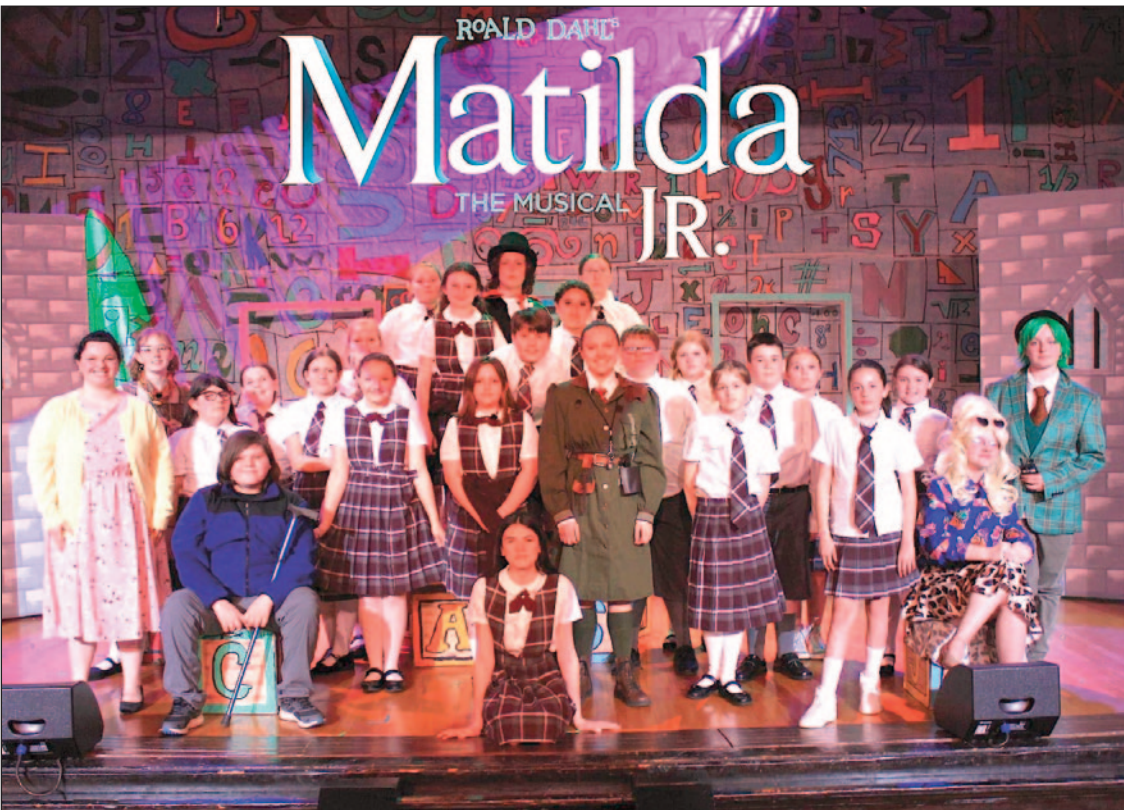




**THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024**

ONE DOLLAR

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Big crowds turned out for four shows over two weeks as the Community Arts Foundation presented Matilda Jr. The Muisical at Fohs Hall. Pictured is the cast (kneeling) Grier Crider, (seated) Aidan Smith and Holley Curnel, (front row from left) Katie Beth James, SkyLynn Brown, Amber Smith, Caroline James, Adilynne Curtis, Emme Lynch, Abigail James, Hannah Peek, Ali Hollis, Zane Smith, Alana West, Lilly Newcom, Holt Crider, Kailynn Curtis, Kinlee Wood, Jacilynn Curtis, Paige McMackin, (back row) Willa-Beth Brown, Dalilah McMackin, Zak Smith, Cale Tabor, Daisy Mireles and Nora Hollis. The show was directed by Corey and Michelle Crider.



# Mom crown

## Contest entries reflect respect for May holiday

All moms wear crowns whether the title was earned in a hospital delivery room or by answering the call of children in need.

As we prepare to honor moms Sunday or remember the love we received from those who have passed, it's fitting to reflect on the road that brought us where we are today.

In a gesture of celebration for all moms, The Crittenden Press held its first Queen for a Day recognition, soliciting nominations as we sought to publicly crown one individual for their loving kindness.

When I learned of and borrowed the idea of Queen for a Day from a friend I serve with on the Kentucky Press Association Board of Directors, I knew it would be a thought-provoking effort resulting in recognition for one mom's perseverance.

What I did not realize, however, was how difficult the selection process would be.

We received more than a dozen nominations touting the graciousness and hard work of very deserving mothers. Every one of them deserves our applause, and I'm sure based on the heart-felt nominations, they will be showered with love this Sunday.

We received narratives praising compassion, encouragement for others, love for Jesus and putting others above themselves. We learned of moms who endured pain and heartache. We heard about single moms who worked multiple jobs and sacrificed often to care for their children and grandchildren. Still others wrote about how thier mothers' spirits are lifted by helping others despite medical trials.

For a few minutes I panicked, realizing I was unable to publicly honor all Queen nominees.

Each should feel honored that their mother or daughter nominated them. It took time to write and submit beautiful words that celebrate fortitude and gentleness.

In the end, we are honored to be able to recognize Margie Walker, who became a mom at someone's recommendation. Someone knew her heart well enough to know that she would be a good mother to three children who were removed from unfavorable conditions.

Walker was brought to tears upon accepting gifts presented by our sponsors, including Louise's Flowers, H&H Home and Hardware, Full Body Fitness Studio, Hodge's Sports and Apparel and Fitness 24/7. The tears came from obvious love she has for three youngsters she has raised the past five years. Though the children are not hers biologically, they fill her heart to a fullness she never imagined possible and we are proud to crown her Queen for a Day.



Allison MICK-EVANS  
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# Deaths

## McClure

Charles W. McClure, 73, of Marion, died Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at his home.

He had worked as a sales manager in the automotive business and was a United States Army veteran. He was a member of Marion First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and was an avid sportsman.

Surviving are a brother, Bill McClure; a sister, Phyllis (Brigham) Kirk, both of Marion, KY; two nephews, Brian (Kaitlyn) Berry and Matt Berry; a niece, Abby (Trevor) Peppler; and great-nephew, Bo Berry, all of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Hodges McClure; and her parents, Herbert R. and Martha Jane Moran McClure.

Funeral services were Monday, May 6 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Sugar Grove Cemetery. Donations may be made to Gideons International in lieu of flowers.

## Buckingham

James "Melvin" Buckingham, 81, of Crittenden County, died Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, playing the guitar, wood-working, tending his flowers, riding his Harley Davidson, and was an avid yard sale enthusiast. He was a member of Freedom General Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife Lena (Swinford) Buckingham; four daughters, Caprecia Simmons of Ft. Worth, Texas, Brandi (Brandon) Hard of Paradise, Texas, Gayle (Jim) Guess and Tina (Brad) Walker, both of Marion; a brother, Kenneth (Brenda) Buckingham of Paducah; seven grandchildren, Luke Simmons, Ivy Simmons, Jett Hard, Maverick Hard, Brad Guess, Jason Guess and Jessie Walker; four great-grandchildren, Courtney Berry, Gwen Guess, Brinley Tramble and Jasely Guess; and a niece, Mitzi Mason.

He was preceded in death by a son, Lynn Driskill; his parents, Delbert and Verline Buckingham; and a sister, Phyllis McDougal.

Services were Sunday, May 5 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. David Perryman officiating. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.

## Crider

Ola Rhea Crider, 80, of Marion, died Sunday, May 5, 2024 at Princeton Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was a member of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Ola Rhea loved to drive. Over the course of her life, she was a school bus driver, PACS bus driver, Rocket Band bus driver and avid road tripper. In the 1970s, she owned a ceramic shop on the town square and finally retired from Crittenden Health Systems where she held numerous jobs from clerk to physical therapy technician. She was a seamstress, painter, weaver and amazing cook. She volunteered in both the community and her church. She was a beacon of light to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchild and all who knew and loved her.

Surviving are her children, Patricia Gage of Marion and Greg (Mary) Crider of Bethpage, Tenn.; two sisters, Carolyn (Harold) Cannon and Elaine (Ronnie) Shinall, both of Marion; three brothers, Vernon (Linda) Gilland of Fredonia, Paul Gilland of Fredonia and Dwight Gilland of Marion; five grandchildren, Amanda (Wes) Stallings, Ian (Brittany) Crider, John Michael Gage, Jacob Gage and Emma Rhea Gage; and great-grandson, Isaiah Crider.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Ola Mae Gilland; and two sisters, Faye George and Connie Gilland.

Memorial services are at 3 p.m., Saturday May 11 at Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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## Community Calendar

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

### Thursday, May 9

- Line dancing class is at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
- The Virgil Jones VFW in Marion will meet at 6:30 p.m., at its building at 412 N. College St., in Marion.
- 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.

### Monday, May 13

- Dee Heimgartner will present a class on Pressed Flowers at 5:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. Learn how to press flowers for preservation and make a bookmark to take home. Call (270) 65-5236 to register.

### Tuesday, May 14

- Hooks and Needles will meet at 1 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex to cross stitch sunflowers. Participants should take scissors and needles.
- After Hours club meets at 5 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Office.

### Wednesday, May 15

- A Walk in the Park begins at 3 p.m., each Wednesday at Marion City-County Park. Meet in the top parking lot to walk the trail.

### Thursday, May 16

- Mental Health Month will be observed at New Beginnings Out-patient Behavioral Health in Salem during an open house from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with information provided by mental health nurse practitioners Jessi Sigler and Kaitiin Loveless and nurse practitioner Jennifer Johnson. A gift basket drawing, goodie bags and refreshments will be offered, and staff will answer questions about the program's benefits.

### Saturday, May 18

- An all-you-can eat breakfast is offered from 7-10 a.m. at Salem Masonic Lodge #81. The lodge is located at 237 W. Main St., in Salem. Cost is \$6.
- 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.

# Festival Saturday

## benefits CR Homes

Cumberland River Homes will reveal its dream for downtown Salem revitalization Saturday during a festival from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Salem Baptist Church parking lot.

There will be live music, food, inflatables, face painting and a petting zoo to raise money for Cumberland River Homes' plan to create new opportunities for its clients.

The non-profit organization plans to construct training facilities on the south side of Main Street adjacent to the Salem Post Office.

Cumberland River Homes provides supported living and social services for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities and acquired brain injuries.

Five businesses have donated gifts valued at over \$2,500 to be given away through raffles.

All donations to Cumberland River Homes are tax deductible.

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## ATTENTION PARENTS

# HURRICANE YOUTH CAMP

June 10-15, 2024  
Campers must have completed 2nd grade

Camp arrival June 10 at 10 a.m.  
Camp departure June 15 at 9 a.m.  
Evangelist, Steve Stone  
**Cost is \$200 • Day Camp Fee \$185**

**Registration deadline is June 3.**  
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# Maroney takes over museum post

STAFF REPORT

Eddie Maroney's passion for history makes him ideally suited for his new retirement career.

The well-known local electrician has agreed to serve as curator of the Crittenden County Historical Museum.

When he isn't mingling with visitors, you might find him taking a deep dive into The Crittenden Press archives, many volumes of which are located in the museum and available for local research.

Maroney's mother, Ina Mae Little, was once curator of the museum at its former location on West Carlisle Street. His wife Bernice followed in her footsteps, managing the museum's collections for 19 years.



Eddie Maroney

"I always loved coming here reading the books," he said. "They said they needed a curator, and I thought it would be a neat thing to do. I'll be able to read anything I want to."

The museum, located on the corner of East Belleville and South College streets's open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m., to 3 p.m. The

museum is housed in the oldest church in Marion, built in 1881. The interior includes the original wood floors, pulpit, balcony and stain glass windows. Also inside are hundreds of local items on display, including a large collection of military uniforms and service-related items dating back to the Civil War.

# Old school razed this week; clock salvaged to repurpose

STAFF REPORT

Old Marion Junior High School on College Street near the U.S. Post Office is coming down this week.

Condemned by the City of Marion due to structural concerns, the building was also formerly a high school built in the 1930s by the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

Owner Tommy Wright said a contractor from Webster County will be razing the building. It could take a couple of weeks, he said, to tear it down and remove all of the debris.

The clock tower and a railing around the cupola have been salvaged, Wright said. He also hopes to repurpose some of the steel and perhaps some tongue and groove wood inside the building.

Wright is exploring ways to refurbish the clock, which was originally built in the 1800s. The clock had previously been relocated to the cupola from an even earlier Marion school.

"I think it would be nice to put it in the new courthouse either as a conversation piece in the lobby, or in a new clock tower," Wright said.

The wrought iron railing was ac-



The signature feature of the old school on College Street, a clock tower, has been removed and will be repurposed.

quired by Brennan Cruce. He plans to incorporate the historic railing along with other local artifacts into a porch railing of a future home.

"I am so glad Tommy got it down. It's in great shape," said Cruce, who is a local historian, musician and entertainer.

# Letter to the Editor

## Writer believes decisions made before meetings

To the editor:

Kay Grimes got it right in her letter published in last week's paper. Local residents do feel that their voices are not heard, that their input is unwanted and that some decisions are pre-determined.

I have never attended a fiscal court meeting, so I cannot comment on its sessions. But I have been a regular attendee at city council meetings. They have become just like what Ms. Grimes said about the insurance tax. The decision has already been made before the public's potential involvement. It's just a required procedure to inform the public, but the outcome has been pre-determined.

Timing of the meeting in question is an issue. Why was it set for a difficult time of day for residents to attend? I suspect city leaders were glad no one showed up to

speak out. Why was the special meeting not set up at the same time as the monthly meetings? Council members all make those 5 p.m., meetings, but a mid-day meeting would be hard to make for the member who works in another county and possibly difficult for those members who are employees of local businesses. Other special meetings have been called at 12 p.m., and 1 p.m., which puts the working public at a disadvantage. But whatever the time of any meeting, the city administration has pre-decided most issues for us.

Recently, the council voted to spend \$130,000 for lights at the park. That \$130,000 could have been used for needed city projects. The city bought a few fire hydrants but doesn't have the money to install them. Couldn't some of the lights funding have been used for this highly-needed purpose?

With the water situation in Marion, the mayor and council are moving forward with the plan to connect Marion's water

supply with Crittenden-Livingston Water District. It was decided by council this was the best option, even though another plan with Princeton supplying water routed through Fredonia, would have a significantly lower cost and a less completion time. The Crittenden-Livingston hook-up could take 8 to 10 years and will be very costly. But the council wants to use the Crittenden-Livingston connection even though it will require that district to make major upgrades to its system.

Part of the problem may be that the majority of the council is new to the job and understandably takes short steps at first and have given little input. That only shows the need for them and their leader to seek out the thoughts and feelings of their subjects. But we know from recent history that will not happen. Trust in Marion's governing body is on the decline.

Glen Leslie  
Marion, Ky.



Hodge's Sports and Apparel celebrated its 50th anniversary Saturday with a large sale and many giveaways. More than 500 people came through the store to help celebrate and the Hodges gave away 300 hot dogs at lunchtime. Pictured are (from left) Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce member Steve Watson, Britt Hodge Wright, Barbara Hodge, Leroy Hodge and Chamber members Dana Hayes and Kayla Davis.

# Congrats, Mom!

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#### AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the People of Kentucky  
The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor  
Holly M. Johnson, Secretary  
Finance and Administration Cabinet  
The Honorable Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable Evan Head, Crittenden County Sheriff  
Members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement**

**Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying Crittenden County Sheriff's Settlement - 2022 Taxes for the period January 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

*Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting*

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period January 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023 of the Crittenden County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

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

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Crittenden County Sheriff, for the period January 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023.

**Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for Sheriffs' Tax Settlements*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Crittenden County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

**Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement**

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

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not an absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Crittenden County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 13, 2023, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report finding:

2022-001 The Crittenden County Sheriff's Official Receipt Of Taxes Transferred From The Outgoing Sheriff Was Materially Understated

Respectfully submitted,  
*Allison Ball*  
Allison Ball  
Auditor of Public Accounts  
Frankfort, Ky

October 13, 2023

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## Fed considering softer approach to marijuana

The Associated Press reported late last week that U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is working on a plan to reclassify marijuana as a less dangerous drug. Many states have eased laws on pot, but it remains a Schedule I drug in the federal court’s eyes.

By reclassifying marijuana as a Scheduled III drug, such as ketamine and some anabolic steroids, the DEA’s decision would have ripple effects across the country.

Some Democratic leaders in Washington are calling for further softening, saying marijuana should be regulated like alcohol.

President Joe Biden called for a review of the federal marijuana law in October 2022, reports the AP, and moved to pardon thousands of Americans convicted federally of simple possession of the drug. He has also called on governors and local leaders to take similar steps to erase marijuana convictions.

A Gallup poll last fall found 70% of adults support legalization, the highest level yet recorded by the polling firm and more than double the roughly 30% who backed it in 2000.

Opponents of lessening the penalties for marijuana possession say it’s a gateway drug that leads to harder addictions.

## ARPA funds buy jail laundry equipment

With some help from a COVID grant, Crittenden County Detention Center got some new laundry equipment, saving the jail about \$30,000.

Jailer Athena Hayes said she learned about the opportunity to leverage funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to benefit the jail, which was looking to replace aging washers and dryers.

Crittenden County Health Department was integral in helping the jail secure the funds to buy six washers and four dryers.

## State completes audit of 2022 county taxes

State Auditor Allison Ball last week released the audit of the sheriff’s settlement for 2022 taxes in Crittenden County.

State law requires the auditor to annually audit the accounts of each county sheriff. In compliance with this law, the auditor issues two sheriff’s reports each year: one reporting on the audit of the sheriff’s tax account, and the other reporting on the audit of the fee account used to operate the office.

Auditing standards require the auditor’s letter to communicate whether the financial statement presents fairly the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Crittenden County Sheriff in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The sheriff’s financial statement did not follow this format, Ball reports. However, the sheriff’s financial statement is fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting, which is an acceptable reporting methodology. This reporting methodology is followed for all 120 sheriff audits in Kentucky.

The sheriff’s financial statement fairly presents the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period Jan. 1, 2023 through Aug. 31, 2023 in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

The audit contains the following finding: The Crittenden County sheriff’s official receipt of taxes transferred from the outgoing sheriff was materially understated. The Crittenden County sheriff’s official receipt of taxes transferred from the outgoing sheriff was materially understated by \$39,489. Property tax bills collected at the end of December 2022 were not marked paid in the sheriff’s tax software by the former bookkeeper until Jan. 3, 2023. The incoming sheriff took office on Jan. 1, 2023, and these tax bills were included on the January 2023 monthly report.

We recommend the Crittenden County Sheriff’s office ensure



tax bills are marked paid in the tax software in a timely manner. In addition, we recommend the sheriff use the correct reports when preparing the official receipt in the future.

During administration changes, it appeared tax payments were collected under outgoing and credited to incoming administration. New policies have been put into place regarding payments posted on the same day as collected.

The sheriff’s responsibilities include collecting property taxes, providing law enforcement, and performing services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice. The sheriff’s office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The audit report can be found on the auditor’s website.

## 295 bridge at Lyon line south of D’Burg will remain closed longer

Motorists traveling between Lyon and Crittenden counties are still having to self detour around a bridge on KY 295 at the county line which has been closed since early March. It appears the bridge will be remain closed for at least a few more months. There is some indication that it could be replaced at some point after July 1, at the earliest.

A routine inspection in March of the bridge that spans Livingston Creek found deterioration of structural beams underneath it. The bridge is located between Joe Peek Road in Lyon County and Millie Peek Road in Crittenden County.

This is a state bridge on a state highway and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is responsible for its repair or replacement.

Signs and barricades are posted on either side. About 675 vehicles travel across that bridge on a given day, according to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet data.

## US 60 West turning lane work starts later this month at school

As soon as school is out, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet contractors are expected to begin work to build a long-anticipated turning lane in Marion on US 60 West between the high and middle school campus and the hospital.

Crittenden County School Superintendent Tonya Driver said transportation officials have told her the work will not begin until after school is out May 24. There had been some anticipation that the project would begin sooner, which would have likely created traffic issues in the mornings and afternoons at the school. The school had already altered its student drop-off routes in order to accommodate the anticipated issues.

## Mills appointed judge in McCracken County

Marion native James “Jamie” Mills has been appointed to serve as McCracken District Judge, Division 2.

Mills, 44, is a 1998 graduate of Crittenden County High School. He has been serving as First Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney in Paducah. He is also a current candidate for District Court Judge.



Mills

Mills has practiced law in McCracken County since passing the bar in 2005. In addition to being former First Assistant County Attorney, he was also a former public defender. Additionally, he teaches criminal justice at WKCTC.

Mills was sworn-in, at a private ceremony last Thursday. An Investiture ceremony will be held on Friday, May 10, at 2 p.m. in Court Room D of the McCracken County

Courthouse. All are welcome to attend.

Division 2 District Judge seat became vacant last fall with the passing of Judge Chris Hollowell. A primary election for the non-partisan seat will be on Tuesday, May 21, which will determine which two candidates will appear on the ballot for the general election in November.

## Early, no excuse voting will begin next Thurs.

In-person, early voting will be available next week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Crittenden County Office Complex. Voting stations will be open from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., each day.

Voters for all precincts may take advantage of the no-excuse early balloting. Take your driver’s license to the polling place.

## Traffic restrictions for commuters crossing Ohio River at Henderson

Several traffic restrictions are planned this week to accommodate work on Section 1 of the I-69 Ohio River Crossing.

Earlier this week, several work-related delays were observed near the crossing.

Beginning on or after Wednesday, May 8, US 41 South at KY 35 will have one lane closed for a bridge deck pour. This closure is expected to start around 5 a.m. and last until late afternoon. There will also be work on KY 351/2nd Street at US 41 (both directions), one lane closures with short-term closures with flagging to accommodate a bridge deck pour.

Beginning Thursday, May 9, US 41 North between KY 351/2nd Street Exit and US 60 Interchange will have one lane closed for barrier extension.

Beginning on or after Friday, May 10, KY 351 West, will be one lane for utility work. This lane restriction is expected to be in place from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. for 1 day.

Drivers are encouraged to slow down, stay alert and watch for new traffic patterns. Actual dates and anticipated work may be adjusted if inclement weather or other unforeseen activities occur.

Find more information about I-69 ORX at I69OhioRiverCrossing.com.

## McDaniel is honored by Ole Miss society

Kenlee McDaniel of Marion, who is majoring in Integrated Marketing Communications, was among 58 rising seniors to join the Tassels Chapter of Mortar Board at the University of Mississippi.

Mortar Board is a national honor society that recognizes college seniors for their achievements in scholarship, leadership and service, provides opportunities for continued leadership development, promotes service to colleges and universities and encourages lifelong contributions to the global community.

Criteria for selection include a minimum GPA of 3.0 or top 35% of the junior class, whichever is higher, and a demonstrated commitment to scholarship, leadership and service.

The 2024 class of new members was initiated into the chapter on March 7.

## Derby tickets way up

The price of tickets to the Kentucky Derby was significantly up this year, according to ticketing technology company Logitix. Tracking tickets across multiple exchanges on the secondary market, Logitix reported the average price paid per ticket this year was \$758.58, not including fees. That is a 35% increase compared to 2023, when tickets sold for an average of \$492.03 per ticket.

The 150th Kentucky Derby produced one of the most dramatic finishes in history as three horses finished within a nose at the wire. Mystik Dan won the race, hanging on with two challengers closing at the end. It was the closest three-horse photo finish since 1947. Mystik Dan, an 18-1 shot, edged Sierra Leone by a nose, with Forever Young another nose back in third on Saturday. Sierra Leone was the most expensive horse in the race at \$2.3 million.

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## 50 YEARS AGO

### May 9, 1974

■ Jayne E. Clark, a sophomore at Murray State University and a 1973 graduate of Crittenden County High School, was added to the staff of The Crittenden Press until her return to school the following fall. She worked as a news and feature writer and photographer in addition to assisting with production of the paper.

■ Congratulations were extended to more than 100 students at Western Kentucky University’s annual Awards Day Banquet by President Dero G. Downing. Dr. John D. Parker, of the Department of Government Faculty, presented a plaque to the recipient of the Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society Award for the Outstanding Government Major, Stuart L. Phillips, a senior from Marion.

■ Honor graduate Linda Lou Hunt of Marion, a magna cum laude graduate of Murray State University in the 1974 spring commencement, was photograph as she accepted her degree and the congratulations of Dr. Constanine W. Curris, university president. Hunt earned a bachelor’s degree in business education.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### May 13, 1999

■ Most children had to skip school to go fishing, but not students at Crittenden County Elementary School. Physical education instructor Angela Starnes arranged for the use of a pond owned by Harold Collins that lies just across the fence from the school playground. Starnes said all children had the opportunity to fish during their regular PE class time with cane poles.

■ Andy Hunt and Jessi McDowell received plaques and bonds for their 4-H project books entered in the Pennyrile Area competition. Hunt was selected champion in two projects and received a \$100 savings bond. McDowell received a \$50 bond for her championship.

■ The FFA chapter from Crittenden County High School was one of 43 schools across Kentucky, Tennessee and Illinois participating in the 47th annual FFA Field Day at Murray State University’s West Kentucky Exposition Center. Chapters accumulated points in competition by counting the five highest of nine team scores and the four highest of the five individual scores in the field day contest. A total of 1,284 students competed in 17 events.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### May 8, 2014

■ May is National Beef Month and James Comer stated that he knew of two great ways to celebrate: start grilling delicious steaks and burgers and tell everyone you know about all the benefits of beef. According to the Kentucky office of National Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 8,900 head of beef cattle in Crittenden County in 2013 and 16,300 head of cattle in all.

■ Crittenden County High School students Cole Foster and Lauren Beavers were selected to attend the 2014 Governor’s Scholars program held in June of that year.

■ Crittenden County senior Aaron Owen signed to study business and play golf at Transylvania University in the fall of 2014.

## REAL ID requird to fly in 1 year

Will your license fly? That’s the question state officials urge Kentuckians to ask themselves as only one year remains before federal REAL ID Act enforcement starts May 7, 2025. After that date, a REAL ID state-issued driving or identity credential or another federally accepted form of REAL ID, like a passport, will be required for air travel checkpoints or access to military bases or

federal buildings that require identification.

State-issued REAL ID driving and identity credentials must be requested in person at any Driver Licensing Regional Office operated by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). A valid passport or passport card, military ID or Department of Defense ID are other common forms of acceptable ID.

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Floral design

Betty Leppek, right, watches as Elliot West demonstrates techniques for arranging flowers. West presented the class in conjunction with the Crittenden County Extension Service.



Welding fun(draiser)

Welders in a class at Crittenden County High School made eight fire pits that were sold as a fundraiser to purchase welding supplies and equipment. Todd Riley (back left), owner of Riley Tool & Machine, is partnering with the school system to teach welding. The same type of class is being taught at Saturn Machine in Sturgis in hopes of training high school students for careers at Riley's or Saturn. Pictured (from left) are Phoenix Clayton, Chase Conyer, Grayson James (in the truck), Sarah Watson, Jayson Ford and Donald Samuels. Not pictured is Johah Reddick.

Stamp out hunger is Saturday

On Saturday, local letter carriers will participate in the National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive — the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Carriers will collect non-perishable food left at mailboxes and deliver it to local food pantries. More than 1.82 billion pounds of food has been collected and delivered during the event's 30-year history.

Tyners Chapel Church

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2nd Reading of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is scheduled to be held at the County Office Complex on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 8:30 am during the regular Fiscal Court Meeting.

BUDGET SUMMARY

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

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on the 26 day of April, 2024, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on May 1, 2024.

SECTION ONE. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

01-General Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,246,892.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	466,150.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	340,700.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	30,200.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	3,400.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	133,891.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	613,077.00
Total 01-General Fund		2,834,310.00
02-Road Fund		
6000	TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	26,250.00
6100	ROADS	1,941,000.00
6400	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	2,077,500.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	293,700.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	492,050.00
Total 02-Road Fund		4,830,500.00
03-Jail Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	2,672,627.00
7000	DEBT SERVICE	485,055.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	786,728.00
Total 03-Jail Fund		3,944,410.00
04-LGEA Fund		
9000	ADMINISTRATION	5,200.00
Total 04-LGEA Fund		5,200.00
14-Parks and Recreation Fund		
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	1,200.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	24,700.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	92,100.00
Total 14-Parks and Recreation Fund		118,000.00
31-Economic Development Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	138,000.00
Total 31-Economic Development Fund		138,000.00
75-MCC911 Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	349,800.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	98,860.00
Total 75-MCC911 Fund		448,660.00
78 - ASAP Board Fiscal Agent Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	40,000.00
Total 78 - ASAP Board Fiscal Agent Fund		40,000.00
80-SB 135 Storage Fees Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	18,100.00
Total 80-SB 135 Storage Fees Fund		18,100.00
82-Child Support Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	170,000.00
Total 82-Child Support Fund		170,000.00
84-ARPA Fund		
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	150,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	51,000.00
Total 84-ARPA Fund		201,000.00
88-Opioild Settlement Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	6,000.00
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	3,000.00
9000	ADMINISTRATION	109,500.00
Total 88-Opioild Settlement Fund		118,500.00
97-Construction Account Fund		
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	501,500.00
Total 97-Construction Account Fund		501,500.00



# Mattoon Crittenden’s first consolidated school

## March 1, 1929 County Board Meets

The groundwork for Crittenden’s first consolidated school was created in March of 1929 when the Board of Education set up a meeting with the patrons of the various schools near Repton to discuss the matter of a school center. The meeting was to be held at the Post Oak School house.

Superintendent F. F. McDowell told The Press that many people had asked for this meeting and plans have been arranged. Everyone is urged to be present and to ask questions relative to the school.

At the meeting a proposed consolidation of schools near Repton will be discussed. The schools included are Post Oak, Seminary, Applegate, Going Spring, Moore’s, Oakland and possibly others.

A modern building for this community school center would be constructed at some centrally located point. None of the schools intended for consolidation are as much as a mile from the highway, making it easy to provide modern transportation. The new school, it is said, would require only three teachers, where as six or more are now employed.

At the meeting sentiment concerning the project was almost unanimously in favor of the idea. A centrally located point would be selected and on that site a modern school building will be constructed, using for the most part, volunteer labor, which was promised at the meeting. Students would be taken to school in a motor bus provided by the county school board.

Motor transportation would be provided for the students from the districts to be consolidated. This was highly favored by the parents of the students that would be attending.

The board was asked to also provide two years high school work for

students attending the school center.

## March 22, 1929. Location of New School.

At a meeting of the Crittenden County Board of Education with Fred F. McDowell, superintendent of county schools, unanimous approval was given for the consolidation of six schools near Repton. Schools to be consolidated are Post Oak, Seminary, Applegate, Going Springs, Moore’s and Oakland.

The county board of education, after making a close study of the school situation around Repton and Mattoon, have definitely decided to carry out the program and have the new school ready for the coming term, provided the citizens keep their part of the agreement with regard to contributing labor.

Old school property is to be sold and the proceeds used in helping to finance the construction of a modern five-room building to be used as a school center.

Much of the labor for the building of the new school house was promised free of charge, the promises being made at a recent community meeting held at the Post Oak School house.

The location for the new consolidated school is to be near Mattoon, a central location for the schools involved in the project.

No teacher will have more than two or three grades at best.

## May 17, 1929. Construction Starts

J. C. McGraw, Sullivan contractor, will start to work at once on the construction of the framework of Crittenden County’s first consolidated school, which is being built near Mattoon on U. S. Highway 60.

The foundation is complete and was laid in place by volunteer labor from citizens of the six districts to be consolidat-



The Mattoon Consolidated School, consisting of grades 1-8, plus a 2-year high school, is seen completed and ready for opening day in the fall of 1930. Also shown is the motor transportation that would be provided for the students from the closed districts. It was the first consolidated school in Crittenden County and one of the first in the state, according to Supt. F. F. McDowell.

ed. Later the people will be asked to build steps and outhouses and to beautify the grounds.

A large basement has been made and will contain a heating system, a lunch room and a home economics department. The new building will have six rooms and a large auditorium and gymnasium combined.

It is estimated that there will be between 175 and 200 pupils in attendance.

After the first year, in order to meet the needs of the enrollment, Mattoon became a four-year high school.

## April of 1931. First Graduating Class.

Mattoon High School had four students to graduate. They were Frederick Brown, Mary Evalena Cook, Lee Etta Howerton and Alma Leta Nunn. This was the first graduating class from Mattoon High School. Mr. H. W. Faith was principal at this time.

## Dec. 18, 1953. School destroyed by fire.

The graded school building at Mattoon was destroyed by fire yesterday, Dec. 17. The one-story frame structure contained six classrooms, an auditorium, and two offices.

The fire, of unknown origin, was discovered about 4:00 o’clock p.m., after everyone had left the building and gone to their homes at the time when the school had been dismissed for the day.

The Marion Fire Department was called to the scene of the blaze, but the fire had already gained such headway that the Department could render practically no help. All the contents of the building were also

lost in the fire.

The Mattoon School was formerly a high school in the county system, but had been a graded school for the past several years. The high school was discontinued and consolidated into the Crittenden County High School at Marion.

## July 1954 – New Modern School

In July of 1954 Braxton McDonald, superintendent of Crittenden County school system, gave his report to The Crittenden Press on the progress of the new school being constructed.

A modern new building is now being erected at Mattoon to replace the old structure that was destroyed by fire. This new elementary unit is for students in grades one through eight, contains six classrooms, an office, large restrooms, storage and furnace room, lunch room and kitchen combination and later a multi-purpose room.

The new building will be one of the most modern in the county. Its dimensions are 55x133 feet and also has indoor toilets. The new one-story edifice is situated on the lot of the old school, is of concrete block and brick veneer construction.

The enrollment at Mattoon is around 200, which now includes the enrollments from nearby one-room schools of Baker, Dempsey, Bells Mines, Weston, Heath, Prospect, and Hoods Creek.

McDonald also pointed out that the Mattoon Parent-Teachers Association had raised money through public donation to build the cafeteria and are also planning to equip it.

When school opened that fall of 1954, the

new Mattoon school was ready for the students.

## Spirit Lives On.

Mattoon school had been through many changes during its lifetime. The consolidation of more one-room schools, the removal of the high school grades to Crittenden County, then later the seventh and eighth grades being moved to the Crittenden County Middle School and the final ending with the closing of the school in the fall of 1981 as they were consolidated with the new Crittenden County Elementary School in Marion.

All our communities

hated to see the closing of their schools. It is hard on the community, parents and students to lose their neighborhood schools. It is devastating to a community when it loses its school.

But I’m sure the Spirit of Mattoon will always live in the hearts of the students that once went to school there.

*(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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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 bill 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)

On April 1, 2024, Cooper Towing & Recovery of Marion, KY picked up a 1996 Mazda truck Vin# 4F4CR16AX-VTM17809, no plate on vehicle, at request of the owner and took it to 3425 Mott City Rd., Marion KY. Vehicle belonged to Justin Coursey, 1868 US 60 E, Salem, KY. Vehicle will be sold to recover towing and storage fees June 7, 2024. Contact Cooper

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Kentucky Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 9:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time (8:00 AM Central Daylight Time), in the case of *In the Matter of: Electronic 2023 Integrated Resource Plan of Big Rivers Electric Corporation*, Case No. 2023-00310, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses. The hearing will be held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room (Hearing Room 1) of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Service Commission of Kentucky issued an order on April 11, 2024, scheduling a hearing to be held on May 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of direct and cross examination of witnesses in Case No. 2023-00422. This is an examination of the Electronic Investigation of Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company Service Related to Winter Storm Elliott.

This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

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5th District Standings

DISTRICT SOFTBALL STANDINGS		
Team	Overall	Dist
Trigg County	14-14	3-0
Livingston Central	26-3	2-1
Lyon County	12-14	2-2
Crittenden County	11-15	0-5

DISTRICT BASEBALL STANDINGS		
Team	Overall	Dist
Lyon County	18-5	6-0
Livingston Central	10-14	3-3
Crittenden County	15-11	2-4
Trigg County	8-12	1-5

Games through 5-7-24

OUTDOORS

Turkey harvest slows

Hunters reported mixed reviews on the 2024 wild turkey season that ended on Sunday after 23 days of hunting. Crittenden County's harvest of 357 birds was the second lowest total in the last four years. Many hunters reported being shutout during the season. Earlier than normal warm weather and heavy foilage made hunting more difficult. In 2023, Crittenden County produced 413 spring gobblers. Over the final week of season, local gunners took just 27 birds. Between 2002 and 2013, the county's harvest was never under 400. In multiple years the harvest was over 500 during that span. Livingston County's harvest this spring was 300, down 41 birds from 2023.

FOOTBALL

Rockets' schedule

Here is the 2024 Crittenden County Rocket football schedule.

**Scrimmages**

Aug 9 Marshall County, home  
Aug 16 Madisonville, home

**Regular Season**

Aug 23 Webster County  
Aug 30 Union County (Military Night)  
Sept 6 at McCracken County  
Sept 13 at Hopkins Central  
Sept 20 Bye  
Sept 27 at Owensboro Catholic  
Oct 4 at Murray High  
Oct 11 Ohio County (Young Rockets)  
Oct 18 Mayfield (homecoming)  
Oct 25 at Caldwell County  
Nov 1 Calloway County (Sr Night)

Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	May 18 - June 21
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Ground hog	Year Round

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Rocket senior Casey Cates readyies to frame a pitch during a recent game against Union County. Photo by Dawn Summers.



**BASEBALL**  
**CCHS wins in Illinois**  
The Rockets beat Pope County, Ill., Tuesday in a game at Southeast Illinois College's ballpark.

Kaiden Travis had a double and triple for the Rockets and Hudson Stokes had 4 hits, including a double. Chase Conyer also doubled and pitched 7 innings for the win, striking out 10.

**Rockets fall 8-0 to MHS**  
Murray scored half of its runs the third inning to beat the Rockets 8-0 in a three-team Saturday doubleheader at Morganfield.

CCHS managed just 3 hits. Chase Conyer doubled and Asa McCord and Tyler Belt each singled. Otherwise, the Rockets had virtually no base runners as Murray pitching walked just one.

Four Rocket errors were costly as Murray had 7 hits and just 1 earned run against CCHS pitchers McCord and Belt.

**Rockets 1-hit by Braves**  
Union County jumped on the Rockets early, plating 2 runs in each of the first 3 frames and two Braves pitchers combined for a 1-hitter to beat CCHS 6-3 Saturday at Morganfield.

Tyler Belt had the Rockets only hit, but his team scored 2 unearned runs on walks and errors.

Chase Conyer started pitching for the Rockets, but went just 1.2 innings before Jeremiah Foster came on to finish it. Foster fanned 6 over 4.1 innings, allowing 2 hits and 2 runs.

**SOFTBALL**  
**Girls rocked at Webster**  
Crittenden County was rocked hard in 2 innings Monday in a 7-1 loss at Webster County.

The Lady Trojans greeted starting CCHS pitcher Brodi Rich with 9 hits and 7 runs before she was lifted in the third. Elliot Evans finished the game in the circle, quitening the bats, but the Lady Rockets were unable to get the offense going.

Crittenden's only run came on a fourth-inning solo homer by Andrea Federico. It was her ninth dinger of the season. Evans, Elle McDaniel

and Morgan Piper had the only other hits for CCHS.

**Soft start to win at Mayfield**  
Despite a soft start on a road trip Friday to Mayfield, Crittenden County found its groove in the third inning and blasted the Cardinal girls 16-6. Crittenden trailed 4-0 before scoring all 16 runs in three innings to end the game after the fifth frame due to the mercy rule.

Elliot Evans had 4 hits and scored 3 runs. Andrea Federico and Morgan Piper had 2 hits apiece and Jaycee Champion knocked in 3 runs. Brodi Rich had 2 RBIs. Evans threw the first 4 innings, striking out 6 and Rich closed out the game in the circle.

**CC falls in 8th to Colonels**  
Despite having the top of the lineup at the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Lady Rockets were unable to break a 4-4 tie and moved on to extra innings against Christian County last Thursday where they lost 8-6.

A 3-run homer by Andrea Federico – her 8th of the season – tied the game in the bottom of the fifth. Jaycee Champion, who has been on fire at the plate, led CCHS with 3 hits. Elliot Evans scored 2 runs and Federico had 3 RBIs.

Evans and Brodi Rich did the pitching. Rich struck out 8 over 5 innings. Evans was tagged with the loss.

**TRACK AND FIELD**  
**Girls relay squad sets new mark at Area 1**

Crittenden County's 4x800 relay girls continue to perform incredibly well this season. On Saturday, the foursome broke its own record for the third time, posting a time of 11:25.32 in the race at Paducah's Area 1 Championships.

Members of the relay team in order of start are Mary Martinez, Presley Potter, Aubrey Grau and Ella Geary.

Following are complete individual performances by Crittenden County athletes participating at the day-long meet in Paducah.

The First Region Meet is May 18 at Murray.

**GIRLS**  
100 Meters 30. Kylie Bloodworth 16.26, 31. Ruby Peek 16.47.



This relay team broke its own record again on Saturday, for the third time this spring. Mary Martinez, Presley Potter, Aubrey Grau and Ella Geary ran 11:25.32 in the 4x800.

200 Meters 24. Shelbi Belt 30.59, Karsyn Potter 30.98.	4x800 Relay 5. Crittenden 11:25.32 (M.Martinez, P.Potter, A.Grau, E.Geary).
400 Meters 16. Shelbi Belt 1:09.70, 23. Presley Potter 1:17.59.	<b>BOYS</b> 100 Meters 33. Gaige Markham 12.94.
800 Meters 15. Ella Geary 2:54.06, 20. Aubrey Grau 3:01.50.	200 Meters 24. Gaige Markham 26.44.
1600 Meters 9. Mary Martinez 6:01.96, 18. Ella Whitney 7:16.63.	400 Meters 24. Matthew Valentine 1:00.34, 27. Aiden Musser 1:05.
3200 Meters 8. Mary Martinez 13:43.95, 10. Ella Whitney 16:12.77.	800 Meters 26. Landon Starkey 2:33.53.
Discus 5. Karsyn Potter 96-10, Aubrey Grau 57-01.	1600 Meters 12. River Rogers 5:24.29, 18. Landon Starkey 5:37.40.
High Jump 13. Presley Potter 4-02.	3200 Meters 9. River Rogeres 12:00.31, 16. Landon Starkey 12:53.54.
Long Jump 18. Ella Geary 13-07.25.	Discus 23. Grayson James 94-05, 30. Bryan Chaney 69-0.
Shot Put 15. Karsyn Potter 23-09, 26. Layken Gilchrist 17-09.	Long Jump 22. Gaige Markham 13-11.75.
4x400 Relay 8. Crittenden 5:00.15 (P.Potter, E.Geary, K.Potter, S.Belt).	Shot Put 13. Grayson James 35-02, 28. Bryan Chaney 23-02.



Lady Rocket second baseman Morgan Piper prepares to make a throw to first after fielding a ground ball.



Rocket athlete Gaige Markham lands during a leap in the running long jump recently at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Fredonia softall, baseball sign up

Registration for Fredonia's recreational baseball and softball leagues is now open. Sign ups run through May 18.

Register by picking up a form in Fredonia at Feagan's Furniture, Fredonia Valley Bank or Akridge Farm Supply.

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# Female-owned businesses occupy Club

BY ALLISON EVANS  
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Mandi Shuecraft and Veronica Herrington are part of a time-honored tradition on East Carlisle Street, both opening new businesses in an old building designed by women for women.

Both of the women’s business ventures are in keeping with the original goal for the Woman’s Club constructed in 1926. It was designed with office spaces on either side of a large auditorium designed for monthly club meetings.

The terms repurposing or retique, used to describe painting techniques for furniture, weren’t likely part of the 1926 vernacular when women showed up dressed to the nines for Woman’s Club meetings.

Yet the spaces – Studio 124½ and Glam-R-Us – provide both Shuecraft and Herrington, respectively, a place to practice their trades. Women serving women, just as prescribed by building’s original developers.

Shuecraft’s business is flipping furniture, specifically taking outdated wooden pieces and bringing them back to life with paint or stains .

“A lot of pieces are heirlooms that people don’t want to get rid of, but they want updated to a modern boho style and



New Marion business owner Mandi Shuecraft applies a coat of paint to a display case she will use in her shop.

don’t know the proper steps to do it,” she said.

Her partner Whitey Champion, who she’s known since they were in elementary school together in Tolu, will join her with embroidered and appliquéd shirts among other handcrafts.

Two doors down, Herrington modernized the other office space into a salon where she also sells clothing and jewelry.

Shuecraft’s shop, which will open later this

month, will sell Fusion Mineral paint along with pieces she repurposes for resale.

It’s a hobby that has grown into a full-time job, and she has COVID-19 to thank for it.

“I worked for Audubon Area Head Start when we were sent home in May 2020, and that’s when I decided to paint my end tables,” Shuecraft recalls. “I watched some YouTube videos and I knew a lady in Madisonville who was really good.

wanting updates to their old wooden furniture.

The interior of Studio 124½, which is the business address, was painted a soft coastal green for the re-opening, thanks to help from Shuecraft’s father Danny Byford. Her brother Jared Byford bought the three-unit building when it ceased being used as the Woman’s Club in 2023 and renamed the auditorium The Venue, which is rented for special events.

The building was built in 1926 by J.N. Boston & Sons to fulfill the need for the clubhouse as well as “a rest room for the out-of-town women who come to Marion to do their shopping,” according to original news reports at the time of its development.

Shuecraft hopes to utilize The Venue from time to time to teach the techniques of painting or staining furniture.

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The University of Florida’s Book of Insect Records says the noises cicadas “sing” are how they communicate, reproduce and even scare predators away.

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# Greenwell thrives at local eatery

BY ALLISON EVANS  
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Dustin Greenwell will tell you that love can turn an electrician into a restaurant owner who trades concerns over voltage and wattage to that of food supply and staffing.

As a result, he's as passionate about The Front Porch as he is his new bride, Marion restaurateur Katie Wheeler.

Greenwell's enthusiasm for the restaurant industry and praise from co-workers and patrons has put him in the spotlight for the food service category of The Crittenden Press' 10 Under 40 community recognition program. His wife Katie was the 10 Under 40 food service honoree in 2022.

Greenwell grew up on a farm in Mattoon with vastly different career goals than managing a Marion restaurant. After graduating high school in 2017 he began a five-year program to become an electrician. Halfway through that process, he began moonlighting at his fiancée's restaurants, The Front Porch and Game Day. Last month the couple said "I Do."

Greenwell places food and drink orders for both restaurants, monitors food costs and spends the majority of his time cooking and overseeing a staff of teenagers at The Front Porch, all the while monitoring the stores of freshly-made tarter sauce, hand-breaded hushpuppies and homemade cornbread.

"Sunday morning I made 250 hushpuppies and they were gone in less than two hours," he said.



It isn't uncommon for The Front Porch to run through 225 pounds of catfish each week or fill every table three or four times on a midday Sunday shift.

"It was a big change for me when I started working with Katie," Greenwell said. "While I was still in electrical, the first year I left for work in Paducah or Hopkinsville at 4 a.m., and worked (at The Front Porch) afternoons and on weekends or at Game Day, and fell in love with it."

Soon he traded his tool belt for an apron and joined Katie full time in the restaurant business.

Greenwell enjoys teaching teenage employees, multi-tasking during the rush of a busy shift and coordinating the young but mature staff. The restaurant is the first job for most teenagers, offering the couple a chance to train but also build relationships. To reward their work, the couple has taken the staff to Holiday World and plans to visit a zoo this summer.

His electrical background also makes Greenwell a built-in handyman when a dishwasher or refrigerator go down.

He's a good leader, his wife says.

"He leads by example," Katie said. "The way the kids

respect him is really cool, and the kids become confident they can do anything."

Greenwell enjoys being part of his employees' growth.

"They come in so scared, but as soon as they do it three or four months, they learn team building, and the restaurant business teaches them how talk to people respectfully," He said. "They're good kids."

Special sandwiches or dishes at The Front Porch often are the result of Greenwell's experimentation, and oftentimes he tries new recipes out on Katie's family, including her dad, former Front Porch owner Bill Wheeler.

"He made a catfish sandwich with slaw and bacon a couple of weeks ago and called it the 'Cat Shack,' and a bunch of people loved it," Katie said. "Another time he made a Memphis BBQ wrap that had half a baked potato, pulled chicken and slaw."

At Game Day, where his wife spends most of her time, the Greenwells are doubling the size of the game room and have purchased an adjacent building for expanded private dining and a dance area.

"Without Dustin, I wouldn't have The Front Porch," Katie said. "It's not from a lack of passion, but it became exhausting being at both restaurants from open to close, and I couldn't expand Game Day without him."

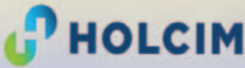
"One hundred percent, The Front Porch wouldn't be here without him. He saved The Front Porch."



The two are never short on conversation at the end of the day. Their evening "recaps," as Katie calls, them involve topics in the same genre but different chapters since each report their daily experiences at the couple's two Marion

restaurants. "Even when we are in the same building, we are in different zones," she said. "He's in the back, I'm in the front." She thinks they make a good team. "Awesome," he says.

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