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ONE DOLLAR

Buying a new car? Can you afford to spend \$1K a month?

Average new-vehicle monthly payments hit a record high in the third quarter of this year as consumers continue to face high interest rates. The average monthly payment on a new vehicle bought between July and September was \$736, up \$33 from a year earlier, say car-research site Edmunds. The average finance charge is 7.4% on new cars, up from 5.7% a year earlier. On average, a new vehicle buyer needed a loan of \$40,149 to finance a rig. Many new vehicle buyers are agreeing to financing terms that include payments greater than \$1,000 a month. In August, the average new vehicle cost was \$48,451, up only \$42 from a year earlier, according to Cox Automotive's Kelley Blue Book.

Student charged in threat

A high school student has been charged with making a false threat that led to evacuation of Crittenden County High School and Middle School Monday. Sheriff Evan Head said the student, a 14-year-old female, was taken into custody and will be facing a single felony charge. The sheriff characterized the situation as a "bomb threat" but said a sweep of the school found nothing and students were never in harms way.

Marion PD back on the hunt for new officer

Marion Police Department's revolving door opened again recently as newly hired officer Mikka Crabtree announced her resignation to accept a position with the Eddyville Police Department. Mayor D'Anna Browning says the search for a replacement has already begun. The mayor plans to name the next police chief next week, presumably it will be a promotion from within the department with Bobby West, the current assistant chief, receiving the nod. A few weeks ago, longtime chief Ray O'Neal stepped down to take a newly created position as security officer at city hall.

Keep on your calendar

Here are upcoming Christmas parades in the area:

- "Polar Express" will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25 in Salem.
- "Light up the Valley" will be at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1 at Fredonia.
- "A Country Christmas" will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 in Marion.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20 at city hall.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the county office complex.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Deer Lakes meeting room.



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This architect's rendering depicts what the proposed Fohs Hall Park project will look like once it is complete. These computer-assisted images were unveiled recently during the Chamber of Commerce Gala at Fohs Hall.

Deep local ties inspiring proposed Fohs Hall Park

BY ALLISON MICK-EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Several interesting local connections will be built into a proposed development across North Walker Street from Fohs Hall.

An architect's computer-generated rendering of the proposed Fohs Hall Park was unveiled recently at the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Gala at Fohs Hall.

A rotunda, which will be a replica of the one located on the grounds of My Old Kentucky Home, will expand Fohs Hall's footprint outdoors and increase opportunities for events and gatherings. It would not be possible without many individuals, but especially the late Linda Schumann.

Schumann grew up in Marion and later retired here. She spearheaded creation of Crittenden County Tomorrow, a non-profit organization, for just this type of community project.

Her original intention was the save Crittenden County's first hospital which originally was built as a home known as the Hayward House. It, and Fohs Hall across the street, was her passion, along with historic preservation and cultural opportunities for local citizens. Though it became cost prohibitive to return the



Schumann

old hospital to its former glory, friends find it appropriate that Schumann's efforts now will be used to expand Fohs Hall's footprint with the rotunda and a colonnade where the Hayward House (hospital) once stood. Crittenden County Tomorrow is a financial partner in the rotunda project, in addition to the Clement Mineral Museum and a state grant. Crittenden County Tomorrow was a couple of years ago bequeathed \$1.2 million from Schumann's estate.

Crittenden County Tomorrow charter member Patty Gilbert said the outdoor development is a

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Man who attacked police chief gets five-year prison sentence

STAFF REPORT

A Marion man has been sentenced to prison for using a steel bar to attack and injure former Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal during an altercation in July.

Andrew S. Burke, 33, of Marion pleaded guilty last Thursday in Crittenden Circuit Court to multiple charges stemming from two summertime encounters with local police, including one where he hit the chief multiple times with a makeshift weapon. The chief spent multiple days in the hospital following the attack.

On July 13, Burke was believed to be under the influence when he took a bottle of milk and candy bar from Five Star Convenience Center. Police Sgt. George Foster responded to a call from the store and found Burke sitting on the curb outside. His report says Burke was combative and was eventually arrested and placed in his police cruiser. Burke pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges stemming from that episode.

A few days after the convenience store



Burke

Crittenden Circuit Court

event, Burke was approached by the police chief who was attempting to serve a warrant for failure to appear in court.

Armed with a 40-inch long piece of steel rebar, Burke attacked the chief, who was knocked to the ground with a blow the neck area. Despite continuing to be struck with the bar, O'Neal managed to regain his footing and deployed his taser multiple times against Burke, who was seemingly not phased. After further struggle, O'Neal was able to subdue Burke and place him under arrest.

Upon his plea last week, Burke was sentenced to five years on a Class C felony for assaulting the police chief and lesser time on other charges related to the two cases, including menacing and resisitng arrest. He waived formal sentencing and Circuit Judge Daniel Heady ordered Burke to begin serving the term immediately.

Burke must spend at least 20 percent

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Jerry Fuller, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968-1971, and his son-in-law Brian Hunt enjoy the Veterans Memorial inside Rocket Arena during a Veterans Day celebration late last week at the school. See more Veterans Day coverage on page 9.

It is Past Time to Own Up

Remember Carly Simon's 1970s hit "You're So Vain"?

You would need to be a Boomer to recall it. If you're unfamiliar with the tune, dial it up on YouTube.

At its core, the song appears to speak to at least one of the artist's former lovers, and there was a whole parade of them, including Mick Jagger, James Taylor, Warren Beatty, Kris Kristofferson, Jack Nicholson, Cat Stevens and John Travolta.

*"You're so vain.
You probably think
this song is about you."*

*"You're so vain (so vain).
I bet you think this song is about
you,
Don't you, don't you, don't you?"*

Over the years, Simon has hinted at who the subject or subjects of the lyrics could have been, but she's been a bit coy about it.

Suffice it to say that if the shoe fits, lace her up.

There's a ditty playing round Marion these days, too, that could sound a whole like Carly's song. If you cannot hear it, perhaps you're tone deaf, which would not be surprising considering the other things you're missing such as a closed courthouse, an election and a myriad of other local matters that have clearly escaped your conciousness.

Yes, there's a percentage of folks you will pass on any given day whose world teeters on the edge of oblivion.

Hit it, Carly!

That's your song, and please make no misunderstanding: This tune's for you!

After living in this wonderful community for the better part of 40 years, I believe that I am adequately qualified to pass a measure of judgement on it as whole. So, yes, this song is about you, or at least 60 percent of you.

There has been plenty of criticism leveled against local government, particularly the last couple of years, and some of it warranted. In light these complaints, one would think townspeople might take a more active interest in civic affairs. Doing so would certainly be prudent.

Not surprisingly, though, it appears that incessant bitching is more fashionable than active involvement, full understanding and substantive input. Marion voters had a chance at the polls last week – and last fall – to have a meaningful say in how it's governed. Yet, on both occasions, fewer than half of them showed up. Of more than 400 ballots cast last Tuesday by city residents, 81 voters didn't even take time to mark them in the only city council race.

It's time for Marion to own up to its problems and quit pointing fingers. From the ongoing water crisis to expensive sewer bills and crumbling streets, we have no one to blame but ourselves. Moaning on social media is a weak and largely irresponsible response, particularly when many of the comments are triggered by folks who still don't know the courthouse is closed... or fail to understand the difference between private enterprise and government. How can we continue blaming others for these misgivings? Taking part in civic activities such as voting, intellectual engagement in local affairs and reading the newspaper would be a start. At least then, scandalmonsters could initiate an intelligible conversation on their conspiracy theories, and perhaps offer reasonable solutions or advice.

It's time for Marion to own every challenge it faces. As Earl Pitts would say: "Wake up America!" It's time for us to stop mouthing, and Own It.



Chris EVANS
Press Editor & Publisher
About Town

Deaths

Shouse

Gearldine Shouse, 74 of Frances, died Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 at her home.

She was a 911 dispatcher for 25 years. She enjoyed helping others and spent many years volunteering with the Crittenden County Rescue Squad, the American Red Cross and Crittenden Community Hospital Pink Ladies. She was a member of Frances Community Church.



Surviving are a daughter, Yuvonne Shouse; a granddaughter, Robyn (Chase) Allen; and two great grandsons, Ian and Bo Allen; four siblings, Charles Tabor, Philip Tabor, June James and William Tabor.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dan Shouse; and her parents, Lenard and Elizabeth Tabor.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at Frances Community Church.

Memorial donations in Gearldine's memory may be made to Frances Community Church Cemetery Fund c/o Joe Ann Asbridge, 117 Lafayette Heights, Marion, KY 42064.

Hughes

Ada Lou Hughes, 94, of Princeton, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2023 at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville after a brief stay, having lived independently in her own home until recent months.

She was born June 2, 1929 to the late Lawrence and Addie Elizabeth Carlton Tabor in Crittenden County where she grew up on a farm in a large, loving family. An excellent student, she graduated from Marion High School and went on to work as a dental assistant before marrying Trice Lee Hughes and moving to Virginia for his military service. There she worked first as an office clerk at the Pentagon and later at a Chevrolet dealership, quickly learning the business skills that later would be instrumental in co-founding Trice Hughes Chevrolet-Oldsmobile with her husband. When the dealership began in Kut-tawa she ran the office and continued to work in the business daily when it moved to Princeton in 1959. Eventually she reduced her time at "the shop" to be home with her four children, the center of her life. An astute businesswoman, she kept her hand in the business for decades.

She was a 60-year member of First Baptist Church in Princeton, where she was involved

in many facets of church life but most particularly preparing food for church meals and bereaved families and assisting with the finance committee. Her love of children led to over 25 years of service on the advisory board and later board of trustees of the Kentucky Baptist Children's Homes. She was active in any activities her children were involved in including the CCHS music and football programs. An outstanding cook, she prepared food for Meals on Wheels for older members of the community until she was almost 80 years old herself. Mama Lou, as she was affectionately known, hosted large Sunday dinners that drew her family and friends for years and made a legendary pimento cheese craved by many.

An avid newspaper reader, Mama Lou followed current events and maintained a sharp mind until the very end of her days. She was kind, witty and loving, with an open heart and inner strength that anyone who met her quickly recognized. Of all her roles in life, none was more meaningful to her than being a grandmother. Mama Lou was dearly loved by her eight grandsons and five grand-daughters and she gave them a gift all children should be fortunate enough to have - a grandmother who was always interested in their everyday lives and loved them unconditionally. In her last decade, her favorite pastime was following the lives of her great-grandchildren through photos on her iPad.

Surviving are two daughters, Lisabeth Tabor Hughes of Louisville and Lucinda Hughes Gray of Princeton; two sons, Dean Lee (Kelly) Hughes and Dann Tabor (Jaye Lynn) Hughes, both of Princeton; 12 grandchildren, Lee Landes Hughes, Trice Colin Hughes, Daniel Hughes, Ramey West, Samuel M. Abramson, Shelton Lawrence Abramson, William Trice Abramson, Glenn Hughes Gray, Jesse Tabor Hughes, Savannah Daugherty Caitlyn Traugher and Maura Knight; 15 great-grandchildren; several beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Trice Lee Hughes; a granddaughter, Bethany Lou Gray; two sisters; and five brothers.

Services were at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 15 at Southside Baptist Church Family Life Center with Bro. Dane

Hodges officiating. Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the George Coon Library Foundation, P.O. Box 230, Princeton, KY 42445 and Sunrise Children's Services (formerly Kentucky Baptist Children's Homes), P.O. Box 1429, Mt. Washington, KY 40047.

Miller

Helen Louise Miller, 93, of Tolu, died Tuesday Nov. 14, 2023 at Livingston Hospital.

Surviving are two sons, Dale Miller and Wayne Miller, both of Marion; and four sisters, Judy

Moore of Murray, Nancy (Marty) O'Toole of Louisville, Donna Newcom of New Albany, Ind., and Joanne Traylor of Princeton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William F. Miller; her parents, Richard and Anna Moore; a brother, Richard Buddy Moore; and five sisters, Betty Willingham, Caroline Sue Moore, Peggy Cooper, Sandra Quertermous and Mary Belt.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 17 at Love Cemetery in Marion. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Chamber promotes local through Bingo

Riding a wave of excitement for small businesses following the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's 2023 awards gala, members began sharing ideas for the local shopping season during their meeting Tuesday morning.

The chamber is preparing goody bags containing discounts from local merchants, and will once again put one crisp \$100 bill into one of the bags it hands out on Small Business Saturday, Nov. 25.

An added feature to the goody bags this year is Small Business Bingo. Participants can "Bingo" by shopping and taking advantage of discounts offered on a Bingo card by participating businesses. From Nov. 25 through Dec. 20, shoppers will be asked to attach receipts or other

proof from participating businesses to their cards and submit them to The Crittenden Press when complete.

In addition to finding Bingo cards provided in Chamber goody bags, a card will be printed in The Early Bird Nov. 21. A significant Chamber-coordinated prize basket will be given to one Bingo winner.

Businesses that would like to participate in Small Business Bingo should contact Allison Evans at The Press (270) 965-3191.

Several local events are already on the books for the holiday season in Marion, including the Christmas parade at 5 p.m., Dec. 2; Supper with Santa after the parade at the Lions Club building; and Breakfast with the Grinch at 9 a.m., Dec. 9 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab.



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Hive havoc

Fredonia First Baptist Church hosted a throwback basketball game between Caldwell and Crittenden counties Nov. 11 in the old Fredonia gym known as the Hive. Crittenden wore red replica Frances Bulldogs jerseys, and Caldwell gold Fredonia Yellow Jackets uniforms. Clockwise from left enjoying the action are (from left) Jaxton Flynn, Dane Maddox, Jake Perkins, Case Watson and Cabbott Watson; Caldwell’s Ryan Hammett guards Crittenden’s Andrew Candelario; and Rocket coach Matt Fraliex, a Fredonia native who helped coordinate the event, tries to yell above the noise in the loud, packed gym. See The Press’ YouTube channel for video coverage.



Kuttawa Tourism Commission representatives Dera Hale, executive director Justin Kimbro and marketing assistant Morgan Lewis accept awards presented by the Kentucky Tourism Industry Associaiton (KTiA).

Kuttawa tourism earns state awards

The Kuttawa Tourism Commission earned two awards at the Kentucky Tourism Industry Association (KTiA) Conference in Bowling Green Nov. 11. It earned a bronze award for its creation of the Kuttawa campfire mug with its imprinted town logo. It received silver distinction for its “Discover the Funshine Ad Campaign,” lauded for its creativity and effectiveness. “I am both humbled and honored to receive these prestigious awards. It is a testament to the



hard work and effort myself and my team of commissioners as well as city hall have put into making Kuttawa stand out amongst the other 416 cities in Kentucky,” said executive director Justin Kimbro.

FOHS

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piece of the puzzle for Fohs Hall – one for which she believes Schumann would be proud. “I hate that (the building) had to come down,” Gilbert said, “but it is still key to what she envisioned. So I believe it has her stamp of approval on it.” Crittenden County Tomorrow had purchased the Hayward House more than two decades ago,

but then sold it to a private individual when it became apparent that plans to renovate it had stalled. Fohs Hall purchased the property last year with plans to develop it. Fohs Hall, Inc., President Alan Stout hopes the project can be completed by the 100-year anniversary of Fohs Hall in 2026. The Colonnade at Fohs Hall Park, as it will be known, will be constructed using some of the columns and stone

from the Hayward House. Gilbert’s son Chris, an architect in Louisville, is another local tie to the project. Patty Gilbert said her son donated his professional skills to designing a plan for the space with special attention to history and heritage of the Walker Street property. Stout coordinated funding mechanisms for the development. He has been president of Fohs Hall, Inc., since 1995. Fohs Hall, Inc., was



This view shows the Walker Street development from the steps of Fohs Hall.
created in 1981 after the new Crittenden County Elementary School was built on Autumn Lane. Fohs Hall received title from the Crittenden County Board of Education in 1982, at which

time Fohs Hall, Inc., began the laborious process of restoring the 1926 structure donated by Julius Fohs to its original glory. Stout and Nancy Hunt are two of the original charter members of Fohs Hall, Inc. Those involved in the project say it feels good to see local effort to go into a project that will improve aesthetics, increase usefulness of the property and long benefit the community.

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Coleman’s in Princeton in global boot promotional

More than 100-year-old Coleman Shoes, Repair & Bootery in Princeton will be featured in a Red Wing Boots Heritage Series advertisement as part of the brand’s global marketing program.

WPKY Radio in Princeton reports that the locally owned shoe store, which has been serving the community for four generations, was part of a photo shoot last weekend for a worldwide promotional.

Allison Herndon is manager of Coleman Shoes, which is owned and operated by her parents, Ronnie and Dana Coleman. Red Wing has for numerous years been a primary line of boots sold at the store, located at 129 West Main Street in downtown Princeton.

Old Kentucky Hayride entertains for food bank

Cutter and Cash and Kentucky Grass’s Old Kentucky Hayride was another huge success last weekend at Fohs Hall.

The event, featuring mostly local entertainers, filled the venue and raised \$3,200 plus a great deal of canned goods for the Crittenden County Food Bank.

The local band produces the Old Kentucky Hayride twice a year in the spring and fall.

City of Sturgis is seeing improvement to challenges

It appears that new leaders for City of Sturgis have been able to take a number of corrective actions to get the town back on the right track after serious financial problems surfaced under previous city councils.

New Mayor Billy Adams told those

attending a council meeting in early November that the situation there has taken positive steps, but cautioned that further hurdles exist, according to a report in the Sturgis News.

A new mayor and all new city council were appointed a couple of months ago through procedural measures that will allow them to serve temporarily until an election can be held. The Sturgis newspaper reports that under the new administration all of the city’s bank accounts are in the black, a city utilities clerk has been hired and a couple of other posts are open and being advertised for a city public works laborer and a crew leader.

The newspaper also reported that an investigator from the Kentucky Attorney General’s office had been in Sturgis probing matters related to the city’s financial condition. A previous probe by the attorney general in 2020 found suspicious activity involving a flood wall grant account. The investigation uncovered questionable transactions involving money from the grant account going into former mayor Douglas Rodgers’ personal account. No charges were ever filed.

Union County Fiscal Court has been instrumental in helping Sturgis get back on its feet, but no financial assistance has been provided by the county, the Sturgis News reports.

KY 120 at county line closed for long-term bridge repair

Kentucky Highway 120 remains closed at the Crittenden–Webster County Line while a bridge is replaced across the Tradewater River.

Due to the extended closure, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has recommended a marked detour along KY 109 North from Providence to U.S. 60 West at Sullivan, then along U.S. 60 East to Marion. The de-



tour will add 8.4 miles or 11 minutes to a trip between Marion and Providence, transportation officials say.

Work is scheduled to take most of the winter to complete.

For several months prior to the work, the bridge had a reduced five-ton weight limit posted. An electronic sign has been located just east of Marion on KY 120 since the weight limit was reduced and notifying users of the closure.

There are actually three bridges at the project site on KY 120. The main bridge spanning the Tradewater River is okay, but two smaller bridges that cross a slew near the river need replacing. Cambry Contracting, Inc., of Leitchfield is the primary contractor on the \$727,224 bridge replacement project. There is some indication that state transportation crews may try to replace the other small bridge while the highway is closed.

Time to consider getting season influenza vaccine

It’s flu season in Kentucky and while influenza is on the rise so are other respiratory viruses, including COVID.

Health officials say the best ways to protect yourself and others from these viruses are to stay up to date with your vaccines, stay home if you are sick, keep your hands washed, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and then throw the tissue in the trash, and if you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands. In addition, they ask people who are at high risk for serious illness to consider wearing a mask.

The Pennyrile Health Department says that flu antiviral drugs can be used to treat flu illness. These medications can shorten the time you are sick, make your illness milder, and

lessen serious flu complications that can result in hospitalization or death. Flu antivirals work best if taken within the first 48 hours after symptoms start. Early treatment with antiviral drugs is extremely important for people at higher risk of serious flu complications.

If you want to reduce your chances of having to deal with the flu, get your flu shot at the Pennyrile Health Department today. In Crittenden County call (270) 965–5215 for an appointment.

Library hosts Friends event

Crittenden County Public Library will host Friends of the Library appreciation event sponsored by Library Director Leah Chumbler starting at 5 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16.

Friends of the Library is a voluntary support organization for the public library. Chumbler wants to show her appreciation for her Friends group for all its help with library activities since she began her directorship. Friends of the Library memberships are available at the event.

The November library board meeting will be held at 6 p.m., following the reception.

County complex open house

A building dedication and open house is being planned for the Crittenden County Office Complex in Industrial Park North. The event will be at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, Dec. 7 and will include a formal blessing of the building with addresses from local leaders and state dignitaries.

An open house will follow with refreshments.

All local county offices have moved to the new location as Marion prepares to replace its downtown courthouse. A new justice center will be rebuilt downtown. It will be home only to circuit, district and family court.

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50 YEARS AGO

November 8, 1973

■ Crittenden County senior class officers during the 1973-74 school year were Bobby Trowbridge, reporter; Mike McConnell, treasurer; Gary Tinsley, vice president; Patty Brantley, secretary; Joe McDonald, sergeant-at-arms; and Doug Webb, president.

■ For two months in a row Susan Yarbrough’s third-grade class at Fohs Hall won the Best Attendance banner. It was given to the class at Fohs Hall at the end of each school month that had the best attendance during the month. Members of Yarbrough’s class were Cindy Nesbitt, Kevin Hunter, Dana Millikan and Tommy Nesbitt.

■ Marion-Crittenden County was selected to advance to the state level of judging in the 1973 All Kentucky City program sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Marion’s report was presented to a panel of judges on the district level at Kentucky Dam Village. To be eligible to advance, the entry had to earn at least four excellent ratings out of 11 possible categories. Marion’s report covered all 11 categories and was judged excellent in each category.

■ Resembling a quaint chapel on the outside and a warm one-room church on the inside, the Kum-Ba-Yah Christian Book Store opened in Marion. Dave and Jean Waterloo opened the bookstore in the completely renovated and uniquely decorated garage at the rear of their home. The idea originated when they were talking with some friends concerning Christian literature and a definite need for a store locally.

25 YEARS AGO

November 12, 1998

■ Three Crittenden County High School students advanced to the state speech tournament as a result of outstanding performances at regional competitions. Those individuals were Max Alexander, who placed sixth in storytelling; Jackie Cook, who placed sixth in humorous interpretation; and Brooke Marshall, who placed second in broadcasting. John Brock and Susan Towery won sixth place in the improvisational due but just missed qualifying for state.

■ Award winners from the Crittenden County Middle School football banquet were Ryan Bradham, 110 Percent Award; Judd Woodward, Captain and Linemen awards; Bryan Bradham, Offensive Player Award; Josh James, Defensive Player award; Chris Findley, B-Team MVP; Keith Wilcox, Captain and A-Team MVP. The

Rockets were undefeated.

■ A Boone and Crockett buck Steve Clark bagged in Crittenden County scored 175% and was the second largest deer taken in Kentucky in 1997.

■ The public was invited to enjoy the second annual doll show at Fohs Hall hosted by the Community Arts Foundation. The show hosted an array of dolls, toys and books. Porcelain dolls, Barbie dolls, antique toys and teddy bears were some of the items featured. Twelve vendors had a vast variety of items for sale.

10 YEARS AGO

November 14, 2013

■ The staff of Animal Practice of Marion when it opened in 2013 included Mandy Curnel, Deanna Muff, both veterinary technicians; veterinarian Dr. Stephanie Call; Katelyn Kass, a licensed veterinary technician; and groomer Carolyn Fralick.

■ Outstanding award winners at the Crittenden County 4-H banquet include Cindy Davidson, Outstanding 4-H Volunteer; Sarah Ford, Co-Leader for the Rocket Club, which also received the Outstanding Club Award; Raj Patel, Outstanding Senior 4-H Boy; Donna Haire, Co leader for Rocket Club; Meagan Potter, Outstanding 4-H Junior Girl; Lily Berry, Outstanding First-Year 4-H'er; Maggie Collins, Outstanding Senior Girl, and Corbin Wilson, Outstanding Junior 4-H Boy.

■ Hometown Bookkeeping was named the 2013 November Business of the Month by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Owner Elizabeth Hunt Mullen was presented with a certificate by Susan Alexander, chamber executive secretary, and Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander.

■ Jason Hodge, program coordinator for the Mobile Science Activity Center, shows Jennifer Bell’s third-grade class how cooking oil and beeswax can be used to produce lip balm. The students were given samples of the newly created lip balm. ■ Four Crittenden County Middle School Speech Team members received distinguished ratings at the Tiger Town Invitational Middle School Speech tournament at Murray State University. Ellie McGowan, fourth place in storytelling; Carsen Easley, third place in solo acting; Kyron Hicks, fourth place in solo acting; and Baylee Priest, second place in poetry interpretation. The students were pre-qualified for the state tournament that was held in March 2014.

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

COURT

Continued from page 1 of the sentence in prison before being eligible to seek parole.

In other cases before the court last Thursday:

•James Ralph Perryman, 62, of Marion pleaded guilty to burglarizing a building at Marion’s Old City Lake and other charges dating back to last spring.

Perryman was sentenced to five years on the burglary charge and three years on two other felonies for first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and tampering with physical evidence. Additionally, he was sentenced to 365 days for possession of drug paraphernalia and 45 days for possession of marijuana.

The eight-year sentence and one three-year sentence will run consecutively and the rest will run concurrently for a total of eight years. The time could be probated once he completes an in-house substance abuse rehabilitation program.

•A murder trial has been set for Aug. 28-30 in Marion in the Timothy Paris case.

Paris, 39, is accused of shooting his father twice with a .41-caliber handgun on Feb. 28, 2022 in rural Crittenden County. Jerry Paris, 80, was killed in the confrontation at his home near on Blackburn Church Road

in the eastern quadrant of the county.

Exploring a pre-trial plea agreement, the court has set Jan. 29 for mediation when the defense and prosecution will meet to discuss whether a resolution can be found. Basic facts of the case are not disputed, but a reason for the alleged attack remains a mystery.

•Thaddeus Thomas Joseph Fetterolf, 40, entered an Alford plea to an amended charge of misdemeanor fourth-degree assault in a 2020 case. He was ordered to pay \$2,000 in restitution to the victim. Fetterolf was originally charged

with felony second-degree assault (domestic violence) and second-degree strangulation.

•Upon testimony that James Pigg, 42, of Marion had been discharged from an out-of-town substance abuse treatment program for failing to remain compliant with its rules, Judge Heady ordered Pigg’s bond revoked.

The defendant is awaiting trial on charges of second-degree assault, a Class C felony; and misdemeanor alcohol intoxication in a public place. Trial is set for March 22.

Pigg’s bond was reset at \$10,000 cash.

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Thankful to say “Thank You”

The Bible is full of the violence caused by one tribe or nation taking or attempting to take land occupied by others. In a world where plague and famine happened often, it was seen as necessary to conquer more land as insurance against local disasters. There was also the hubris of kings and emperors who were hungry for wealth and power. Sometimes these empires brought “peace” to those they ruled.

Those armies may have been well-trained, but they were often cruel. In the New Testament we get a brief glimpse of the expected behavior of a soldier of Rome. John the Baptist was preaching beside the river Jordan and various groups of people asked him what he meant by, “bear fruits that befit repentance.” Luke 3:14 says, “Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what shall we do?’ And he said to them, ‘Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.’” Military forces are by nature massively violent machines built to kill enemies and damage their ca-

capacity to harm. Technology has always produced new and terrifying weapons for which there may be no current defense. War has always been an evil that unleashes even more evil. The actions of one generation that takes up arms to conquer, destroy, or subjugate another people or nation unleashes generations of hatred and hard feelings. We are witnessing such conflicts in the world today.

Fears and hatreds going back hundreds of years (or longer) simmer for a few decades and then boil over again. The last thing that people want to see is the army of another nation rolling into their city. For centuries advancing armies have commanded the homes, farms, food, and other supplies of the local population. Sometimes leaving them with nothing. For centuries armies have been known for their cruelty and unnecessary violence toward civilians. The bitterness and hatred grow and are passed down to the children and grandchildren. Even when there is peace and forgiveness the distrust and prejudice remain.

The United States has made its share of mistakes in the past, and we should admit and own them. War is still violent and evil. War is still the solution of last resort. War still puts stress on those waging it such that mistakes are made. As a nation we do not always make the right decision about when to take up arms. What is amazing to me is the change over the past century. It is true that the 20th Century was the most violent (in terms of lives lost in wartime) than any other. It is also true that the United States military, in the last century, has on balance, been a force for good in the world. (To the extent that war of any sort can fit that description.)

There is something to be said for a well-trained, disciplined, and professional military. Of course, that does not guarantee there will not be cruelty. That comes from the morality of a nation and its attitude toward those who are not its citizens. One of the great advantages of the military in the United States is its diversity and integration. There are no ethnicities, religions, or socio-economic populations unrepresented. This matters a lot. It makes our military naturally empathetic to those who are of different backgrounds. I have little doubt that the militaries of many liberal western nations are among the most diverse

volunteer forces in history. The oath our soldiers take is to defend the constitution of the United States from all enemies foreign and domestic. It is not primarily to harm, conquer, or seize. This is a crucial check on our reacting with our emotions rather than reason. We still fail at this sometimes, but at least we have a system that gives us pause. I am thankful that we live in a nation where we can openly criticize our government, our military, our police, and our large corporations. We can make signs and march for a cause – popular or unpopular. We have a right to peaceful protest. This is possible, in large part, because we have a group of people who have taken an oath to defend the document that guarantees us those rights.

The day we stop hearing criticism of our institutions is the day that we worry about our future as a free nation. I am thankful for all those who step into any type of public service knowing that such criticism will certainly accompany their effort. I am thankful that I live in a time and place that I can say a genuine “thank you” to those who have served our nation in the military. Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Community Events & News

- Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.
- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.
- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is

- open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
 - The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
 - Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

Thank you to everyone that helped make the Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department deer hunter's breakfast a success!!

This year's winner of the gun raffle was John Faulkner from Clover, South Carolina.

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Loving step-children as your own enriches all

Question: I'm a Christian who has remarried. We have my kids, her kids and our kids. I deeply love my kids and our kids, but it is hard for me to love my wife's kids from a previous marriage. It feels unnatural to treat them like I do my children. I know it is not good, but how can I love my wife's children as much as the others?

Answer: As a Christian, we still have a sinful nature that is always trying to regain control of our affection. That old sinful nature is self-centered and selfish. Treating your step-children differently from your children is selfish.

As a father you are to demonstrate love toward all your children equally. When you marry a woman who

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



has children you obligate yourself to love and treat her children as your own. How do you do that? Granted, it doesn't come easy and it's harder for some than others. I suggest you deal with your selfish-

ness by confessing your sinful attitude to God and ask his forgiveness (1 Jn. 1:9). Then, draw near to God whose nature is love (1 Jn. 4:8) ask Him to give you His love for all—especially

for all the children in your family. When God's love flows through you, "it is not self-seeking . . . it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres and never fails" (1 Cor. 13:5-8). Loving your step-children like your own will bless you and all that are in your house. When one loves with open arms, one's life overflows with blessings. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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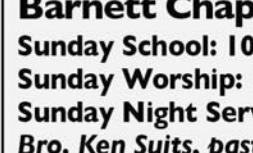
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A descendant of James Ford goes on to clear name

As has been stated and written about many times before, James Ford had two sons, Philip and William. They are written about and discussed in several different places in the book “Satan’s Ferryman.” His only daughter, Cassandra, married Dr. Charles Webb, and her family has been well-researched and documented. She has a memorial on FindAGrave.com of her gravestone and family in Caldwell County.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Just for my own interest and enjoyment I have tried to do some research on Philip’s and William’s sons after their deaths.

Another interesting fact is that James Ford had a third son by his second wife, Elizabeth “Betsy Frazer, his name was James N. Ford, Jr., born about 1830.

After his mother Betsy died in 1834, James Jr. went to live with his aunt Cassandra and her husband Dr. Charles Webb in Princeton. James only lived a few years, for on Oct. 30, 1844, Dr. Webb, his daughter Cassandra, another daughter, and James Ford, Jr., went on a riverboat journey from which only two returned alive.

The reason they were on this boat, I know not, but Dr. Webb, two of his daughters, and young James Ford were on the steamboat Lucy Walker. They were on the Ohio River near New Albany, Ind., when a terrible boiler explosion occurred, as happened quite often on these boats. The main cause of these explosions was a malfunction in the boilers, which could result in a build-up of pressure and an eventual explosion. Dr. Webb was injured badly and only lived a few days after the disaster. One daughter survived, but daughter Cassandra and James were killed in the explosion. Cassandra’s body was found and returned to Princeton, but James’ body was never recovered. (The explosion of the Lucy Walker is documented on the internet.)

Philip Ford

Philip’s child bride Alura Cates, (Jan. 26, 1809 - July 25, 1821), died during child birth. According to the dates on her tombstone, she was only 12 years old. I have found no documents to prove the circumstances of her death during childbirth, but in further research I have found that other family researchers

say the child lived that she died giving birth to. His name was Sherwood Atchinson Ford.

One researcher says through talking with family members there were actually twins born, Sherwood lived, but the other twin named Philip died. Sherwood is not mentioned in any of the stories written about the Ford family and was not in the will of Philip. But some research does indicate that this is true. Sherwood supposedly was taken at birth by Alura’s family and raised by them in Trigg County. Perhaps this is why he wasn’t named in Philip’s will.

The first information I can find on Sherwood is on the 1850 Trigg County Census, where he is listed as a merchant. In 1855 he married Lucy E. Porter of Covington, Ky. He and Lucy had six children. They named one of their daughters Sara Cates Ford (Cates being the maiden name of his mother, Alura Ford), and a son was named Philip Ford after his father. (Two items indicate the former has truth to it.) Sherwood died between 1867-1870 in Trigg County, no death or burial information found. His widow Lucy and their children moved back to her home town (also now the home of Sherwood’s half-brother, Francis Ford, from Crittenden County) of Covington, and they stayed with her parents.

Francis Ford, son of Philip

Philip next had a son, which he also named Francis Ford, born June 6, 1826, by Katherine Trimble, no marriage found, but Philip acknowledges Francis as his son in his will.

Philip died under mysterious circumstances on Nov. 23, 1831. An expert horseman and swimmer, Philip was found drowned in three feet of water, his horse standing quietly by his side. It was clear that Philip’s drowning was no accident. (Satan’s Ferryman, pg. 150). His son Francis was only five years old at the time of his death.

According to Satan’s Ferryman, Francis’s grandfather James, provided for a tutor so his young grandson would have a good education.

After his grandfather James was murdered,

This is the first of a series of articles on James Ford’s descendants

Francis had to have a guardian at 14 years old, and he chose Henry H. D. Coleman as his guardian. Henry H. D. Coleman, was a respected man of the Crittenden County courts, he was justice of the peace and in 1844 was sheriff of Crittenden County, so young Francis had a good education in the truth and honesty of government of the county. I can’t help but wonder how Francis came to know Henry Coleman and chose him for a guardian.

The outlaw story followed James, Philip and William. After reading and reading I am under the impression that it may not have been them that were the worst of the outlaws, and especially the old James outlaw legend may have been just that. But that’s another story.

But going on with the history of the sons, Philip’s son Francis, according to his daughter Augusta Webb Ford, always wanted to try and clear the Ford name in Crittenden County.

In April 1846, at the age of 22, Francis Ford was working with Robert H. Haynes, who at the time was sheriff of Crittenden County. Francis was appointed to work with Sheriff Haynes and was selected as a sheriff for the county poles and to collect taxes.

In April 1850, Francis Ford requested and received a commission from Governor Helm of the commonwealth appointing him sheriff of the county. Now Sheriff Ford continued to work on getting his family name cleared of all the wrong doing they had been accused of. What an achievement for Francis Ford, grandson of James Ford, to be sheriff of Crittenden County

and to have the trust of the people.

By 1858 Francis had sold the tract of land known as Ferry Ohio, which he had inherited from his father Philip, and in 1860 he had moved on to live in Madisonville, and was shown on the census as being a lawyer. He continued to live an upstanding and respected life.

Death of Francis Ford – Kentucky gentleman

Francis Ford died in Covington, where he had eventually made his home. His obituary in the Cincinnati, Ohio newspaper, Dec. 14, 1897 gives an honorable description of his life.

Mr. Frank Ford aged 71 years, one of the most prominent citizens of Covington, died yesterday morning at his home, on West Eleventh street, after a brief illness. The deceased was the senior member of the firm of Ford, Eaton & Co., at Nos. 12 and 14 West Second street, Cincinnati, one of the largest wholesale groceries in that city. He was also a director of the First National Bank of this city.

Mr. Ford was born in Crittenden County, Ky., and was a typical cultured Kentucky gentleman, honored and esteemed alike in the social as well as in the business world. He was a graduate of Princeton College at Bardstown, a lover of literature and thoroughly conversant with national or affairs of interest to his home city. He was one of the senior members of Trinity Church, faithful in the discharge of his religious view, charitable to a fault and a citizen held up as a model man. He leaves a devoted widow and three daughters, one

PUBLIC NOTICE PACS LOW-INCOME ELECTION

The Pennyryle Allied Community Services, Inc. will be holding a low-income meeting on Nov. 28, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Crittenden County Senior Center, in Marion, Ky., for the purpose of electing a low-income representative to serve on the PACS Board of Directors.

As dictated by PACS By-Laws and Federal Regulations, PACS Board membership consists of at least 1/3 of the total membership being low-income representatives. The low-income vacancy will be filled at this meeting.

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For more information concerning this important meeting call: Harold Monroe, PACS Executive Director, at (270) 886-6341.

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Library upcoming events

The following is a list of activities and group meetings offered at the Crittenden County Public Library this month.

The library will be closed Nov. 23-25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

- Story Hour is held at 10 a.m., each Thursday with the exception of Nov. 24.
- Lego Club meets each Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library. Teen Lego Club follows from 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Writers group meets on the following dates: 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 13; 6-8 p.m., Tuesday Nov. 21 and Tuesday, Nov. 28; and 5-7 p.m., Nov. 30.
- A Reader’s Club will meet at 3:30 p.m., Nov. 27.
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Francis “Frank” Ford, son of Philip Ford and grandson of James Ford, has an impressive tombstone in the Highland Cemetery at Covington in the Ford family plot with other members of

his family.

Next week’s article will be about William Ford and how his son, Richard, created the river port town of Weston. (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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FOOTBALL

Class 2A Playoff Results

Last week's 2A playoff results

Beechwood 42, Breathitt Co. 12

Green County 36, Metcalfe County 28

Lexington Christian 57, Monroe County 28

Martin County 35, Betsy Layne 6

Mayfield 42, Murray 20

Owensboro Catholic 49, Crittenden County 7

Shelby Valley 51, Floyd Central 6

Somerset 57, Leslie County 0

This week's Class 2A pairings

Green County at Owensboro Catholic

Lexington Christian at Mayfield

Martin County at Beechwood

Shelby Valley at Somerset

Other playoff games of interest

3A Union County at Hart County

4A Spencer County at Paducah Tilghman

6A McCracken County at Louisville Trinity

BASKETBALL

Meet the Rockets, scrimmage action

Crittenden County will host its Meet the Rockets pre-season basketball kick-off on Saturday starting at 6 p.m., at Rocket Arena, complete with the annual dessert auction. Prior to Meet the Rockets there will be a full day of exhibition basketball on campus. Crittenden County will host a high school girls' basketball scrimmage jamboree Saturday morning with five teams, including the Lady Rockets. Also participating will be Union County, Hopkins Central, Hancock County and Caldwell County. The Lady Rockets play Hopkins Central at 10 a.m., Caldwell County at 10:35 a.m., Union County at 11:55 a.m., and Hancock County at 12:30 p.m. Games will played in Rocket Arena and the middle school gym. Contests will be two 15-minute halves. Crittenden County's boys will host a three-team scrimmage event at Rocket Arena from 1:30 p.m., to 5 p.m., Saturday. Fulton City and Community Christian will have teams there and play will include varsity and junior varsity competition. Crittenden's varsity plays Fulton City at 1:30 p.m., and Community Christian at 3:50 p.m.

CCMS scoring summaries

7th Grade Girls

Lyon 34, Crittenden 13

Abigail Champion, 1, Sarah Grau 2, Brodi Rich 6, Brenna Kemmer 2, Kylie Hunt 2.

8th Grade Girls

Crittenden 36, Lyon 32

Jordyn Hodge 13, Lex Smith 7, Abigail Champion 7, Brodi Rich 3, Sarah Grau 4, Carolien Martin 2.

Crittenden 51, John Paul II 40

Hodge 34, Smith 1, Champion 8, Grau 6, Rich 2.

7th Grade Boys

Trigg 29, Crittenden 19

Hayden Hughes 3, Cayden Hutchison 5, Roane Topp 7, Joel Pumps 4.

8th Grade Boys

Trigg 56-Crittenden 54 - OT

Hudson Stokes 6, Jack Porter 8, Coby LaRue 20, Drake Young 11, Eli Lovell 9, Junior Cowsert 2.

8th Grade Boys

Crittenden 40, Dawson Springs 28

Porter 6, LaRue 17, Young 4, Lovell 6, Cowsert 4, Ellington 3.

Crittenden 42, John Paul II 34

Porter 13, LaRue 10, Young 11, Lovell 8.

Perry is going to UK

Surrounded by family, teammates, friends and media, Lyon County High School basketball star Travis Perry verbally committed to play basketball at the University of Kentucky during an event Sunday at his high school gym to make the formal announcement. Perry had offers from many other colleges and had narrowed his decision to Kentucky, Alabama, Ole Miss, Cincinnati and Western Kentucky. Perry is getting ready to begin his senior season at Lyon County where last year as a junior he became Kentucky's all-time leading scorer, eclipsing Kelly "King" Coleman's previous record of 4,337 points. Perry has a number of extended family members living in Marion and his parents both graduated from Crittenden County High School.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Deer archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Turkey archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Deer crossbow	Sept 16 - Jan 15
Raccoon hunting	Oct 1 - Feb 29
Turkey crossbow	Nov 11 - Dec 31
Deer rifle season	Nov 11-26
Squirrel	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Quail	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Rabbit	Nov 13 - Feb 10

Rocket season ends on O'boro death row

CCHS finishes with 7-5 mark back in 2A

STAFF REPORT

Four times in the past 21 football seasons, Crittenden County's playoff hopes have died in Owensboro.

The Rockets have been out-matched and humbled by a running clock each November when it has faced Owensboro Catholic on the road at the end. Friday was more of the same as No. 9 Crittenden County lost 49-7. The mercy clock was running full steam with just under seven minutes to go in the first half.

Never have the Rockets been able to put a up significant fight against the Aces. Historically, in four playoff matchups against O'Cath, the Rockets have been outscored 209-14.

For third-year CCHS football coach Gaige Courtney, the loss had little meaning compared to the voyage.

"The game didn't go the way we wanted it to, obviously," the coach said. "That's not what it's about at this point. It's about what this team did this year, how they competed and did a lot of things people said they couldn't do. It's about the seniors stepping up to the challenge and leading. It's about all the things they learned through the journey of football."

For his part, Courtney expressed tremendous esteem for his crew. His pride overshadowed what Owensboro had once again done to a Rocket football team.

"I am just proud of them. I hurt for them always because I know how it hurts," Courtney added. "I am extremely proud of what we've accomplished this season."

Playing up in Class 2A this fall after considerable success in Class A over the past decade, the Rockets held their own against a brutal schedule and finished as a First Region semifinalist in the postseason.

In this season's final game,



Rocket defensive linemen make a stop against an O'Cath running back. CCHS players pictured and in on the play are (from left) Travis Blazina, Lane West, Grayson James and Bennett McDaniel.

the Rockets had few bright spots. Sophomore Jacob Carder covering an onside kick to start the game and junior Camron Belcher's first-quarter interception defending in his own end zone had given Crittenden a sense of belonging. Thanks to those highlights, the Rockets trailed only 7-0 after one quarter against a team rated No. 1 in the state's 2A power rankings. O'Cath is No. 3 in the Courier-Journal statewide 2A poll.

The Rocket bubble burst in the second quarter when the Aces returned a fumble and an interception for touchdowns and Catholic quarterback Brady Atwell settled in to complete three of his five scoring passes.

The scoreboard was all too familiar when CCHS has been the unfortunate guests of the Aces. From 2012 through 2014 when the Rockets played up in 2A once before, O'Cath left a blister on their pride. Each of those meetings was met with a similar result to this year's encounter.

Still, there was cause to celebrate. The coach reminded us of some those reasons and senior quarterback Micah Newcom provided others. He completed 15-of-28 passes and eclipsed 2,000 yards for the season. He's just the second Rocket QB to throw for more than two grand in two different years.

"It's been a joy," Newcom said. "The experiences, memories, practice, locker room, games, all of it. We had great times together, great wins, tough losses. It's all been worth it in the end. I'm proud of everybody and thankful for the opportunity."

Crittenden County finished 7-5 and won its first 2A playoff game a week earlier against Todd County Central. In 2A this go round, Crittenden won more than twice as many games than it ever had before in that division.

Two of its five losses this fall came at the hands of Owensboro Catholic – a team led by a quarterback who made an official recruiting visit to Division I Marshall University last weekend – and a team the Rockets have never beaten in 11 tries dating back to the 1960s.

Going to Owensboro for the playoffs has become akin to waiting on the electric chair. Yet, despite the sting from another death row shellacking, the Rockets had little trouble finding a place to

hang their hats.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Crittenden County	0	0	7	0
Owensboro Catholic	7	36	6	0

SCORING PLAYS

OC-Noah Rhinerson 16 pass from Brady Atwell (Andrew Garvin kick) 6:39, 1st

OC-Rhinerson 44 pass from Atwell (kick failed) 11:30, 2nd

OC-Carson Lewis 40 interception return (Tutt Carrico pass from Atwell) 11:21, 2nd

OC-Elijah Blair 6 pass from Atwell (Garvin kick) 7:41, 2nd

OC-Barrett Evans 35 fumble return (Carrico run) 6:45, 2nd

OC-Carrico 45 pass from Atwell (Garvin kick) 2:15, 2nd

OC-Waryn Ebelhar 12 pass from Atwell (conversion failed) 5:33, 3rd

CC-Casey Cates 7 pass from Micah Newcom (Tyree McLean kick) :15, 3rd

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: CCHS 5, OCHS 11

Penalties: CCHS 3-11, OCHS 11-15

Rushing: 14-28, OCHS 17-77

Passing: 15-28-1. 97; OCHS 15-23-1, 231

Total Yards: CCHS 125, OCHS 308

Fumbles/Lost: 2-1, OCHS 0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

CCHS: Gattin Travis 8-48, Tyler Belt 2-5, Newcom 4-(-25). OCHS: Miles Edge 2-13, Blair 3-14, Rhinerson 1-7, Vince Carrico 2-8, Tutt Carrico 2-9, Cameron Woodward 1-7, Kail Kabalen 3-9, Shaiden Mitchell 3-10.

Passing

CCHS: Newcom 15-28-1, 97. OCHS: Atwell 14-18-1, 208; Dremail Carothers 1-5-0, 23.

Receiving

CCHS: Caden Howard 3-25, Belt 4-24, Gabe Keller 3-27, Camron Belcher 2-14, Travis 1-1, Cates 1-7, Jason Millikan 1-(-1). OCHS: Mitchell Sims 1-33, Rhinerson 5-88, T.Carrico 4-42, Ebelhar 2-30, V.Carrico 1-9, Blair 1-6, Riley Harvill 1-23.

Defense

Gabe Keller 7 solos, assists; Gattin Travis 6 solos; Bennett McDaniel solo, 2 assists; Lane West solo, blocked kick; Casey Cates assist; Travis Blazina 2 assists; Tyler Belt 2 solos, 3 assists; Jason Millikan solo; Grayson James 3 solos, 2 TFLs; Kaiden Travis solo, 2 assists; Camron Belcher 3 solos, interception; Caden Howard 2 solos; Brayden Poindexter 6 solos, assist; Tyree McLean blocked kick.

Records: Crittenden 7-5, Owensboro Catholic 12-0

Big Rivers WMA has new manager

Things have changed a bit at Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area over the last year or two, but one thing remains constant and that's its quality of hunting.

Big Rivers, which straddles Crittenden and Union counties along the Tradewater River, was acquired a decade ago through a partnership formed by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource (KDFWR) and other state and federal agencies. With almost 8,000 acres in the two counties, Big Rivers is home to trophy whitetail hunting, small game and has an abundance of non-game species which attract hikers and naturalists year round.

Brian Thompson, a Sturgis native, is the new area manager. He's actually been on the job for about a year, but admits that he's still familiarizing himself with the WMA. Thompson has a background in agriculture and public parks. He holds a bachelor's degree from Murray State in ag and worked for several years at John James Audubon State Park in Henderson.

Thompson replaces John Zimmer, who was the WMA's first manager. Zimmer has been reassigned as KDFWR's Purchase Area regional coordinator for

the commonwealth's 14 westernmost counties. Zimmer was recognized for his work at Big Rivers by KDFWR, which made him the 2021 Game Management Foreman of the Year.

The WMA has open archery hunting from the beginning of the statewide season in early September until late October when the rut begins. During the peak period for whitetail activity, the WMA has quota hunting only. A quota archery season for 130 individuals opens the Monday following the third Saturday in October. Hunters must apply and be drawn to participate in that hunt, which runs just over a month long through Nov. 30. Also, there is an annual weekend quota rifle hunt, which was Nov. 4-5.

Thompson said a handful of nice bucks were taken during the rifle quota hunt and during the early portion of the quota bow season.

"Most of the bucks taken have been 2½ to 3½ years old," he explained. "There have been a few 4½ year olds. The biggest buck that came in would have scored just above 150 according to the opinion of most of the guys here who are pretty knowledgeable about scoring. There were several in the 130 class and

a lot of 110s."

Through late last week, WMA rifle and bow hunters had taken 98 deer. There will be another youth rifle hunt during the weekend after Christmas.

There are no motorized vehicles allowed beyond parking areas, including electric bicycles. Thompson said there tends to be some confusion about eBike access on the WMA.

"Basically, it's foot traffic only behind the parking areas," he said. "Of course we do have people who access the WMA by boat from the Tradewater and Ohio rivers."

More information about the WMA can be found online in the KDFWR.gov.

Thompson said users can expect to find plenty of small game, including squirrels and rabbits. Quail numbers are very low, he said, but the turkey population is good. Dove season is also popular on the area. This year, the WMA hosted its first ever quota dove hunt. Thompson said it's likely that will be scheduled again next September.



THOMPSON
New WMA Manager

County deer harvest lagging behind historic figures

Warm weather might make being outdoors more tolerable, but it's probably to blame for a fairly slow start to the 2023 modern firearms deer season.

Hunters in Crittenden County got out of the chute slower than normal last weekend. The opening two days of season typically net about 650 white-tails, but hunters only bagged 527 with 345 taken on the season's first day.

As of Tuesday afternoon, riflemen had upped the harvest to 742.

Since the season opened in early September, hunters have bagged 1,224 deer, which includes the youth hunt and archery and blackpowder

seasons. That figure was as of Tuesday. While Crittenden County has historically been among the top three harvest counties in Kentucky, it has fallen off a bit of late. Right now, the county ranks 10th.

Only a few years ago, Crittenden customarily checked around 900 deer on an opening weekend of rifle hunting.

So far, hunters have taken a few more males than antlerless deer. As of earlier this week, there had been 653 bucks and 571 does taken.

In Livingston County, hunters have taken 624 since the fall season began, including about 375 since the start of rifle season.



Arrow Jent, 7, of Marion bagged his first buck last weekend, an 8-pointer with a 150-yard shot using a .223 rifle.



Tyler Belt harvested a nice eight-point buck opening morning of rifle season in Webster County.



Crittenden County High School's soccer team held its annual post-season award ceremony last weekend. Among those honored during the event were varsity players (from left) Ashayla McDowell, Most Improved; Lizzie Campbell, Most Valuable Player; Ella Geary, Up and Coming Award; Kylie Bloodworth, Rising Star Award; Joslyn Silcox, Most Versatile; Kodi Stoner, Hustle Award; Dixie Hunter, Most Coachable; and Karsyn Potter, Best Newcomer. Not pictured were Bailey Williams, Heart of a Rocket; and Koltar Green, Mack Award.



Citywide restaurant, lodging receipts on pace for record \$10 million year

STAFF REPORT

Third quarter receipts from overnight lodging facilities and restaurants in Marion were up almost 10.25 percent from a year ago.

Quarterly tax reports from businesses in town responsible for paying the city's three-percent tourism and recreation tax indicate sales of \$2.61 million for the three-month period ending in September.

That figure is up more than 10 percentage points from the same time a year ago, it was only about five percent higher than 2021. Sales in the third quarter of 2022 were off when compared to historic trends for the quarter.

Third quarter sales were up 1.5 percent from the second quarter and 6.2 percent greater than this year's first quarter.

Receipts have been largely trending upward since the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020. While increased traffic at local establishments is responsible for part of the increase, double-digit inflation shares a great deal of the credit. Across the country, Americans spent about 10 percent more at restaurants in the first half of 2023, but fewer are actually dining out, according to the restaurant reservation website OpenTable.

In Marion, restaurant sales make the vast majority of receipts on the mandated quarterly reports, which must be submitted to the city treasurer along



with local taxes that are collected. Although overnight lodging is included in the local tourism tax, that sector fetches only a very small portion of local consumer spending.

If sales stay the course through December, annual receipts could reach \$10 million for the first time ever. The city's local tourism tax would generate about \$300,000 this year based on that figure.

Since inception, tourism tax revenue has doubled. The city collected just under \$150,000 in 2004, the first year the local tourism tax was levied. Ten years ago, the city was collecting about \$200,000 annually.

The money is used to support a number of local tourism and recreational programs. The tourism and recreation commission recently headed up a project to build a \$250,000 playground at Marion-Crittenden County Park.



Veterans were saluted in a variety of ways last weeked as area communities marked Veterans Day with celebrations in Marion, Fredonia and Burna. Pictured above left is Burna American Legion's hay bale display. The legion hosted its annual Thanksgiving meal Sunday. Above are Crittenden County kindergarteners and first graders getting ready to sing during the school district's annual Veterans Day celebration. And at bottom left is Boy Scout Trapper Haire saluting Barkley Hughes, who was keynote speaker at the school event. Hughes is a former U.S. Marine and National Guard officer who served in Afghanistan, Africa and Iraq.

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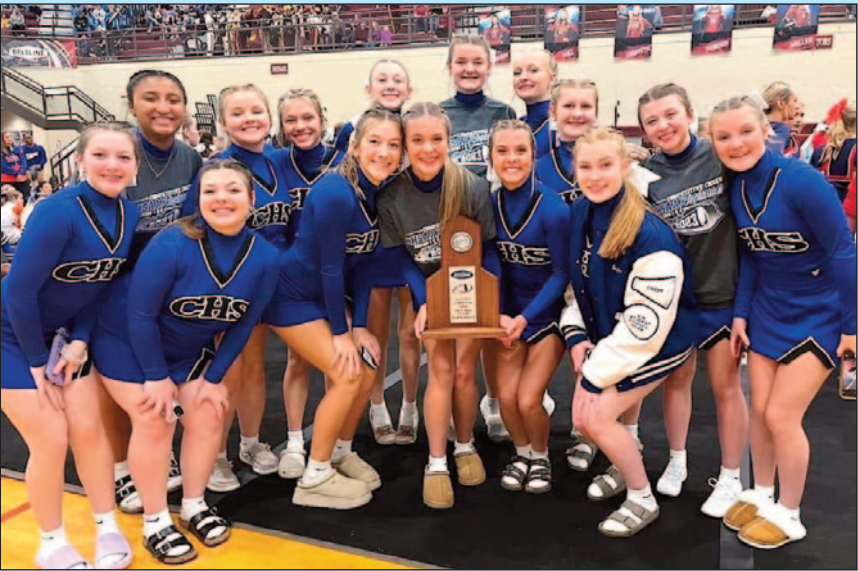
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Crittenden County High School cheerleaders are (front from left) Jersey Rushin, Payton Maness, Aubre Conyer, G'Anna Sizemore, Haylee Perrin, (back) Amelia Johnson, Nai'Zayah Bell, Maddie Jones, Faith O'Brien, Rianna Maness, Jordyn Potter, Aliyah Maraman, Aliza Maraman, Kayleigh Weathers and Ashlee Sosh.

Crittenden qualifies for state with regional runnerup in cheer event

Crittenden County High School's cheerleaders finished second in last weekend's First Region small category (15 girls) competition at McCracken County. As runnerup, the squad advances to the state cheer tournament Dec. 8-9 at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester.

The small division is Kentucky's largest, said CCHS cheer coach Wendy Potter.

"We're very proud of all the dedication these girls put into the sport," Potter said. "These girls start in July and are at every function they can, and every game they can be at to cheer. They always put their Crittenden County Rocket teams first. They were so pumped to cheer their boys on Friday at Owensboro then compete early Saturday morn-

ing in regionals."

Stunts and cheer routines require a great deal of athleticism, particularly during competitive events, the coach explains.

"Cheer is sometimes underrated, because nobody understands the athleticism that the girls need to be able to compete," Potter adds.

Typically, the cheer team purchases a routine from a professional choreographer. This year, CCHS graduate Shelby Brown provided the choreography. Brown is a University of Kentucky letterman in stunt.

CCHS missed winning the regional title by .05 of a point. The Crittenden cheer team finished eighth in the state's medium division in 2020, the year Brown was a senior.

2023 Crittenden County General Election														
November 7, 2023	Percentage Of All Balloting	Crittenden County	Total Votes Marion	Total Votes Rosebud	Total Votes Sheridan	Total Votes Tolu	Total Votes Marion	Total Votes Fords Ferry	Total Votes Marion	Total Votes Frances	Total Votes Frances	Total Votes Marion	Total Votes Marion	Total Votes Shady Grove
CRITTENDEN TURNOUT 39.1%		TOTALS	Precinct 2	Precinct 11	Precinct 9	Precinct 10	Precinct 1	Precinct 5	Precinct 4	Precinct 8	Precinct 7	Precinct 6	Precinct 3	Precinct 12
STRAIGHT PARTY														
REPUBLICAN		1,147	67	75	144	112	86	29	131	40	105	163	127	68
DEMOCRAT		301	31	22	31	19	22	17	26	13	38	30	30	22
KENTUCKY GOVERNOR / LT GOV.	STATEWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL												
Daniel Cameron / Robby Mills (R)	52.5%	1,660	115	122	220	134	128	44	186	63	155	227	181	85
Andy Beshear / Jacqueline Coleman (D)	42.5%	858	88	59	83	66	70	35	92	27	88	84	106	60
KENTUCKY SECRETARY OF STATE	STATEWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL												
Michael Adams (R)	60.6%	1,959	140	139	252	163	150	52	232	68	176	259	224	104
Charles "Buddy" Wheatley (D)	39.4%	512	58	34	43	36	43	24	44	21	64	50	60	35
KENTUCKY ATTORNEY GENERAL	STATEWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL												
Russell Coleman (R)	52%	1,900	137	132	239	158	143	52	215	74	173	255	216	106
Pamela Stevenson (D)	42%	569	61	43	57	42	48	22	61	17	62	54	69	33
KY AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS	STATEWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL												
Allison Ball (R)	61%	2,000	147	139	254	169	151	56	227	72	179	265	236	105
Kim Reeder (D)	39%	468	49	35	40	31	40	20	47	17	61	44	50	34
KENTUCKY TREASURER	STATEWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL												
Mark H. Metcalf (R)	57%	1,889	136	135	237	155	139	51	214	69	176	254	221	102
Michael Bowman (D)	43%	566	58	39	54	41	50	25	62	21	64	56	62	34
KY AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER	STATEWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL												
Jonathan Shell (R)	59%	1,965	145	133	247	162	152	53	224	72	180	263	226	108
Sierra J. Enlow (D)	41%	494	47	38	46	36	40	24	51	18	61	47	54	32
CRITTENDEN COUNTY SURVEYOR	STATEWIDE	COUNTY TOTAL												
		510												
MARION CITY COUNCIL	CITYWIDE	CITY TOTAL												
Taylor Davis (non-partisan)	50.4%	257	66				66		43			19	63	
Tracy Cook (non-partisan)	49.6%	253	43				77		45			15	73	

Four voters received incorrect ballots on election day

STAFF REPORT

A self-reported mistake in the local portion of last week's general election was met with honesty and regret, and even forgiveness from the only person it really could have affected.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor reported last week, just hours after countywide election results had been tabulated, that four voters had received wrong ballots. Each were voters in city precincts.

The mistake could have potentially changed the outcome of the only local race on the ballot, albeit a tie would have been the best case scenario for Tracy Cook, who lost a city council

special election by four votes.

Tabor said four voters that are registered in the city, who should have received ballots with the city council race on them, were given ballots without that race. Only statewide candidates were on the ballots those voters received.

Within the first hour of voting on election day, a poll worker at the city-wide voting center realized that some of the very first individuals casting ballots that morning may have received an incorrect ballot. It was documented in writing and after polls closed, records were examined. That is when it was determined that indeed four ballots

had been incorrectly presented to voters.

Cook received 253 votes in the non-partisan city council race while Taylor Davis got 257 and was declared the winner.

By the time the error was discovered, the only recourse for Cook would have been to file a lawsuit seeking relief in circuit court. She chose not to do that.

The voters who received the incorrect ballots did not realize their ballots were in essence incomplete. Only the detailed notes kept by poll workers revealed the mistake, and Tabor promptly reported it to state election officials and the local media.

The clerk issued the

following statement with regard to the matter.

"The unfortunate situation is a reminder that there is a human element involved in carrying out elections. There are hundreds of steps to the process that voters never see, and this office and the board of elections need to do a better job of training to ease the burden on poll workers and prevent this in the future."

Tabor said Cook's gracious acceptance and understanding of the circumstances speak to her character.

"The honesty of our poll workers to identify and document this mis-

take after the fact is a credit to their trustworthiness," Tabor said.

"This further proves that the paper trail and system in place to identify election mishaps works when a question arises."

The incorrect ballots had no effect on voting for statewide offices.

Cook, who had been appointed in January by the Marion City Council to fill the past 10 months of an unexpired term, also issued a statement, which follows.

"To the citizens and voters of Marion, it has been my honor to serve you over the last year as one of your city council members. I appreciate

the confidence that you and my fellow city leaders placed in me as I served our community in this new way.

"Obviously, I am disappointed with the unique circumstances and results of the election. However, the transparency of our election system reinforces my steadfast belief in it. I wish (Davis) the best as he begins his service to our city."

Davis was also notified following the discovery. He will be sworn to office Monday and will serve on the council until next December. All six city council seats will be on the ballot next fall.

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