



## Club, restaurant officially under new ownership

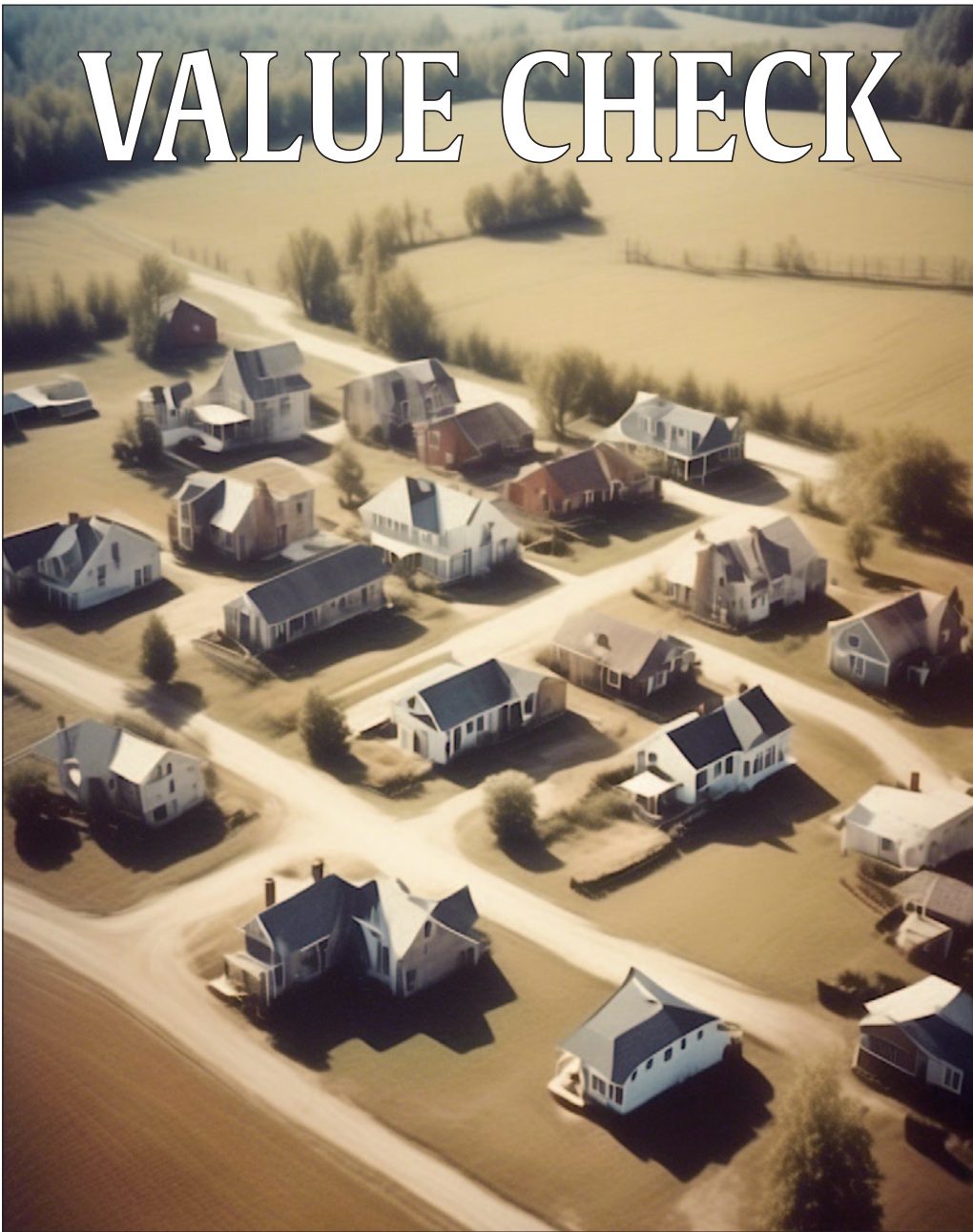
The Heritage Golf Course, swimming pool and Mulligan's restaurant – all part of the former Marion Country Club complex – has officially changed hands. The facility's changeover, reported a few weeks ago in The Press, is complete. Janson James, a Marion native who now lives in Murray, is the new owner. The restaurant has temporarily closed during a brief transition phase. The club had since 2015 been owned by Californian Eddie King, who grew up in Fredonia. King had rebranded the country club as The Heritage Golf Course. In order to plan for the future of the facility, James is conducting a community survey. To participate, scan the QR code above or go the following link <https://forms.gle/HBjRSDP2QD4wZBij9>. Names of everyone who completes the survey will go into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to Mulligan's. The restaurant is temporarily closed during the changeover. The golf course remains open.

## Brown gets life for murder

A Marion man who pleaded guilty in September to killing a Livingston County woman in her home near Carrsville on March 27, 2021, has been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for 25 years. Claude Brown, 27, appeared Tuesday before Livingston Circuit Judge James Redd, who handed down the life sentence for murder. Brown also pleaded guilty to felony first-degree burglary. That sentence will run concurrently with the murder sentence. Brown was convicted of taking the life of 56-year-old Karla S. Haley. "It is a sad case. I am glad the victim's family can at least put the court process behind them," said Commonwealth Attorney Carrie Ovey-Wiggins. Brown was working with others nearby when he walked into the victim's home for a glass of water, he told investigators. He stabbed the woman to death with an ice pick.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, Nov. 14 – Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., at Rocket Arena.
- Monday, Nov. 18 – Fredonia City Council meets at 7 p.m. at city hall.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission meets at 8:30 a.m. at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Salem City Council meets at 5 p.m. at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Thursday, Nov. 21 – Crittenden County Fiscal Court meets at 8:30 a.m., at the county office complex.



# VALUE CHECK

## Market value on rural homes, land show remarkable increase

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

Jimmy Riley reflects on his decision to move to this part of western Kentucky more than 20 years ago. Like many others in recent years, Riley was drawn by the availability of larger, affordable tracts of land suitable for recreational uses like hunting.

Originally from Marshall County, Riley found it challenging to secure affordable land elsewhere, as high prices and limited availability made it difficult to acquire enough land for some "elbow room."

Choosing to buy in Crittenden County allowed him to purchase enough property for recreation and still give him plenty of capital to build a home on it.

Over the years, Riley has purchased three tracts totaling about 450 acres, starting 25 years ago when land was available for around \$500 per acre.

Homes and land have both seen steady increases in value over the two decades, punctuated by significant growth in

the past five years.

Rural homes in Crittenden County and surrounding areas have in some cases doubled or tripled in market value over the past 5-10 years, particularly during the recent period of high inflation.

Analysis of home sales data, gathered from records held by Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator Todd Perryman's office reveals that properties across the entire county saw sharp increases in sales prices, underscoring a trend driven by a number of factors, and undeterred by high interest rates over the last couple of years.

One notable example is a 1½-story home on 2.3 acres, which sold earlier this year for \$140,000. This sale price represented a 75% jump from its 2017 value of \$80,000. Built in 1991, the 1,920-square-foot property, featuring four bedrooms and two bathrooms, exemplifies the appreciation trend seen across similarly sized homes and

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## CASES IN POINT

Following are documented home sales in Crittenden County using different frames of reference for periods, areas, types of homes and sizes. Information was gleaned from public records in Crittenden County PVA's office.

### 2018 to 2024

A 1.5 story home on 2.3 acres in rural setting with square footage of 1,920 on main floor and 320 in the basement sold for \$140,000 earlier this year, a 75% increase from its previous sale in 2017 for \$80,000. The home features 4 bedrooms, 1 full and 1 half bath and was built in 1991. At the time of the most recent sale, the land was valued at \$6,000.

### 2012 to 2024

A single-story ranch-style home on 10 acres in a rural setting around six miles from town with 1,327 square feet on the main floor and a full base-

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## Down in Town

Minor disassembly of the courthouse has begun in downtown Marion. Last week, crews removed a conspicuous piece from the building. Soon a perimeter fence will go up and the entire building will be razed. The county name etched in stone will be repurposed elsewhere in the community, where is not certain yet.

## Our deer to Souls ratio

In Crittenden County, where the deer population is nearly outnumbered by hunters, the figures themselves tell a story as wild as the November wind. With a human population reported at approximately 8,957, and an estimated 8,683 deer roaming our 222,720 Crittenden County acres, it seems we have a nearly one-to-one ratio of humans to whitetails. But how, you ask, did we arrive at this particular head count making up our battalion of hunters?

The answer lies in a little reverse engineering. Here's the story: Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates an average of 25 deer per square mile – just over the number of awkward relatives at Thanksgiving dinner. Turning that statistic into something a bit easier to digest, we have roughly one whitetail for every 26 acres in our fair county. So, give or take, Crittenden County is home to a herd of about 8,683 Cervidae within our border – that's a scientific name for a hoofed ruminant ungulate, otherwise known as your garden variety deer.

Back to the math, and here's the juicy part, tallying the hunters. Kentucky deer hunting success rate hovers somewhere around 25% to 30%, according to wildlife specialists, meaning only about a quarter to a third of hunters go home with fresh venison for the freezer. From my ciphering, it turns out that to harvest the 2,668 deer bagged last season, we'd need somewhere around 8,900 hunters. That's right, through arithmetic, it's conceivable to believe that an impressive deer militia practically the size of our entire community itself, is roaming the woods in search of a prized buck. There is a caveat to the figures, however. Some hunters take two, or even more deer. That skews the math a bit and would make it difficult to write into my equation. Suffice it to say that at least a third of our county considers itself a deer hunter. That would mean we'd need 5,000 more gunners to take the deer on the books for 2023, until you deduct for doubletakers. It's merely a guess, but there might be an additional 1,000 to 1,500 who show up once or twice a year like some folks do for church on Christmas and Easter.

While Crittenden may not be the deer capital of the world, it certainly has a broad reputation for whitetail hunting, consistently ranked among the highest harvest counties in the commonwealth. That's how we can mathematically get to a number of hunters that is equal, if not greater, than half the county's entire population. If there are nearly 9,000 souls here, math tells us there almost has to be 4,500 hunters afield in order to thin the herd as we do each fall.

Hunters flock to this

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Chris EVANS  
Press Editor & Publisher  
About Town






### ‘Meat’ Your Farmer

An introduction of local producers who sell Crittenden County beef, pork, lamb and poultry was incorporated with a meat cutting demonstration by UK meat specialist Dr. Gregg Rentfrow Tuesday night at Marion & Company. The event, coordinated by West Kentucky Grown and the Crittenden County Extension Service, was attended by more than two dozen, including members of the 4-H livestock club. Clockwise from top left, Rentfrow demonstrates how to properly cut a whole beef ribeye into individual steaks and small cat steaks; Lizzy Roper serves samples of Crittenden County pork and beef burgers cooked on site. Conrad’s Market inside Marion & Co. sells locally-raised protein from six local producers.

## Leadership opportunity

### Regional insight focus of WKRCA class

Applications for the third class of Leadership West Kentucky are being accepted through Dec. 6. Crittenden County citizens interested in growing leadership potential and joining an informed network of citizens are encouraged to attend. Representatives from counties within the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance (WKRCA) will meet six times in various locations January through June and participate in tours, interactive exercises and class discussions throughout the multi-county WKRCA area. The intent of Leadership West Kentucky is to introduce participants to regional topics such as transportation, education, economic development, quality of life, advocacy, agriculture and tourism. The outcome of the program is increased skills, knowledge and perspective from a regional network. TVA is the presenting sponsor of the program, which will welcome 30 people into its third class in January. Apply or learn more at [wkrca.org](http://wkrca.org).



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## Deaths

### Brown

Stephen Kent Brown, 63, of Marion, died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024 at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah. Stephen was a member of Emmaus Baptist Church. Surviving are a brother, Terry (Terri Sue) Brown of Franklin; a sister, Debbie (Doug) Johnson of Marion; a nephew, Jason Brown; a niece, Lisa Brown; several great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Frances (Howard) Brown. Graveside services were Saturday, Nov. 9 at Tyners Chapel Cemetery with Terry Brown officiating.



## Community Calendar

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

- Thursday, Nov. 14**
- Virgil Jones VFW will meet at 6:30 p.m., at its building, located at 412 N. College St., in Marion. All veterans are welcome to attend.
  - Line dancing begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Center.
- Monday, Nov. 18**
- A Wits Workout for adults begins at 1 p.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19**
- Hooks & Needles club meets at 1 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.
  - Crittenden County Elementary School SBDM will meet at 4 p.m., in the school library.
- Wednesday, Nov. 20**
- Walk in the Park begins at 3 p.m.
  - Crittenden County Middle school SBDM will meet at 3:45 p.m., in the principal's office.
- Thursday, Nov. 21**
- Crittenden County High school SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the school library.
  - Crittenden County Public Library's board of directors will meet at 5 p.m., in the meeting room.
  - Crittenden County Public Library's Friends of the Library organization will meet at 6 p.m., in the library meeting room.



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Local experts say acreage, either accompanying a home or standing alone, has seen a big price jump lately, even property that is not suitable for farming.

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land in the county’s rural areas.  
Longer-term value growth is also evident in a single-story ranch home on 10 acres, located about six miles from town. Purchased for \$159,900 in 2012, it recently changed hands in 2024 for \$255,000 — a 59% rise over 12 years. This 1,327-square-foot residence, built in 1965, reflects how both newer and older properties have been swept up in this increase.

Even shorter-term sales provide compelling evidence of rapid appreciation, some of it linked to inflationary factors. A 930-square-foot home on 13 acres in the county’s eastern region increased in value by 42% between 2020 and 2024, from its previous sale price to a current \$250,000. Additionally, a 2,560-square-foot manufactured home on 11 acres in Crittenden County demonstrated a 71% price surge, selling for \$132,500 in 2020 and reaching \$227,000 earlier this year. Several other properties throughout the region show similar value escalations, including a three-bedroom, one-bath home built in 1943. Situated on five acres, this property saw a 56% value increase from \$122,000 in 2016 to \$190,000 in 2023. Another residence in Marion nearly tripled its value, selling for \$108,000 in 2024 after being purchased for \$36,500 in 2013.

Overall, data indicate that rural homes and their corresponding land values in Crittenden and perhaps other surrounding counties have risen sharply, with inflation appearing to play a significant role. While this trend has enriched some property owners, it also suggests broader challenges for prospective buyers facing escalating prices in a seller’s market.

For comparison with the rural property values in Crittenden County, there are similar trends across all of rural Kentucky, where recent market pressures have created higher prices for buyers.

For instance, home values in Todd County doubled from 2013 to 2022, with an especially rapid rise between 2020 and 2022. This reflects similar increases in property values seen in Crittenden County. Average home prices in Todd County climbed from \$92,359 in 2013 to \$188,847 by 2022, based on information gleaned online. Eastern Kentucky has seen a more gradual increase in home prices alongside a shift from

homeownership to renting. In Pike County between 2016 and 2022, average home values rose by 50%, from \$46,401 to \$69,620, mirroring patterns of modest appreciation seen in other Kentucky regions under rising interest rates.

Across the state, property values in rural areas reflect broader trends in the Kentucky real estate market, according to Zillow. Data from Lexington, for example, show annual property assessment increases of up to 10%, contributing to significant valuation gains over four years.

Assessed value of all real estate in Crittenden County has risen 123% over the past 25 years, including a strong 6.8% increase between the summer of 2023 and 2024. A review of property valuation figures, based on records in the Crittenden County PVA office, indicates a marked increase since 1998 when all real property was assessed at \$189 million. In 2024, the assessed value of real property in the county has swollen to \$422.1 million.

Real estate is land, homes, buildings, barns and other permanent improvements. The county PVA routinely evaluates and updates values based on a variety of factors, including the price when a parcel sells on the open market. Assessed land values are typically lower than market prices as they are based partially on soil types and hypothetical production values.

## Undeveloped land up, too

The value of undeveloped land in Crittenden County has also seen significant growth since 1997, driven initially by an influx of property investors moving away from sprawling metropolitan areas in the South. Today, this trend is bolstered by Baby Boomers from the North who are either returning to their roots or seeking affordable places to retire. This demand continues to reshape the local market as retirees and investors alike are drawn by Crittenden County’s low property taxes and affordable cost of living.

In addition to retirees, outdoor enthusiasts have fueled rising prices for raw land. Recreational interests remain strong, as Crittenden County offers desirable land for hunting and outdoor activities. These attractions make the county’s real estate market particularly appealing to both sportsmen and investment buyers.

In the late 1990s, undeveloped land without crop potential in Crit-

tenden County was selling for approximately \$600 per acre. However, in the early 2000s, when paper manufacturer Westvaco sold its local timberlands in large parcels, recreational buyers and speculators drove prices up to more than \$1,000 per acre. In 2008, Kimball International, a furniture manufacturer based in Jasper, Ind., sold nearly 12,000 acres along the Tradewater River in Crittenden and Union counties to a timber investment organization partnered with the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This transaction, which ultimately led to the creation of a Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area, was for around \$1,900 per acre.

By 2020, a portion of that former Westvaco land spanning over 600 acres resold in Crittenden County for \$1,386 per acre, more than doubling in price in less than 20 years. Now, it’s worth strikingly more as illustrated by a recent 300-acre cattle farm in Crittenden County that sold at public auction for approximately \$4,200 per acre. Similar values have been observed in neighboring areas like Caldwell County near Fredonia, where prices have also surged.

According to Bart Frazer, a seasoned Marion real estate attorney with deep knowledge of the area’s property market, local prices have been slower to adjust compared to surrounding counties, much like Jimmy Riley had explained.

“Crittenden County is just now catching up with neighboring regions. While it’s not quite Union County farmland, properties we’ve closed on in Livingston County have consistently commanded higher prices (than Crittenden),” Frazer explained.

For prospective buyers, Frazer believes that Crittenden County real estate remains a strong investment.

“It’s still appealing compared to across the Tradewater River in Union County’s fertile farmland. Although the yields aren’t as high, most people buying Crittenden County land are interested in deer hunting and investment value,” he said.

Frazer notes that cash deals have become more common, likely due to interest rates still hovering above eight percent.

“Land is a good hedge against inflation,” he added, emphasizing the enduring appeal of land ownership as a long-term investment in Crittenden County.

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ment sold in 2012 \$159,900. A dozen years later, it sold in 2024 for \$255,000, a 59% increase. Featuring 3 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms, the home was built in 1965. Acreage is valued at \$31,800.

## 2020 to 2024

On 13 acres in a rural setting, a 930-square-foot ranch-style home with a full basement in the rural eastern part of the county sold in 2024 for \$250,000, which was 42% more than when it had soled four years earlier. Built in 1980, the home has 2 bedrooms and 1 bath.

## 2020 to 2024

A 2,560-square-foot 2006 manufactured home on 11 acres in rural Crittenden County has sold three times over the past four years. The 11 acres it sits on is valued at \$34,000. It sold in 2020 for \$132,500, again in 2023 for \$190,00 and most recently earlier this year for \$227,000. That’s a 71% jump from 2020 to 2024.

## 2016 to 2023

Built in 1943, a home out in the county sitting on 5 acres has sold twice in the past two decades. The frame home with 3 bedrooms and 1 bath has 1,356 square feet on one floor. The acreage is valued today at \$15,000. In 2016 it sold for \$122,000. Last year, the price was \$190,000, up 56%.

## 2013 to 2024

Over the past 11 years a vinyl-sided 960-square foot home in Marion appreciated by 195%, based on its sale price earlier this year. On a small lot, the 3 bedroom, 1 bath home of 960 square feet sold in 2024 for \$108,000. In 2013, the price was \$36,500 when it last had changed hands. The home was constructed in 1994.

## 2018 to 2023

A 2003 manufactured home in rural western Crittenden County has sold three times over the past six years. With 1,680 square feet of living space, it sits on about 1.5 acres. The price tag for this home when it sold in last year was \$100,000. It had sold in 2018 for \$75,000 and in 2020 for \$87,900. Over a half dozen years, it had appreciated in sales value by 33%.

## 2017 to 2023

Constructed in 1996, a 1,615-square-foot manufactured home northeast of Marion on 8.6 acres saw its value increase 76% from \$85,000 to \$149,000 from separate transactions in 2017 and 2023. The acreage is valued at \$22,500.

## 2020 to 2022

A vinyl-sided, 1.5-story home in the northwestern quadrant of the county with 3 bedrooms sold in 2022 for \$95,400. It’s on less than a half acre and was built in 1923. The home had sold in 2020 for \$65,000. The increase over two years was 47%.

## 2021 to 2022

In just one year the value of a frame/brick home in rural Crittenden County, sitting on about 6.5 acres increased by 27%. With 2,711 square feet, the 1.5-story home was built in 1972. The land is valued at \$20,000.

## 2021 to 2022

In Marion, an older 1,209-square-foot, 1-story frame home on a small lot sold for \$62,000 in 2021 and resold for 28% percent more in 2022 at \$79,500.

## 2017 to 2021

In Greenwood Heights subdivision in Marion, the value of a home went up 37% between 2017 and 2021. When it was sold in 2017, the 1-story, brick veneer ranch-style house built in 1973 went for \$85,900. It has 3 bedrooms and 1 bath and includes 1,758 square feet of living space. In 2021, it resold for \$118,000.

# Veterans Treated

Members of the local 4-H organization leadership teams served lunch to veterans on Veterans Day Monday. Pictured in top photo at right serving are (from left) Marlee Sosh, London McCord and Caroline Martin. Veteran Robert Deboe is in the service line. In the bottom photo are veterans (from left) Ronnie Riley, Paul Crowell and Bill Fuller.



Shoulder injuries and shoulder surgeries are among the most difficult to overcome. That is why it is important to receive skilled therapy.

Jim Tolley knew that and turned to the professionals at Crittenden Community Hospital’s Rehabilitation Department after surgery to repair three rotator cuff tendons in his shoulder and a tendon in his bicep.

In August, Tolley began seeing Occupational Therapist Andrea Lovett three days a week.

“After 6 weeks I was released by my physician, and he was amazed that I could heal and have full range of motion after 6 weeks of therapy,” Tolley said.



Occupational Therapist Andrea Lovett and Jim Tolley

The Rehabilitation Department at Crittenden Community Hospital ensures positive results through

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To increase the speed at which he could get back to fishing and golfing, Tolley added one hour of walking three days a week to increase blood flow and promote healing to the recovering shoulder.

“I appreciate the Rehabilitation Department staff and their knowledge and expertise,” Tolley said. “I had no setbacks. Adhering to therapy and walking really accelerated my progress.”



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county in droves during rifle deer season, filling our restaurants and creating lines at the gas pump. On Friday night, I am told, there was at least a 30-minute wait at every eatery in Marion.

We are fortunate that so many enjoy the sport of deer hunting. Our insurance carriers are too. I must confess, though, that I spend more time as an observer of whitetails than a shooter. Bird watching sounds like a dainty affair, but I guess what I do in the fall is a close cousin.

My buddy Dwight Sherer and I were talking before the football game

Friday night about how most of us evolve from shooting the first buck we see as a youngster to becoming a professed trophy hunter and in the end being a conservationist and mere wildlife observer.

To me, it’s more fun than shooting them because when a deer is downed, you have a body on your hands. And some of you understand how labor intensive that can be, not to mention a whitetail buck smells like middle school boys’ locker room.

I’m not much of a numbers guy, but what this all means for the deer population is that thank God someone likes doing it. As long as our hunters

keep their sights on maintaining a balanced population of deer vs. humans, there’s a good chance we’ll be able to avoid a deer invasion on Main Street anytime soon. Although I have before seen a small herd hoofing it across the courthouse lawn.

In the end, it all adds up – or at least, I am confident enough to say it does, so long as you don’t double-check the math too closely!

Chris Evans has been editor of The Press for over 30 years and is the author of South of the Mouth of Sandy, a true story about crime along the Tennessee River. You can find it on Amazon or wherever books are sold.



## Salem hosts hearing on trash Tuesday

Salem is set to hold a public hearing on Nov. 19 to discuss the establishment of an exclusive franchise for solid waste management services within the city limits. The hearing, scheduled for 4:45 p.m., at the Deer Lakes Meetkng Room, aims to gather feedback from citizens and other stakeholders.

The proposed franchise would cover both commercial and residential waste management services, addressing an area currently without such a service provider. The move is in compliance with KRS 109.0417, which mandates public input on the matter.

City officials encourage residents and business owners to attend and share their perspectives on the potential franchise agreement.

A shakeup in garbage collection in Crittenden County last year had some trickle down affect on Salem. With a population of about 800, Salem has about 475 utilities customers in the greater Salem area.

Trash collection became a bit fragmented in 2023, Salem Mayor Gary Damron said last spring, particularly after GFL Environmental pulled out when it lost the franchise contract last year in nearby Crittenden County. With a regional headquarters in Princeton, GFL cancelled service to its Salem area customers because is was not logistically practical to keep them without having the contract in Crittenden.

Right now, Salem has a handful of independent and corporation providers, who each have small shares of the customer base. Livingston County does not provide an exclusive county-wide franchise as does Crittenden.

## Crider earns award during mock trial

Crittenden County native and Western Kentucky University senior James Crider earned the Outstanding Attorney award following a mock trial competition last month.

Crider's team competes in a half dozen events each year using 500 pages of facts, case law and witness testimonies during mock trials at universities across the United States.

Based on judges' scores, Crider earned top attorney honors during a competition at Ole Miss.

"The case is the same at every event but there are several different combinations of witnesses and evidence, so we very rarely see the exact same case twice," Crider explained.

The facts for the events are provided by the American Mock Trial Association using slightly modified federal rules of evidence to simulate actual court trials.

"We compete in four rounds with two rounds each day over the weekend," Crider explains. "Our rounds are usually three and a half hours long. We are judged by actual judges or attorneys with extensive experience litigating."

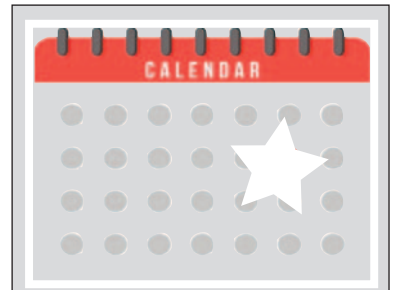
This is Crider's third year competing on WKU's mock trial team. He is captain of the team and was an all-region attorney at the conclusion of last year's competition.

Crider is a senior finance major and the son of Ken Crider and Becky Johnson of Marion. He plans to attend law school in 2025.

## Livingston Bale Trail winners announced

Livingston County Bale Trail winners were announced recently on the trail's social media platforms. Fan Favorite was Bluey's "Adopt, Foster and Rescue" on Bizzell Bluff Road in Burna. It was created by Janet McGregor and family.

On Palmer Road in Smithland was McCormick Mischief, which



### Dates: Things to Do

- The Living Christmas Tree will have shows at Fohs Hall on Dec. 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15.
- Salem's Christmas Parade will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30. The theme will be Christmas Movies. Call 988-2600 for more information.
- Marion's Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7. The nighttime parade's theme will be White Nights and Magical Lights. Call 270-965-2239 for information or to register a float.
- Fredonia Christmas Parade is a 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6.
- Cumberland River Homes in Salem is having a "Christmas Laugh Out Loud" celebration and fundraising event on Dec. 13 at Salem Baptist Church, featuring some big-name entertainers.

took first place in the Traditional Division and Fall Wagon in Grand Rivers was second.

In Non-Traditional Division it was Bluey again in Burna. Cumberland Rivers Homes' bale feature in Salem was second and Just Keep Swimming at Green Turtle Bay in Grand Rivers was third.

## Bridge replacement in Beulah finished, commuting improves

Commuters between here and Madisonville will find their drive is a bit easier now that a bridge just west of Madisonville has been re-opened.

Following a little more than five months of construction, the KY 70 (Beulah Road) bridge over Richland Creek in Hopkins County is now open to traffic.

The \$1.5 million state highway improvement project began on June 24 and was completed last week. The new structure replaces a bridge that was constructed in 1965.

The bridge carries around 2,000 vehicles per day between Madisonville and the Beulah area.

## MCC breaks enrollment mark with fall registration

Madisonville Community College has announced an increase in student enrollment for the fall 2024 semester, with a projected final count of 3,569 students. This represents a 1% increase over the previous fall term and marks the highest fall enrollment at MCC since 2019, reflecting a steady return to pre-pandemic levels.

Enrollment increases were notable among both degree-seeking students and those enrolled in non-degree workforce training programs. Dual credit students, those in high school earning college credit, remained stable compared to recent terms as well.

"We are so excited to share that enrollment is growing and back to pre-pandemic levels. Students in the region see the value of what we offer and appreciate the depth and quality of our academic programs and support services," said MCC President Cindy Kelley. "There has never been a better time to enroll at the college to pursue your passions and your career in-



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ests. We are ready to get students on track to great careers."

Applications are now open for the spring 2025 semester, with a variety of state and private scholarships available to help students fund their education.

## Fredonia hosting benefit 5K race

Fredonia is inviting runners and walkers to lace up their sneakers and join the annual Turkey Trot, a 3.1-mile race through Fredonia aimed at supporting a local cause. Hosted by Fredonia Valley Bank and Fredonia First Baptist Church, the event will help fill Christmas Food Pantry boxes with essential holiday items for families in need.

The Turkey Trot will kick off at 8 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 23, at Fredonia First Baptist Church. Registration can be completed online or on the day of the race at 7:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$20.

Proceeds from the event will go toward providing food and holiday necessities to those in the community who might otherwise go without. For more details or to volunteer, reach out to organizers Emmili Perkins at emmili.perkins13@gmail.com or Alaina Lamm at alamm@fredoniavalleybank.com.

## 5K raises almost \$2.3K

Crittenden Community Hospital in cooperation with ABBA Promotions, Benton Ford, the health department, Farmers Bank, First United Bank, H&H Home & Hardware and The Peoples Bank raised \$2,289.00 for the veteran's program Mission 22 during its 5K run last weekend. There were 46 runners.

## Ongoing traffic issues bear another mention

A couple of ongoing traffic issues continue to affect local motorists. Both have been reported earlier in The Press, but bear repeating.

Cave-in-Rock Ferry continues to run on abbreviated weekend hours. Saturday and Sunday hours are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., while weekdays continue on a normal schedule from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. This schedule will remain in place while the ferry operator seeks to fill job vacancies on the ferry crew.

KY 295 remains closed at Lyon County and Crittenden County line at the Livingston Creek Bridge due to structural issues. Signs and barricades are posted. Engineers anticipate ongoing environmental and design work will progress to allow plans for a new bridge to be ready for bidding in a few weeks. However, construction is not expected to be complete until next fall.

## Crittenden County's taxes are now due

Crittenden County tax bills were mailed a couple of weeks ago. They are payable at a two-percent discount during November and face value throughout December. In January, there is a 5% penalty. After Jan. 31, there is a 10% penalty and an additional add-on fee to the sheriff for late collection. If you have not received your tax bill, contact the sheriff's department.

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## 50 YEARS AGO

### November 14, 1974

■ After being without a resident state trooper for about four months, Crittenden County welcomed Ronald Kirk, a county native and a 1967 graduate of Crittenden County High. Kirk had been a trooper since July 1971. He came from a Ballard County assignment and had also served in Greenup County.

■ In a Veterans Day program at Marion Elementary, branches of military services were honored. Students also paid tribute to war heroes, known and unknown, living and dead, for the sacrifices they made in ensuring our nation's lasting freedom. The program titled "Let Freedom Ring" was directed by Imogene Winstead, school music supervisor.

■ Roger and Steve Tinsley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tinsley, stayed busy after school raking leaves. By that afternoon the falling leaves had been replaced with falling sleet, and forecasts hinted that the season's first snow was just around the corner.

■ Greg Morrill of the Crittenden County Rockets (24) appeared to be in a balancing act during action in the Three Rivers Conference basketball jamboree at Lyon County. Other players on the court were Steve Roberts (33), Clark Towery, David Perryman (42) and Keith Cosby (10). Providence beat Crittenden 44-13 in the special 12-minute quarter of play.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### November 18, 1999

■ Robert Cudnick and Gatton Gilkey raced around the Crittenden County High School gymnasium on roller skates during a special physical education class. The elementary school was one of several in the area participating in a skating program offered by Skatertime School Programs. The Illinois-based company leased skates to the school for a two-week period to offer a unique physical fitness class designed to develop balance, coordination, motor skills and offer a cardiovascular workout.

■ Crittenden County's Relay for Life received national recognition for its fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Vickie Tinsley and Glenn Conger displayed the reward banner earned at the District Relay Rally in Bowling Green. The local Relay earned several state, district and national awards for its fundraising activities.

■ Crittenden County Middle School held its annual football awards banquet at the school. Coach Steve Carter presented several awards to players and staff members. Receiving awards were D.J. Medlin, Most Improved; Brent Thurman, B-Team MVP; Chad Copeland, Most Improved; Chris Findley, Sportsmanship Award; Cody Brandon, 110 Percent Award; Demetric Moss, Team MVP and Offensive MVP; Jordan Roberts, Defensive MVP and Lineman Award; Tyler Guess, Sportmanship Award. The team had only lost one game that season.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### November 13, 2014

■ Wiliam Clarke, World War II veteran, stood at attention after being pinned with the red French Knight of the Legion of Honor medal by Kentucky VFW. Senior Vice Commander Randal McComas during an annual Veterans Day ceremony at Rocket Arena.

■ Bristyn Powell and Lacey Etheridge flew to New York City to visit Tyler Etheridge and dined at WD-50 with Elizabeth Guess and Megan Hedy. They took along a copy of The Crittenden Press. Megan, Elizabeth and Tyler all live in Brooklyn. The restaurant, where Tyler also works, is owned by top chef Wylie Dufresne, who also visited with them.

■ Crittenden County youth football players Case Gobin, Jack Reddick and Zach Counts were among 9-year old boys who traveled to Owensboro as part of an all-star team based out of Princeton. The team won second place in the Kentucky Cup Tournament, beating Auburn Saints 39-0, Warren County Rebels 38-0 and a tough Owensboro Predators team 20-19. The undefeated High View Mustangs beat the team from Caldwell County 26-6. The Tigers' touchdown was the only one scored in three years against the Mustangs. Crittenden's Zach Counts received Lineman of the Game for his outstanding efforts in the championship contest.

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# We owe gratitude to veterans

At some point in the early months of 2020, I noticed an unprecedented use of the word “unprecedented.” Since then, political rhetoric has followed with a related set of equally dramatic vocabulary. Included are phrases such as “threat to democracy,” “most important,” and “never seen before.” Such vocabulary fits the thinking and personality of our times.



Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist  
Guest Columnist

One of the joys I have in sharing thoughts here is searching history – religious and secular – for good words from people who have lived in equally “unprecedented” times. These are reminders that “there is nothing new under the sun.” History is not everyone’s interest. However, familiarity with history adds humility and depth to the events that happen around us every day. We need not agree on the interpretation of the constitution of this nation, but useful discussion is not possible without reading it first. The same is true of the Bill of Rights and the subsequent amendments. It is the Constitution of the United States that holds our nation together. It is the Bill of Rights that promotes the ideals by which we strive to live. It is the interpretation and

execution of those ideals that we continually fuss over. It has been a violent journey from the writing of that document until today. There have only been about four years of “civil war” but that is not the only violence done within our borders of one citizen on another. The progress we have made and continue to make has come at a high price. We do well in remembering. It has also been a violent world in which the United States has risen to its current economic and military status. This, too, has come at a high price. It is remarkable that I, entering my seventh decade, have never been threatened by the violence of war. I can say this because there have been others who have stepped into that breach and answered the call to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.” Our nation owes a debt of gratitude to those who have, for whatever reason, served in the military. As a Christian, it would be my preference if such were not necessary in our world, but it is. I do look forward to the time when

it will not be, but in the meantime we all owe a debt of gratitude to those who served. In the 1920 election year the United States was emerging from a World War, a pandemic, an inflation shock (14.7% five-year average in 1920), and change of party in the White House. In July of that year Calvin Coolidge gave a speech accepting the Republican nomination to run as vice-president on the ticket with Warren Harding. On Nov. 11, 1991, President George Bush quoted from this speech in his comments from the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Here is part of Coolidge’s speech that is fitting for us today as we honor our veterans. “Whenever in the future this nation undertakes to assess its strength and resources, the largest item will be the roll of those who served her in every patriotic capacity in the world war. There are those who bore the civil tasks of that great undertaking, often at heavy sacrifices, always with the disinterested desire to serve their country. There are those who wore the uniform. The presence of the living, the example of the dead, will ever be a standing guarantee of the stability of our republic. From their rugged virtue springs a never-ending obligation to hold unimpaired the principles established by their victory. Honor is theirs forevermore. Duty compels that those

# Mary realized the deity of Jesus

**Question:** When Jesus was young, could Mary see He was different from her other children?  
**Answer:** As a virgin, the angel Gabriel announced to Mary, she would have a son. (Lk. 1:30, 31). She knew he would be special because as a virgin she could not have a child unless God gave Him to her. The shepherds, His first visitors in Bethlehem, saw Mary and Joseph and the baby. Upon seeing the child, they glorified and praised God. The Bible says, “Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart (Lk. 2:19). At age 12, Jesus stayed behind in the temple at Jerusalem. His parents anxiously searched for Him. “Why are you searching for me? he asked. Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house” (Lk. 2:49). His question, no

**ASK the PASTOR**  
By Bob Hardison

doubt, helped Mary to realize Jesus was no ordinary son. At the wedding in Cana, the wine ran out. Mary said to Jesus, “They have no more wine.” She instructed the servants, “Do whatever he tells you” (Jn. 2:3, 5). She knew he could do something to meet the need. He changed water into wine. Yes, the Virgin Mary knew early on her son was unique. by observing His actions and listening to His words as he grew and developed in her home, she realized Jesus was deity. She saw the glory of the One and Only, (the Son Of God), who came from the Father (Jn. 1:14). Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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# County begins at Cross Keys

The history of the beginning of Crittenden County has been written many times, but with all the changes that are happening, including the new location for the county offices and a new judicial building replacing our present courthouse, I thought you might find it interesting to go back a little further and see the reason for the new county and why Marion was chosen as the county seat. Much of this priceless information is taken from the works and research of Braxton McDonald and Robert M. “Bob” Wheeler. Through their eyes and their research you can get a real feeling for the beginning of our county and town.

**The Beginning**

In 1839, James Watts was elected to the Kentucky Legislature as representative from Livingston. He was already in favor of forming the new county, as the people that lived in the northeastern section of Livingston County were at a disadvantage.

James Watts was followed by Dr. John S. Gilliam in 1841-1842. Through the efforts of Watts and Gilliam, an act creating a county named in honor of Governor John J. Crittenden was passed. But before this historical event, first came the story of the needed separation for the new county.

The first part of the history of Crittenden County is concerned with the establishment of our county from the northeastern section of Livingston County in January 1842. There was quite a bit of controversy in the late 1830s over the subject of division of Livingston County. The people who lived in the northeastern section were almost unanimously in favor of the forming of new county.

The people living in the southwest section were opposed to the separation. Once a vast territory, Livingston County had dwindled down to a quarter its original size in the space of a little over 30 years, and therefore the economy of the county could ill afford the loss of this mineral-rich land at this time.

It is not known for sure when Dr. Gilliam purchased the 400-acre tract from Robert Woodside, (which included the junction of the only two thoroughfares in northeastern Livingston County), that he already had the intention of this becoming the site of the Seat of Justice of the new county that would soon be formed out of the second division of old Livingston County. However, it does seem quite likely that Dr. Gilliam did have such an intent and knew that this gently-rolling plateau, cradled on the east and south by timbered ridges and on the west and north by the swift-flowing head water of Crooked Creek, was the answer to the needs of the great majority of people of northeastern Livingston County and would make this site the most suited for the erection of a new county seat.

**Reason for Division**

Salem, then the county seat, might as well have been on the far side of the moon, for no direct road from that section of the county to the Seat of Justice, the depository of county tax and land title records, was available. Horseback journeys usually took two days to complete. (The Moore Hill route didn't come available until some half-century later).

The one and only administrative outpost of Livingston County was at Cross Keys, thus the



The first county and circuit court meeting of the new county was to be held in the geographical center of the county, which in 1842 was Samuel Ashley's home, known as Cross Keys Inn. This home was located on the farm of Patty Gilbert and the late Barry Gilbert on Crooked Creek Church Road. The Gilberts, with the help of Henry and Henry Monuments, had this marker made to note this historical location and to preserve the history. This important piece of Crittenden County history can be seen from the Crooked Creek Church Road.

primary reason behind the call for the division of Livingston County in the early 1840s, was the difficulty in getting to the Seat of Justice.

It would appear likely that the far-sighted John S. Gilliam, the “Father of Marion,” had plans in mind. James Watts, who was already in favor of the formation of the new county, had just been elected Livingston County's representative to the Kentucky Legislature, and the immediate need of the sure

availability of the site for the new county's seat of justice had become quite apparent.

Robert Woodside and Ann Woodside, his wife, then living in Perry County, Ill., on March 24, 1840, in consideration of \$2,000 conveyed two tracts of land of 200 acres each (400 acres total) of Livingston County, and Crooked Creek watershed situation to John S. Gilliam.

**Dr. Gilliam builds first building**

Within a few months after the deed was made, Gilliam built a double log cabin, a single building consisting of two square log cabins separated by some 10 or more feet, but with a common and continuous floor and roof with a lean-to added to the rear to serve as a kitchen. This log cabin was located across Main Street from the front of the present courthouse. This building was the

first, and for the first and second generations, one of the principle buildings in downtown Marion serving at various times as a dwelling, doctor's office, tavern and hotel until its destruction by fire about 1885.

At the Livingston County elections of May 1841, Dr. Gilliam was overwhelmingly elected to succeed James Watts in the Kentucky Legislature, and he immediately started composition of an act of that body in its fall session of 1841.

The act creating the new county of Crittenden, in honor of the Governor of Kentucky at the time of its creation from the northwestern portion of Livingston County, was passed in January of the next year and was signed into law by Governor John J. Crittenden on January 26, 1842.

**The establishing of Crittenden County**

The act establishing Crittenden County quite obviously was completed with the clear formulation of the plan to establish the new county's seat of justice at its only really acceptable site – the present location of the city of Marion.

The act directed that the first county and circuit courts were to be held at the home of Samuel Ashley, which was the former tavern and voting place of Cross Keys, at about the territorial center of the newly formed Crittenden County. This site was either at or very near the site of the late Fred Gilbert's residence. This site now is marked by a historical marker made possible by descendant Barry Gilbert. The location was only 1.5 miles north of the

Salem-Bellville crossing on the Fords Ferry Road.

The act also named a Selection Commission and gave them power to receive donations of land for the erection of the planned public buildings of the county, and thus the stage was set for Dr. Gilliam's final step in the formulation of Marion.

The Selection Commission met at the home of James Cruce (this home was located just a short distance south of the Crayne community) on the first Monday in April 1842 and one of the first matters brought before them was Dr. Gilliam's offer of the donation of the cross roads site. (West Bellville, Main Street, Fords Ferry Road and very near his log cabin structure).

The commission was made up of Thomas J. Flannary, Frederick D. Word, Robert N. Lewis, Robert T. Leeper and James Golsen. After three sessions, they recommended to the court that Dr. Gilliam's offer of five acres of land be accepted, and on April 12, 1842, the following deed was recorded: John S. Gilliam & Nancy, his wife, for and in consideration of \$1 and donating to the county of Crittenden certain lands for the erection of public buildings for said county as provided for by an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, have this day, with the advice and consent of the commissioners appointed by said act to locate said county seat, conveyed to the Justices of the County Court and their successors in office forever, for public use, all that certain piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the county aforesaid at the crossing of the Belleville and Main Road to Fords Ferry Road. One square being on the southwest corner of said crossroads being laid off by said commissioners for a public square. Thus began the construction of the new county's Seat of Justice.

(Dr. John S. Gilliam, the father of Marion, and his wife, Nancy S. Gilliam, at one time had stones in the Old Marion Cemetery. Both of their stones are now on the list of the stones that are missing or destroyed.)

The act of the legislature incorporating the town of Marion was passed and signed by the governor on Feb.22, 1844. The town was named after Gen. Francis Marion of the Revolution. John S. Gilliam, Harmon Hubands and James Duvall were appointed to lay the town off, which they did.

(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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EVELYN HAYES, EXECUTRIX on behalf of ESTATE OF JUDITH NEWCOM and JERRI ANN DUNCAN VENABLE and her husband, CODY VENABLE, PLAINTIFFS vs. SYDNEY SWIFT; KARLYNN NICOLE MCCANDLESS; ALEXANDRA HOPE MCCANDLESS; JAKE ALLEN MCCANDLESS; KENNETH STEWART; JERRY MCCANDLESS; MELINDA MCCANDLESS; KEVIN NEWCOM; SCOTT MCCANDLESS; ELLI MAY MCCANDLESS, minor; HARPER MCCANDLESS, minor; MRC RECEIVABLES CORP.; LVNV FUNDING, LLC. NOTICE OF SALE. By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, I will on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Crittenden County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, 42064, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit: Property Address: Farm Tract – Tract 2 in Deed Book 167, Page 261 Map No. 067-00-00-002.04. The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. GIVEN under my hand this the 22nd day of October, 2024. STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Special Master Commissioner (3t-47-c)

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CHARLES THOMAS INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RAYNA LYNN GRIMALDI; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF RAYNA GRIMALDI; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES THOMAS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAYNA GRIMALDI; UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF RAYNA GRIMALDI, DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF SALE By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 2024, I will on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Crittenden County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, 42064 proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit: Property Address: 511 East Bellville Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 Parcel ID: 070-40-06-018.00 The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 5.12500% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. GIVEN under my hand this the 22nd day of October, 2024. STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Special Master Commissioner (3t-47-c)

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er will offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:00 a.m., Monday November 25, 2024, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive (the Crittenden County Courthouse being under demolition), Marion, Kentucky, the following described property: Property Address: 802 North Weldon Street, Marion KY 42064 MAP ID: 057-50-03-003.00 A certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky and described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pin on the East side of North Weldon Street and being 15 feet from the center of same, and in Steward's driveway; thence North 51 ½ East 145 feet to a stake, corner to Sherer; thence with his line South 32 East 115 feet to a stake, a new division corner; thence a new division line and splitting lot 2 as shown on the plat attached to a Deed, 145 feet to an iron pin on the East side of North Weldon Street; thence with the East side of the street North 32 West 90 feet to the point of beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Larry Simpkins and Linda Simpkins from Franklin Hazzard and Dee Hazzard, by Deed dated October 25, 1982, recorded in Deed Book 139, at Page 552. Linda Simpkins Penn conveyed all her interest to Larry Simpkins by Quitclaim Deed dated July 15, 1992, recorded in Deed Book 163, Page 271, and Office of the Crittenden County Clerk. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above: At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent

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# CRITTENDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONOR ROLLS

Following are names of students on the All-A and All A and B honor rolls at Crittenden County Elementary School for the first nine weeks.							
<b>2nd Grade</b> <b>Class: Bloodworth All A's</b> Rhett Mathews <b>All A's and B's</b> Zayden Todd Rion Bingham Zander McFarland Zaylie Tinsley <b>Class: Board All A's:</b> Easton Burton Rylee Fralix Caleigh Maddux Ruth Martinez Charlotte Vince Jentry Wright <b>All A's and B's</b> Beckett Bebout Brayton Brown Elora Byers Breckin Gardner Jason Greenwell Brighton Guess Haven Henager Allie Brooke Kirk Maci Paris Nolan Schulz Case Winters <b>Class: Guess All A's</b> Brady Hall Aiden Vasquez Anaiya Maraman Darren Curnel Bryza Curnel Miguel German Ethan Claybrooke <b>All A's and B's</b> Lilly Besaw Kendall Buell-Belt Faith Crotty Weston Gilkey Greysin Girdler Lyliah Householder Evelyn James Jayden McKnight CJ McLean Cella Russell James Thacker	Presley Tyner <b>Class: Scott All A's</b> Crea Farmer Bryleigh Godwin Hunter McConnell Jagger Renfro Kooper Wagoner Nora Waters <b>All A's and B's</b> Lauren Boone Serenity Clifford Heaton Davis Lynleigh Hubbard Aleciayah Alvarez-Hudson Thomas Riley Novah Seets  <b>Class: Shewcraft All A's</b> Dawson Curtis <b>All A's and B's</b> Grace Godwin Gage Mayers Tyler Sample Cade Collins Will Gass Karlie Hewitt Liam Hill Matthew Millikan Bennett Sunderland Colton Teeters Jensen Tinsley Natalie Travis  <b>3rd Grade</b> <b>Class: Cappello All As:</b> Beckett Hunt Joe Marshall Easton Meade Koleson Tinsley <b>All A's and B's</b> Hayden Atwell Ryan Cummings Jack Davis Cooper Ellington Sadie Gobin Arrow Jent Quincy Louden Mia Rose Elizabeth Scott Tinley Smith Boone Tabor Addy Tinsley Chiles Trail Ella Tramble Hezekiah Warren	<b>Class: McKinney All A's</b> Asher Belt Grayson Congenie Jemma O'Neal Ayden Oliver Cassius Sou-vongkham Ivy Thacker Bryar Whittington <b>All A's and B's</b> Connor Buchanan Elizabeth Dunbar Felicity Galloway Easton Koon Blayze Moss Wayland Kern Kailea Mason  <b>Class: Stowe All A's</b> Anna Beth Black-burn Chloe Cates <b>All A's and B's</b> Ari Connors Phoenix Dominy Avery Epley Leeland Rasdall Kiyah Rowley <b>Class: Young All A's</b> Mckenzie Greenwell Jake Morse Maddie Muff Chase Winders <b>All A's and B's</b> Paezley Barnes Remi-Spurlin Belcher Drew Bryant Leighton Bumpus Toni Grace Cosby Brylee Curnel Raelynn Forsythe Hadlee Henager Annalese Maraman Joelle Russell Ella Rustin Hadley Sherer Wren Smith Carson Story Dagen Taylor Madison Winterrowd  <b>4th Grade</b> <b>Class: Boling All A's</b> Blake Beck	<b>All A's and B's</b> Mury Amaya Kayson Atwell Addison Borden Braylen Brown Lane Dismore Callie Godwin Chelsey Lynch Lucian McDowell Londyn Newcom Bennett Tabor Bryson Tidwell Josh Walker <b>Class: Harris All A's</b> Nathan Travis <b>All A's and B's</b> Trace Belt Asher Blake Ava Crisp Abbagayle Fugere Gracie Freeman Jasely Guess Norrisa Manus Addison McElroy Davis Polk Grayson Prichett Harper Riley Aliyah Taylor <b>Class: Parker All A's</b> Trinity Clifford <b>All A's and B's</b> Jo Adams Logan Alexander Ryker Bryant Liam Frederick Brilee Gardner Carson Hackney Macy Larue Reagan Stokes <b>Class: Schoensiegel All A's</b> Adelyn Cosby Hudson Cummins <b>All A's and B's</b> Alexis Arnold Omar German Christian Peek Rylann Thomas  <b>5th Grade</b> <b>Class: Fralix All A's</b> Adrial Nelson Waylon Wood <b>All A's and B's</b> Tate Cavanah Landyn Claybrooke	Bryan Curnel Brooke Dahl John Dreihaupt Barret Greenwell Caleb Harris Brady Louden Landry Pollard Max Reedy <b>Class: Jones All A's</b> Nilony Russell <b>All A's and B's</b> Zavian Bell Cadie Buchanan Dakota Conner Xander Jones Jerrod Kirk Emma Knowlton Carly Mardis Fiona Miller	Shayde Piper Gannon Taylor Makinnah Tramel Jase Wallace <b>Class: Perez All A's</b> Catelynn Maddux Sam Morries Mattie Moss Wil Myers <b>All A's and B's</b> Ben Brantley Aaliyah Butts Cam Cornwell Graiclynn Curtis Callie Hildebrand EmmaShae Holland Melina Keller Aria Kinnis Elijah Manus	Addie McMackin Ava Morrison Brooklyn Riley Luke Stokes Lukas Williams  <b>Class: Wheeler All A's</b> Parker Brown Jaxon Courtright Kayleigh Duvall Conner Partee <b>All A's and B's</b> Phillip Barnes Bryce Dayberry Danielle Farmer Aria Ford Cutler Hunt Wyatt Maddux Kora Belle Penn	Liam Schultz Paige Tinsley <b>Class: Winders All A's</b> Knox Champion Russell Vince <b>All A's and B's</b> Addy Adamson Tia Belt Aiden Carroll Blaklie Green Elizabeth Greenwell Jared Rogers Kynslee Shepherd Jonah Waters Koltyn Woodall Griffin Wright

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**Students Recognized**  
Students of the month in Critenden County Schools for October are (from left) seventh grader Aaliyah Curnel, fourth-grader Kam-dyn Matthews and second-grader Brady Hall. Not pictured are third grader Odin Nicholson and senior Kaymon Young.



## Council of Councils

Crittenden County Middle School students Kinlee Wood and Dally Millikan compile a list of kindness initiatives used and suggested for their school during last week’s Council of Councils held at Rocket Arena during a board of education meeting. The Council of Councils is a collaborative program aimed at providing insight and guidance for policymakers in the school district.

## Regional recycling remains at standstill

STAFF REPORT  
Residents in Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties are still waiting for the return of a certified recycling program.  
Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom reports that delays continue in securing a provider. Initially, a tentative deal was being explored with a Houston-based company, but progress has been slow, prompting officials to pursue alternative options.  
“We’ll be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to gauge interest from other companies,” said Newcom. “We’ve started receiving calls from other in-state providers who might be able to step in.”  
However, he cautioned that a restart

remains “a ways off.”  
In the meantime, the Crittenden County Convenience Center continues to accept select recyclable materials, including aluminum cans, copper, steel, appliances and computers.  
Cardboard, plastic and paper recycling is unavailable until a certified program can be reestablished.  
Newcom hopes to expand the current five-county coalition, noting that some counties have already been hauling recyclables as far as Clarksville and beyond Evansville.  
“The interest to expand our group is definitely there,” he added, “but until we secure a reliable provider, we’re at a standstill.”

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# SportsShorts

## VOLLEYBALL Porter is All State HM

Carly Porter was recognized by the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association as an All State Honorable Mention performer. Porter led the team in kills and blocks this season and was also the Second Region Player of the Year.



## FOOTBALL Boone senior sendoff

Crittenden County graduate Tyler Boone was among senior football players honored Saturday before the Murray State football team lost 59-31 to Missouri State. The Racers are 1-9 this season and will close out the season on the road at Kentucky and SIU over the coming two weekends.



## BASKETBALL CCHS preseason hoops

Crittenden County's Lady Rockets will have their first pre-season scrimmage at 10:30 a.m., Saturday in the Rise Up Panaroma at Madisonville against Edmonson County. The Rockets will scrimmage at home on Saturday, Nov. 23. The team is hosting a multi-team event and CCHS will play Dawson Springs at 1:30 p.m., in the opener and Christian Fellowship at 2:15 p.m.

## Reddick at Gulf Coast

Marion resident Jack Reddick, a freshman guard at Florida Gulf Coast University, played 11 minutes and had one assist in his team's 67-51 loss Friday at Texas Christian. Gulf Coast has opened its season with two straight road losses. Reddick and the Eagles are off until they play at Drake on Nov. 16. The team will be in Cincinnati on Nov. 24.

## Guess scores 31 for Lindsey

After four games Crittenden County High School graduate Taylor Guess is averaging 18 points per game and 5 rebounds for Lindsey Wilson's women's basketball team. She scored a career-high 31 points Monday as her Blue Raiders remained undefeated with a home win over Cincinnati Clermont at Columbia, Ky. Guess is the team's starting forward and was CCHS's career scoring leader.

## CCMS homecoming games

Crittenden County Middle School's basketball homecoming game and coronation ceremony will be Thursday night at the middle school gym. The eighth-grade girls' and boys' teams will play a doubleheader with the boys playing Trigg and girls hosting Dawson Springs. Tipoff is at 5:30 p.m.

## OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Deer Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Turkey Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Deer Rifle	Nov. 9 - Nov. 24
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 9 - Dec. 31
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Woodcock	Nov. 11 - Dec. 11
Bobcat	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Squirrel Fall	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Dove	Nov. 28 - Dec. 8
Duck	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1
Canada Goose	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Coyote Night (lights)	Dec. 1 - March 31
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Turkey Shotgun	Dec. 7-13
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 14-22
Dove	Dec. 21 - Jan. 12
Deer Youth Free	Dec. 28-29
Coyote	Year Round
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# Rockets wiped out in playoff opener

## Crittenden settles for 4-7 final mark

OWENSBORO, Ky. – For the fifth time across the last 13 seasons, Crittenden County's football playoff aspirations have come to an end in Owensboro. The Rockets lost Friday on the road 41-13 to Class 2A's top-ranked Owensboro Catholic.

The Catholics had scored twice just five plays into the game, courtesy in part to a Rocket fumble. The Aces stayed on the gas, posting 35 points in less than 13 minutes following the opening whistle – thanks, again, in part – to two more CCHS turnovers in the early going.

Crittenden had been "clock'd" in the first minute of the second period.

In a sense, the Aces' fast start hurried the Rockets' slow walk to the virtual gas chamber that has existed in playoff games at O'Cath over the team's association in Class 2A. When the running-clock mercy rule kicked in, misery was mitigated to an extent.

Crittenden was unable to gain any momentum at all, and the game was never close – a slight contrast to the Rockets' first loss (51-0) at O'Cath six weeks ago when they were able to compete for a time.

One of few bright spots for CCHS was a 75-yard kickoff return by Caden Howard that put Crittenden in scoring position in the first quarter. Yet that chance was squandered when the Rockets went four and out in the red zone.

Senior Tyree McLean scored twice in the second half – on a pass from junior QB Quinn Summers and on a 1-yard run – to get CCHS on the scoreboard against O'Cath reserves.

Crittenden entered the playoffs as a No. 4 seed in the regional post-season format after going winless in league play this season. Next fall, the district makeup will change a great deal. It will be a six-team league with newcomers Fort Campbell, Trigg County and Todd Central joining Crittenden, Mayfield and Caldwell County in the Class 2A First District. Murray High, a district foe in recent years, will be leaving the league as part of KHSAA's reclassification.



Rocket offensive coordinator Austin Berry sends in a play with QB Quinn Summers and receiver Noah Byford (9) as graduate assistant coach Travis Blazina listens in.

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Crittenden County	0	0	6	7
Owensboro Cath	27	8	6	0

SCORING PLAYS				
OC-Xavier Maddox 13 pass from Brady Atwell (kick failed) 11:15, 1st				
OC-Deron Crowe 13 pass from Atwell (Andrew Garvin kick) 10:29, 1st				
OC-Miles Edge 10 pass from Atwell (Garvin kick) 7:03, 1st				
OC-Edge 48 run (Garvin kick) 2:36, 1st				
OC-Edge 18 pass from Atwell (Waryn Eblhar pass from Atwell) 11:17, 2nd				
CC-Tyree McLean 6 pass from Quinn Summers (Adri Berry kick failed) 6:19, 3rd				
OC-Shaiden Mitchell 12 run (pass failed) 1:40, 3rd				
CC-McLean 1 run (Berry kick) 5:47, 4th.				

TEAM TOTALS				
First Downs: CCHS 11, OCHS 12				
Penalties: CCHS 3-15, OCHS 6-51				
Rushing: CCHS 12-11, OCHS 21-203				
Passing: CCHS 14-26-1, 170; OCHS 15-20-0, 197				
Total Yards: CCHS 181, OCHS 400				
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 2-2, OCHS 2-1				

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
Rushing				
CCHS: Brayden Mahnke 4-11, Trae Taylor 1-0, McLean 1-1, CamRon Belcher 1-8, Summers 5-(-9).				
OCHS: Mitchell 7-34, Crowe 1-4, Vince Carrico 3-15, Edge 2-60, Dremail Carothers 1-(-6), Carter James 2-16, Atwell 5-74.				
Passing				
CCHS: Summers 14-26-1, 170. OCHS: Atwell 13-17-0, 180; Carothers 2-3-0, 17.				
Receiving				
CCHS: Caden Howard 3-31, Brayden Poindexter 1-24, McLean 4-45, Belcher 4-44, Taylor 1-10, Mahnke 1-16. OCHS: Maddox 2-51, Crowe 1-13, Ebhlar 3-32, Carrico 1-17, Edge 2-28, Cameron Woodward 1-9, Noah O'Nan 2-18, Russ Boarman 1-12, Carter James 2-27.				
Defense				
CamRon Belcher solo, assist; Landon Curry 3 assists; Blake French 3 solos; Brayden Mahnke 6 solos, assist, TFL, fumble recovery; Tyree McLean 2 solos; Michael Porter solo; Kaiden Travis solo, TFL; Braydin Brandsasse 2 solos, assist; Caden Howard solo; Brayden Poindexter 5 solos; Trae Taylor 2 solos, assist; Noah Byford 3 solos, assist; Gaige Markham solo, assist; Eli Lovell solo, assist.				
Records: Crittenden 4-7, Owensboro Catholic 11-0				



## Middle School Cheerleaders

Crittenden County Middle School cheerleaders (seated from left) are Raylin Curnel, Kailee Atwell, Hadley Peak, Adilyn Curtis, (standing from left) Kat East, Charlie Rogers, Gracie Muff, Bella Cornwell, Callie Robinson, Ally Smith and Kate Epley.

**KHSAA PLAYOFFS**

This week's high school football matchups

**Class 5A**

Bowling Green (9-2) at Owensboro (8-3)

Graves County (9-2) at South Warren (10-1)

Moore (7-4) at Atherton (9-2)

North Bullitt (6-5) at Grayson County (9-2)

Highlands (9-2) at Woodford County (10-1)

Scott County (6-5) at Cooper (11-0)

North Laurel (5-6) at Southwestern (6-5)

Madison Southern (5-6) at Pulaski County (7-4)

**Class 4A**

John Hardin (9-2) at Paducah Tilghman (11-0)

Allen County-Scottsville (9-2) at Bardstown (8-3)

North Oldham (9-2) at DeSales (8-3)

Spencer County (8-3) at Franklin County (10-0)

Johnson Cent. (8-3) at Covington Catholic (9-2)

Mason County (8-3) at Ashland Blazer (10-1)

Letcher Central (6-5) at Boyle County (11-0)

Wayne County (8-3) at Corbin (10-1)

**Class 3A**

Adair County (10-1) at Union County (9-2)

Franklin-Simpson (6-5) at Hart County (11-0)

Garrard County (8-3) at Central (8-3)

Christian Academy (8-3) at Mercer County (7-4)

East Carter (7-4) at Lexington Catholic (5-6)

Lloyd Memorial (9-2) at Russell (8-3)

Lawrence County (8-3) at Bell County (10-1)

Rockcastle County (10-1) at Belfry (9-2)

**Class 2A**

Caldwell County (5-6) at Mayfield (8-2)

Murray (8-3) at Owensboro Catholic (11-0)

Washington County (8-3) at Monroe County (6-5)

DuBois (5-6) at Lexington Christian (9-2)

Breathitt County (6-5) at Beechwood (10-1)

Bracken County (9-2) at Somerset (7-4)

Betsy Layne (9-2) at Prestonsburg (10-1)

Martin County (8-3) at Shelby Valley (5-6)

**Class A**

Campbellsville (9-2) at Russellville (6-5)

Holy Cross (6-5) at Kentucky Country Day (8-2)

Bishop Brossart (9-2) at Newport Catholic (8-3)

Newport (8-2) at Ludlow (8-3)

Paris (7-4) at Sayre (11-0)

Eminence (6-4) at Raceland (7-4)

Hazard (7-4) at Williamsburg (8-1)

Paintsville (4-7) at Pikeville (6-5)



Georgia Holeman, 16, bagged this 10-point buck Saturday morning while hunting with her father in Crittenden County.



Maddie Hearell, 14, took this 11-point buck on the family farm in Crittenden County Saturday afternoon.



## Slow start to rifle deer hunting here

Warm weather, a washout on Sunday and an overall downward trend in opening weekend harvests over the past few years are among likely culprits to a slow start for the 2024 modern firearm whitetail season in Crittenden County.

Hunters in Crittenden County got out of the chute very sluggishly last weekend. The opening two days of season typically net about 650 deer or more, but hunters only bagged 465 with 323 deer taken on opening day. Those figures are even worse than last fall when Crittenden County hunters bagged 527 opening weekend, which included 345 taken on the season's first day.

Only a few years ago, Crittenden customarily checked around 900 deer on an opening weekend of rifle hunting and was among the top two or three counties in Kentucky for harvest totals. Now, Crittenden is 15th with 1,013 deer taken during all fall seasons.



# 100 is not too bad, says Angela Tosh

BY ALLISON EVANS  
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With tennis shoes on her feet and white hair sprayed perfectly in place from a recent trip to the beauty shop, Angela Tosh jumps up from her comfortable chair in the living room. She is remarkably spry, has a mind like a steel trap, and defies public perception of someone about to celebrate her 100th birthday on Nov. 20.

"I don't know how I'm supposed to feel," she said. "Sometimes I feel pretty old, but other times I feel pretty good. "I don't feel like I think I should at 100."

Tosh walks with ease, only keeping a walker nearby during the night. She still drives into Marion weekly to get her hair done and backs her car into her carport when she returns home. She lives alone, sees well, and hears pretty good with her century-old ears, aided by hearing aids.

She has had a pace-maker for about four years, but otherwise has always been in good health.

Her daughter Cathy admits her mom gets around better than she does and has a keen sense of direction when they visit doctors in Evansville.

Walking every day for 40 years for exercise is the main reason Tosh believes she's maintained good health.

She loves to read, particularly a series of fictional books based on Amish culture, and gets annoyed by repeat calls from companies trying to sell her Medicaid insurance.

Her mind's rearview mirror holds images from The Great Depression, the 1937 Flood, World War II, raising children in the 1950s, and a happy life with her husband, including the excitement of their first television, which she thought was "extraordinary."

"People don't have time to live anymore; they've just got to be working all the time – it's work, work, work; you never get through.



Angela Tosh would go back to the 1950s if she could.

"In the summertime especially, people used to finish their day's work and maybe go see a neighbor, visit with a neighbor. Do you ever hear of that anymore? We used to visit our neighbors like that."

One of the social activities among her eastern Crittenden County farming neighbors was annual hog "killins" – definitely pronounced "killins."

"We would all get together with the Gahagans and Brantleys so we could help each other," she recalls. "The men and women both. We would grind sausage and sugar-cure hams."

The most memorable event in her lifetime was the 1937 Flood, when western Kentucky received 18 inches of rain in 16 days, destroying houses and businesses in her hometown of Blackford, once bustling with banks, groceries, hardware, drug stores and restaurants.

"If you saw that, you saw something," Tosh said, recalling her family packing all of their belongings onto a barge and floating out over the swollen Tradewater River in search of higher ground.

"I was 12 or 13, and we were living in the school, but we couldn't keep the water out of the furnace in the basement," she said. Her father, Otto Morgan, a carpenter, relocated his family to a home he was building across a big hill from Blackford on what is now Blackford Church Road. The family never re-

turned to Blackford.

There were other times during high water when her dad used a hand-made boat to shuttle her across floodwaters so she could walk to U.S. 60 and catch the school bus to high school in Mattoon. She attended school in Blackford through eighth grade and Mattoon through 12th grade.

That might seem like hard times for her, but she said her parents had it worse.

She recalls her father's long days working on the construction of Dam 50 and Kentucky Dam.

"He had a car he had to drain the water out of every night so it wouldn't freeze, and fill it up the next day before he could drive to work," she said. "People talk about hard times now, but they don't know anything about hard times. They have it easy. I had it easy compared to what my mother and daddy had."

If she could go back to any period of her life, it would be to the 1950s, when her daughters Cathy and Janie were young. She also wouldn't mind going back to her teenage years – a time she was sheltered by her mother, Amby Morgan.

"My mother wouldn't let me go anywhere, but eventually I did get to go with my brothers," she said.

She went to church with her future husband, Glenn Tosh, who was friends with her brothers. As a teenager, she would tag along to "picture shows" in Marion or Sturgis.

"That's how we heard about the war," she says, speaking of World War II.

During their engagement, Glenn Tosh spent a year serving in World War II. He was discharged to care for his ailing father.

"People said, 'Glenn is quite a bit older than you. He is nine years older,'" she recalls. "I don't know how we could have gotten along any better, so it worked out," she said.

The couple married in 1943. Daughter Cathy was born in 1945 and

Janie in 1950 at the old Crittenden County Hospital on Walker Street.

She only worked outside the home for eight years at the pants factory in Sturgis. Otherwise, she canned vegetables from a large garden, helped her husband on their farm by driving the tractor during hay-hauling season, and supported him in his auction business.

"He was the only auctioneer in Crittenden County," she recalls.

Glenn Tosh loved politics, evidenced by his

public service as a magistrate, hospital and school board member, election worker and Crittenden County Farm Bureau board member.

She learned to drive when she was 18 so she could take her mother to Evansville to visit her father in the hospital after a serious fall on a job site.

Tosh's birthday celebration will begin at 2 p.m., Sunday at Repton Baptist Church. Cards may be mailed to Tosh at 11691 US 60 E., Sturgis, KY 42459.

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## Kentucky voting system had 99-year-old Crittenden woman on 'deceased' list

STAFF REPORT

At age 99, Betty Edwards isn't one to let a little mix-up keep her from voting. But on Nov. 5, when she arrived at her usual polling place at Deer Creek Church near Sheridan, Edwards was surprised to learn that, according to state records, she was no longer among the living.

"I was beginning to think I wasn't going to get to vote at all," Edwards said with a laugh. "But they finally worked it out so I could."

Edwards, who grew up near Tolu and has voted at Deer Creek since moving back to Crittenden County in 2020, had no issues voting in the 2020 general election. However, this year, election officials could not find her in the system. Her son, Thomas Edwards, who accompanied her, explained that it took two forms and a call to Frankfort to finally get her voting record sorted out. They spent over an hour at the polling station.

"It was kind of funny," Thomas said. "Their records showed 'deceased,' and she was standing right there."

County Clerk Daryl Tabor said the mix-up likely resulted from a recent

large-scale purge of voter rolls by the Kentucky State Board of Elections, which uses data from vital statistics to remove deceased voters.

"I have a feeling that's when she got removed from the rolls," Tabor said. "We certainly regret any inconvenience, but I'm just grateful she wasn't upset."

Throughout the process, Edwards remained patient and gracious, individually thanking the Deer Creek poll workers, including Mandi Shuecraft and Robin Curnel, who helped set her up on an ADA-accessible machine and enlarged the type for easier reading.

Betty's story is one of persistence. Originally from a farm on KY 135 east of Tolu, she has seen a lot in her 99 years. At 21, she ventured to New Mexico, where she met her husband, who was stationed at Fort Sumner. Reflecting on her family, she shared that her mother lived to be 92 and her brother to 94, while her father passed away in his early 60s from cancer. Her maiden name was Bracey.

"I will be 100 May 9, if I live that long," she said with a chuckle. "They probably thought I'm not still here, so they just marked me off. It was an experience, but it was okay."

The election, a week ago Tuesday, saw 4,104 voters cast ballots in Crittenden County, just shy of a record. Tabor said more people actually voted here in 2020, but the percentage was about the same as this year because the purge left fewer on the rolls.

Edwards

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