets had opportunities to score, particularly in the sixth inning when they got the first two batters on base with no outs but left them stranded. Conyer, Jake Rich, McCord and Davis Perryman each singled for CCHS.

**Crittenden loses to Caldwell in closer**

In their final regular-season game, CCHS lost 15-4 at home to surging Caldwell County. Quinn Summers and Chase Conyer had the Rockets' only two hits of the game. On the mound, Crittenden used four pitchers, but none could slow the Tigers. CCHS finished the regular season 10-16.

**Rockets blast Fort Campbell on base**

CCHS got two hits apiece from Eli Lovell and Quinn Summers in a 10-0 win at Fort Campbell last Thursday. The Rockets also got two RBIs apiece from those two hitters along with Jaxton Duncan and Drake Young.

Hudson Stokes allowed just three hits en route to the shutout. He also struck out four and walked two.

Archery club shooter signs with Rend Lake College

Maddie Ziegler, a member of the Crittenden County youth archery club, has signed a collegiate letter of intent to continue her education and athletic career. Ziegler, a member of the Inside Out Archers team based in Marion, has committed to Rend Lake (Illinois) College, where she will compete on the archery team.

Although she resides in Madisonville, Ziegler has long represented the Marion-based archery team and will receive significant scholarships from both Rend Lake and Inside Out Archers.

"I am super excited for this opportunity and the continuation of my archery journey on a collegiate level," Ziegler said. "I am very thankful for the scholarship that Rend Lake and my team provided me!"



Local archery club teammates were pictured with Maddie Ziegler during last week's signing ceremony. Front from left are Tucker Boudro, Maddie Ziegler, Alan Piltz, (back) Will Piltz, Aiden Kelly, Emory Orr, David Piltz and Corbin Dorroh.

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Crittenden County Schools have recognized May Students of the Month. They are (front) Millie Sherer, kindergarten; (back from left) Braylen Brown, fourth grade; Keegan Roberts, sixth grade; and Donaven Allison, 12th grade.



Amanda Alvis and Candy Yates had some fun with a pie to the face (above) and Crittenden County Health and Rehab resident Deanna McQuillen got some help through a bubbly maze from community liaison Tiffany Newcomb during last week's celebration of National Nursing Home Week at the Marion facility.

# Interesting wrinkles figure into Memorial tributes at Blackford, Fredonia

STAFF REPORT

A couple of Memorial Day weekend events offer a unique twist this holiday, and organizers in Fredonia and Blackford are encouraging citizens to take part in their programs.

On Saturday, the annual Memorial Day Celebration of Service at Blackford Veteran's Memorial and Walk of Honor will take place at 10 a.m. and will feature a decorated World War II veteran as its keynote speaker (see article on page 1). Richard Kolodey, a Marine veteran and former radio turret gunner in a Grumman TBN Avenger, will address the crowd.

Webster County Judge-Executive Steve Henry will serve as master of ceremonies and provide both the opening welcome and closing remarks. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation and benediction will be delivered by Bro. Heath Martin, pastor of Cave Springs General Baptist Church in Marion.

The ceremony will include a presentation of service flags and a retiring of the colors by veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. Members of American Legion Post

217 from Burna will present and post the colors, perform Taps and participate in the wreath presentation. Tammy Heady will sing the national anthem.

Robert Ward and members of the Jim Pearce 2527 Sons of Confederate Veterans, along with representatives from the Capt. William Prince Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, will lead the traditional rifle volleys in tribute to fallen soldiers.

The program is supported by numerous individuals, civic leaders and organizations, including the Crittenden, Webster and Union County judge-executives, local magistrates, volunteers and civic groups. Special thanks will be offered in memory of the late Brenton Witherspoon, a U.S. Army veteran and founder of the Blackford Veteran's Memorial and Walk of Honor.

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society and Fredonia American Legion Post 103 will host their traditional Memorial Day service at the Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial at 1 p.m. Monday. Veterans will be recognized, and those attending are encouraged to bring their own seating. Vietnam War veteran Larry Rustin will be the speaker.

A new wrinkle to the event will follow the service. At nearby Buddy Rogers Park, there will be a dedication ceremony for a new historical sign awarded to the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society by the Kentucky Historical Society.

There are more than 2,400 historical markers statewide that share Kentucky's story through short narratives about the people, places and events that shaped communities across the commonwealth. The new sign is located at the site of the Rice Brothers Tobacco Factory, which once stood on what is now Buddy Rogers Park. The sign's narrative tells the story of the Black Patch War in Fredonia and the burning of the Rice Tobacco Factory.

One side of the sign reads: "The Black Patch War in Fredonia: Farmers in western Kentucky and Tennessee fought with buyers over the price of their tobacco from 1904-1909. The farmers created the Planters Protective Association to challenge the American Tobacco Company's monopoly on the cash crop, but many farmers refused to join. To compel their cooperation, vigilantes known as Night Riders scraped plant beds and burned barns

and warehouses."

The other side reads: "Rice Tobacco Factory Burned: While Night Riders were not as successful in northern Caldwell County, they did visit Fredonia twice during the Black Patch War. On Nov. 12, 1906, they burned the Rice Tobacco Factory at this site. In February 1908, they cut phone lines and held Fredonia captive for three hours while others rode to nearby View, Kentucky, to burn the property of tobacco buyer A.H. Cardin."

These facts represent one of the most noteworthy historical events ever experienced by the small town of Fredonia. News of the event made it into The New York Times and many other newspapers across the country.

Following the marker dedication, a reception will be held at Fredonia American Legion Post 103, hosted by the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society.

**POPPY PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** – America is the land of freedom, preserved and protected willingly and freely by citizen soldiers, airmen, and sailors; and

**WHEREAS** – Millions have answered the call to arms and have died on the field of battle; and

**WHEREAS** – A nation at peace must be reminded of the price of war and the debt owed to those who have died in war; and

**WHEREAS** – The red poppy has been designated as a symbol of sacrifice of lives in all wars; and

**WHEREAS** – The Crittenden County Fiscal Court has pledged to remind America annually of this debt through the distribution of the memorial flower.

**NOW, THEREFORE** – I, Perry A. Newcom, Judge Executive of Crittenden County Kentucky Do hereby proclaim May 26, 2025 as Poppy Day and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made this ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the memorial Poppy on this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF – I have here unto set my hand and signature affixed this Day of May 19, 2025.

*Perry A. Newcom*  
Perry A. Newcom, Judge Executive



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