#### LIQUOR TAX ROLLING ALONG AT RECORD PACE

Marion's liquor tax continues to bring in record-setting revenue in 2022. In August \$9,252.52 was collected from the five-percent sale on legal alcohol sales and permit fees. That was the highest month since Marion legalized the sale of alcohol in August 2019. The average monthly revenue in 2022 from January to August was

\$7,333.51, more than \$600 per month greater than the average for 2021. By statute, the money must be spent on policing or education about substance abuse. In addition to funding salaries, equipment and training for law enforcement, it's also being used to fund a new DARE program in the schools.

#### IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

•Kentucky's wildfire season restrictions remain in effect through Dec. 15. Due to unseasonably dry conditions,

SEASON

local firemen are urging everyone to follow the law, which prohibits

burning during daylight hours from 6 a.m., to 6 p.m. Burning can be done at night. Hunters camping during deer season are cautioned about leaving campfires unattended. They can only be used at night and must be completely extinguished before dawn. There have been citations written recently to individuals who have failed to comply with current burn restrictions. See page 4 for more details.

•Salem Christmas Parade is at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 26.

• Marion Christmas Parade is 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3.

 Crittenden County has a daytime closing of Zion Cemetery Road in the western part of the county through Friday. The fiveday road closure began Monday and will continue from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., daily the rest of this week. The work is necessary for repairs to the road beginning at the Livingston County line for approximately two miles back toward Levias Road. Due to the size of the equipment being used for this repair, it will not allow for passing vehicles during the work day.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

•Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 21 at the courthouse.

 Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 21 at city hall.

•Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 21 at city hall.

 Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday Nov. 28 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

 Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 29 at Crittenden County High School.

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Crittenden County Courthouse custodian Ric Nelson.

## **Courthouse fixture recalls** hitch-hiking to Woodstock

BY ALLISON EVANS THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

For about three decades, Ric Nelson has been a mainstay at the courthouse, serving as its custodian.

As his retirement nears, Nelson has been sharing some fond stories with the courthouse regulars. Among them are his memories of a trip to Woodstock for the historic music festival in 1969.

The experience temporarily turned Nelson and five of his buddies into something akin to hobos. They hitchhiked and jumped trains for 989 miles to get to the con cert.

Each of the boys - ranging from 14 and 15 years old left their parents notes reading, "Going to a rock festival, be back.

Nelson isn't sure exactly when he will take retirement, but it's coming up be-

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is to get people to shop in

Marion this holiday season,

it's also a great opportunity

to provide some benefit to

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Novelty items will be in-

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While the overall scheme

throughout

town will be

Saturday

morning and

the Chamber

handing out

consumers.

fore too long.

He remembers having the time of his life traveling to the three-day Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Woodstock, New York during August 53 years ago.

Nelson gets excited reflecting on the two weeks he and buddies spent traveling, including an unscheduled police escort through two states after getting caught jumping on trains without paying a fare on the return route.

Nelson was 14 years old at the time, about to enter his freshman year at a high school in Springfield, Ill. The biggest Woodstock attraction was seeing his favorite band, Creedence Clearwater Revival.

"We plopped down 40 yards from the stage and didn't leave until Monday

morning," he said. Clearwater "Creedence

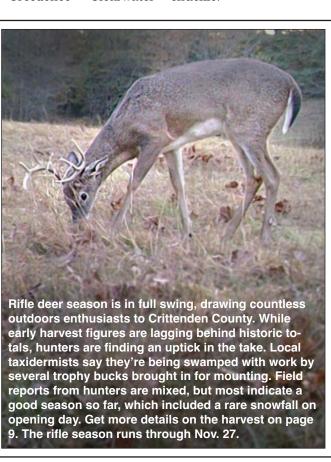
Revival is my favorite band of all time," said Nelson. "They played Saturday from 1-2 a.m.," but many concertgoers missed it.

"When they took the stage, they yelled to the crowd but a lot of people were asleep," Nelson said. "One of the guys with me yelled to the band and they said, 'We'll play for you then," Nelson recalls.

Nelson remembers the mud, rainstorm and the massive crowd that tore down fencing to get into the venue.

"Everybody was smoking dope and drinking booze and listening to music, but I didn't participate in the drugs," Nelson said.

"My old man didn't talk to me for a month. He said, 'I pictured you dead, boy.' But if it happened again I'd do it again," he said with a chuckle.



## Leaves, water on for Monday meeting

One bag will include a crisp STAFF REPORT \$100 bill and there will be One of Marion's most

> popular city services has been postponed due to mechanical issues, but it appears there's still hope for leaf collection in the near City officials say the leaf

collection system, which is mounted to a work truck, has been riddled by malfunctions, preventing the annual service to get started on time. It's typically almost

complete by now.
Interim City Administra-

tor Layten Croft said an impeller motor was ordered early this week and it should arrive late this week. The motor was the latest problem with the aged de-

Marion City Council will meet in regular session Monday. On the agenda are discussion of leaf collection

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## More from last week's election

Billed as one of the biggest elections in county history, last week's balloting didn't turn out to be the blockbuster some had anticipated. It certainly never matched the hype.

We cannot be too credulous when it comes to taking the community's temperature with a Facebook thermometer. You simply cannot get an accurate reading. To less discriminating net surfers, cries to tar and feather city leaders on social media over the water crisis forebode a wholesale whitewashing of city hall. As it turns out, those who actually have a right to choose and showed up to exercise that right

completely outgunned those unfiltered haters from the World Wide Web. Everyone who could return to city government was re-elected.

What's interest-About Town ing is that two-

thirds of those registered to vote in this socalled referendum to end all referendums on Marion's leadership didn't even bother to vote. Just goes to show it's much easier to sit on the couch and bitch than it is to actively engage in a civic endeavor. Troubling in one sense, comforting in another - to deploy a common social media acronym,

There are 2,200 humans registered to vote in Marion. Last week 696 mustered the energy

to do so. Oddly, 124 of those city voters who cast a ballot, didn't even mark a vote in the mayoral race. A handful of those throw-aways were write-ins that didn't get counted for various reasons. Apparently some voters cast ballots for Brown, instead of D'Anna Browning, who was the only qualified write-in candidate. Snoopy's votes are never counted, but he always gets one or two. Last week, there were 11 rejected write-in votes for mayor. Some voters had checked the write-in box, but left blank the line where the name should go. In modern history, this was Marion's first major race that involved a write-in candidate that won. Browning will be sworn in in January as the first female

•There were 1,192 straight party ballots cast last week. Mostly Republicans pulled the so-called party lever – a term that dates back to when voters actually pulled or pushed levers in a voting booth behind a curtain to cast their ballots. Nowadays, we vote like we took standardized tests in school, filling the box with our answer to the world's troubles. Surprisingly, we're not required to use a No. 2 lead pencil.

mayor of this town.

You can color in the box for straight party then vote for someone across the isle. Most folks don't even realize that's an option. In other words, you can pull straight party for say the GOP, then vote for a Democrat in any particular race. That vote for the Democrat will be counted and the rest of those straight party votes are tallied for your party's candidate in partisan races where the voter does not cast an individual vote either way. It can save you a little time in an election like last week's where so many unopposed were on the ballot.

There were 1,014 Republican straight party ticket votes cast last week and 178 by Democrats. While the GOP figure

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#### **Deaths**

#### Koon

James Patrick "Pat" Koon, 67, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at his home in Salem after a long battle with cancer.

He worked for Bell

South and AT&T and was one semester short of his Bachelor's Degree, but



needed to quit college to care for his ailing mother. He was studying archaeology and palynology, hoping to become a professor at SIU. He was of the Jehovah's Witness faith.

Surviving are his lifelong friend, Danny Cowen; a brother Allen Reed Koon of Illinois; his "second mother," Mrs. Carnelia Ramage; a niece, Tammy Hunter; and lifelong friend Jimmy Sherer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard "Dick" Koon and Geraldine (Reed) Koon; two brothers, Michael Koon and Gary Koon; a sister, Janice Ballard; and a niece, Michael Stokes.

Services were Monday, Nov. 14 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Bennie Chandler oficiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

#### **Taylor**

Robert Lee Taylor, 71, died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022 at his home in Benton.

He grew up in Hampton and worked at GAF ISP Ashland for over 30 years as a chemical operator.

Surviving are a daughter, Maggie Eliz-

abeth Taylor of Louisville; two sons, Eric Taylor of Fordsville and Adam (Stacy Davis) Taylor of Ledbetter; a sister, Janey (Malcom) Lane of Eddyville; six grandchildren, Amber (Jake) Fulton, Abbygail Taylor, Addison Taylor, Tessa Taylor, Rylee Taylor and Adam Brent Taylor Jr.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Robert and Dorothy Alice (Andrews) Taylor.

There will be no services at this time.

#### **Fisher**

John C. Fisher, 78, of Dothan, Ala., died Monday, Nov. 7, 2022. He was of Baptist faith and a chaplain in the Vietnam war. He graduated from Crittenden County High School in 1963 and attended Central Bible Institute.

Surviving are two sisters, Shirley Hinchee and Linda Deboe,

Linda Deboe , both of Marion; six nephews, Mike Fisher, Jeff (Ana) Hollamon, Greg (Dawn) Hollamon, Brian (Tracy) Hollamon, Dean Deboe and Don Deboe; three neices, Carol Fisher, Jennifer Fisher and Valarie Robinson.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Josephine Fisher; and father, John Fisher; a brother, James (Bernadine) Fisher; and a niece, Dianne Fisher.

Graveside services were Thursday, Nov. 10 at Mapleview Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

#### **Thomasson**

Romie Thomasson, Jr., 87, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force where he was a jet mechanic.

mechanic.
He was a retired diesel mechanic and a member of the Moose Lodge.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Marilyn Brady Thomasson; two sons, Barry L. (Ann Marie) Thomasson of Steger, Ill., and Romie Barker (Linda) Thomasson, III of De-Motte, Ind.; a daugh-

ter, Bonnie Blevens of Schererville, Ind.; three sisters, Della, Georgia and Peggy Sue; 12 grandchildren, David, Kirk, Tara, Robert, Danielle, Michael, Caleb, Noah, Beth, Shane, Christine, Ken Jr.; several greatgrandchildren; and a great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tronda Wheling; two brothers; and his parents Romie B. Thomasson Sr. and Pauline (Myers) Thomasson.

Services were Saturday, Nov.12 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

#### **Buck**

Elsie Linda Buck, 75, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022 at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville. She was

born to the late Paul and Beulah Foster Boyd Sr., in Morganfield.

She was a devoted Christian and was a homemaker who enjoyed flowers and gardening.

Surviving are daughter Penny Mayes of Mar-Richard (Kathy) Egans of Dover, Tenn.; two brothers, Charles Edward Foster Sturgis Paul Edward Boyd Jr of Wisconsin; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchiland five great-great-grandchil-

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 45 years, Leo Buck; and two brothers, Charlie and Billy Boyd.

Services were Monday, Nov. 14 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis with Bro. Jeff Paris officiating. Burial was in Rosebud Cemetery in Crittenden County.

#### Siavelis

Janet Louise Weingart Siavelis, 57, of Dawson Springs, died Sunday,

Nov. 13, 2022, at her home. She was

She was born Feb. 18, 1965, in Chi-

cago to Chester Weingart and the late Yvonne Williams Weingart.

She worked for the best employers in Madisonville, Eddie Byford and Larry Adcock at E & L Pets. She was the dog groomer there for 13 years and had the best manager, Darrell. Janet wrote "I had the best partner who was always there for me with lots of warm love and strength. Russell Herrin, I thank God every day for you and your sacrifices you've made for me! And my best friend, Tina Pena! Always there! Not enough ink to write it all down! Thank you all for all your love and support during all this I've gone through. Thank you all!"

Surviving are Chester Weingart; two daughters, Amira Baghdadi and Amanda Baghdadi; a son, Joey Baghdadi; a stepdaughter, Crystal Siavelis; and nine grandchildren.

In addition to her mother, Siavelis was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Siavelis; and a son, Jacob Baghdadi.

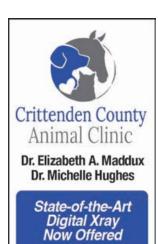
A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville is in charge of arrangements.



Members of the Critttenden County Middle School basketball homecoming court are (from left) Abigail Champion, Caden Hutchison, Bella Cornwell, Charlie Hardin, Lola Munsell, Gaige Markham, Sara Grau, Jett Champion, queen Aalina Henry, king Jake Rich, Ella Hoover, Junior Cowsert, Layken Gilchrist, Trent Todd, Lakelynn Guess, Ethan Sosh, Jordyn Hodge, Hudson Stokes. Crown bearer is Jon Ross Joyce, flower girl is Birdie Brown.

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## Local teacher traces her Naval education in Veterans Day speech



Student Miles Hughes (above) presents an American Flag to speaker Vicki Hadfield at the end of her speech last week at Rocket Arena. At right, veterans are recognized and saluted by students. Below. Patriot's Pen essay contest sponsored by the VFW were recognized. Presenting the awards to Kylie Bloodworth and Morgan Stewart, second- and third-place winners, respectively, were Nancy Lanham and Marion VFW Post Commander William Kagel. Not pictured was Shelbi Belt.







Crittenden County school teacher Vicki (Hardin) Hatfield gave the keynote address at last week's Veterans Day celebration on the high school campus. Following is her speech.

Good morning. I want you to know how much of an honor it is for me to have been asked to speak to you all today. I am truly grateful for the opportunity and thankful that my family is present to share this experience. I thought about starting off with a history lesson, since I am a social studies teacher, but I decided I should not bore my sister Steffie to death. Especially after she told me to keep it short.

Other than the day the Lord Jesus rose from the grave, to me there is no other more important day than Veterans Day. Both of those days are about sacrifice, one died for you and the other died for your freedom.

When I was a child, I was truly blessed to have had a father who instilled in me the importance of God, country and family. My father and I would watch old war movies together. These would include Patton, The Eagle Has Landed, Tora Tora Tora and various others. He would tell me how important veterans were to this country. How their sacrifice made it possible for me to live in a democracy. Thanks to my father, I have always understood what it meant to be an American and what it took for us to become a great nation. I remember when I was in the sixth grade, out at "the new" elementary school, singing the Battle Hymn of the Republic and other various patriotic songs in a school program. How my heart was filled with respect and pride for the men and women who had fought and died for not only me but for all of us to be free. That someone would take up arms and go above and beyond themselves to defend this nation for others was inspiring.

I graduated from Crittenden County in 1989; I did not like school and did not want to go to college. I wanted to walk a different path, so I spoke to a Navy recruiter and enlisted in the United States Navy on the Oct. 11, 1990. I was then sent to bootcamp in Orlando, Fla. My dad was so proud that I had enlisted, my mom was sad that her oldest child was leaving, and I was ready to get out on my own. Looking back, I was so immature, wet behind the ears, and extremely sheltered. On that first morning of bootcamp, my company commanders entered our barracks throwing metal trash cans and yelling for us to get on the line! At that moment and for a little while, I thought I had made a huge mistake. I remember thinking holy cow what have I done? However, one day became two weeks that turned into two months and then I graduated from bootcamp. I also made it through my training for A School in Meridian, Miss. Little by little I was realizing that I could handle more than I thought I

My first duty station was in the country of Panama with Special Boat Unit 26. SBU-26 is

part of the brown water navy or Riverine, they work hand in hand with Navy Seal Teams and we escorted submarines through the Panama Canal.

The Commanding Officer (CO) when I arrived was Commander Fitzgerald, who was one of the first Vietnam Seals. He was prior enlisted, was down to earth and everyone loved him. He was the "old man." When Commander Fitzgerald transferred a new CO came on board, Commander Siegel, he was no "old man." He too was a Navy Seal but he looked more like a Spartan warrior, you know from the movie 300. When he walked in the building his presence was intimidating and I am not ashamed to admit I was terrified of him. I bring these two men up to you today because they truly made an impact on my life. Commander Fitzgerald was a great leader who could be tough and understanding. Commander Siegel was such a confident and commanding person, that after being around him, there is no other person on this earth that can intimidate me. By their examples, both of these men made me a stronger and better person.

The men and women whom I served with (my shipmates) were some of the smartest, bravest, funniest and most amazing people I have ever known. The love and respect I have for them will never fade and it is a bond that can not be broken. These amazing people helped me become the person I am today. They had my back, they told me when I was wrong, they loved me and I loved them. They are definitely my heroes.

The Navy gave me purpose, it helped me grow up, and watched over me for four years. It also helped me to earn a college education, with the G.I. Bill. The Navy instilled in me a life long lesson of how important working together as a team to get the job done truly is. That if we stand united, no one can divide us. The thing about our country is that it is all of our responsibility to keep it safe, take care of it, and leave it better than we found it. To instill in our younger generations the importance of freedom and democracy. That freedom is not free, that it is paid by the blood and tears of not just the military but also their families. President Reagan once said "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." It is easy to find fault and complain about things. It is another to work together diplomatically to find solutions. Nothing productive comes from complaining, working together does.

So, in conclusion I challenge all of you to get involved in your community, volunteer, be educated and leave this place better than you found it, because everything starts at home. I think that President Kennedy in his 1961 inaugural address said it best, "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask, what you can do for your country." God Bless, Go Navy! Thank you.



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## Starting an illegal fire can lead to fine, jail time

STAFF REPORT

Dry conditions continue across the region and Crittenden County officials are warnthat anyone caught violating state or local burn laws will be prosecuted.

A number of wildfires have been reported in Crittenden and Livingston counties over the past two or three weeks, including eight different responses to fires in one sevenhour period a few days ago.

Crittenden County Emergency Management Director Jason Hurley says dangers are real as volatile conditions exist throughout the area. He said something as seemingly harmless as an engine backfiring can cause a wildlife that has the potential to destroy property, homes and can even be harmful or deadly to wildlife and people. There have been recent cases of area firefighters needing medical attention at fire scenes.

Hurley said with deer season in full swing and many people afield and camping, the chance of wildfires is increased.

"A four-wheeler backfired a few days ago and caused a hay fire." Hurley said.

At least one individual was cited last week in rural Crittenden County for violation of the Kentucky Fire Hazard Law. In Kentucky, there are official spring and fall fire hazard seasons. The fall season runs from Oct. 1 to Dec. 15. During that period, open fires are prohibited within 150 feet of a woodland or grassland from 6 a.m., to 6 p.m. In other words, daytime open burning is prohib-

Some counties have also enacted strict burn bans, meaning open fires are prohibited round the clock.

A person charged with violating burn laws will be cited to district court and if found guilty could face a fine of up to \$500 and/or six months in jail. Depending on damage done by a wildfire, those guilty of starting it could face even greater fines and jail time.

"Something like throwing a

cigarette butt out of a vehicle window can start a fire under these types of conditions, Hurley said.

There has been less than four inches of rainfall in Crittenden County since Sept. 1, according to the Kentucky Mesonet Weather Station near

Mattoon.

"Even though there has been a little rain lately, it hasn't helped much," Hurley said, about the hazardous conditions that exist due to dry and often windy conditions.

## Judge sends 5 to prison

Crittenden County Circuit Judge Rene Williams sentenced two individuals to prison and ordered sanctions or probation revocation for three others during proceedings last Thursday at the county courthouse.

•Justin Morris, 25, of Marion, pleaded guilty to felony charges of seconddegree forgery and fraudulent firearm transaction, and misdemeanor charges for violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO. Morris falsely completed a firearms transaction application and gave false information to a licensed gun dealer on May 31 while making a purchase of a weapon. Morris also violated a protective order on Nov. 15, 2021 and April 29, 2022. He was sentenced to one year on each of the felonies and 12 months on the misdemeanors. All time will run concurrent and the felony charges were pretrial diverted for three years. He was ordered to forfeit the weapon involved in the case.

•William Clifton Grider, 33, of Providence had his probation revoked and was sentenced to prison. Grider was convicted of trespassing burglary, and criminal mischief last year. He was ordered to complete his original five-year sentence.

•Edward F. Piper Jr., 55, of Marion was given a 60-day sanction for failure to report to his probation officer. He is on probation for a 2017 marijuana and weapons

•Megan Lynn McCalister, 40, of Fredonia was formally sentenced to five years in prison on three felony charges of trafficking in methamphetamine and cocaine. She received a five-year sentence on each conviction, but the time will run concurrently.

 Kendra Fitzgerald, 32, of Marion was ordered to serve 30 days for a probation violation. She was on probation for a 2020 conviction for forgery (counterfeit money) and

#### Letters to the Editor tigious Al Smith Award.

### **Good things** happen to good people

To the Editor:

Good things happen to good people. In today's world that old cliche does not seem to happen enough. But it was certainly the case recently when Chris and Allison Evans received the pres-

**NEITHER AMENDMENT** 

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FRONT OF KY VOTERS

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ticularly like amending

the state's constitution.

election, voters rejected

During the Nov. 8

I've known Chris and Allison for nearly all of my life. The challenges of running a small town newspaper in the 21st century are daunting. Despite these challenges The Press has thrived. Chris and Allison have succeeded because they

care. They care about Crittenden County, the surrounding region, they care about the people, and most importantly care about the thev

The best part of "hump day" for me is when The Press lands in my inbox and I can pop open the attachment to learn what is going on in my home-

Do not take The Crittenden Press for granted. Hats off to two wonderful people. I'm sure they're tired of hearing it, but some very special people are looking down and are very proud right

> Lee Conrad Hopkinsville, Ky.

## BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

#### **10 YEARS AGO**

#### November 22, 2012

- County officials were unhappy with Crittenden Health Systems' executives about not knowing about the plans for EMS to make across-the-board pay raises for ambulance service workers. This was around the same time that the county was getting ready to hand over the first proceeds from a new tax aimed at helping the ambulance service fend off red ink. Now that the taxpayers were footing part of the bill for the ambulance service, county leaders believed they had the right to have greater insight into major
- management decisions. ■ Marion residents Lois and Elizabeth Tosh attended a viewing of the movie Pocahontas at The Crittenden Public Library. The viewing was part of Third Thursday Theater, a free movie night for the whole family held on the third Thursday of each

month.

- The VFW Post 12022 Ladies Auxiliary in Marion announced that local seventh-grade Mauri Collins won the group's Patriots' Pen Essay Contest for middle school students. The post received twice as many entries compared to recent years. The essay's theme was "What Would I Tell America's Founding Fathers."
- Rebekah Lowry, a sixth grader, was one of three students named CCMS students of the month. She was recognized due to the

outstanding effort and enthusiasm that she displayed during school activities. Others awarded were seventh grader Ricky Adkins and eighth grader, Emily Robertson.

■ Kindergartner Hannah Mott, second grader Kendra Williams and first grader Joey Myers were picked as winners of the Thanksgiving coloring contest sponsored by WMJL and Food Giant. They received a popcorn tin and a bag of M&Ms as a prize.

#### November 15, 1997

- Residents of Crittenden County report a stray dog problem but believe there are too many dogs being killed and being executed through the county's animal shelter. At the time, animals taken to the county's shelter were kept for seven days. If no one claims or adopts them, they are put to sleep. Statistics show that about 200 dogs pass through the county's shelter in a year. Of those, about 25 are claimed or adopted. The other 175
- were destroyed. ■ Carolyn and Jim Mathieu of Marion won the 1997 Red Rose/ White Rose Award in Lexington. The couple formed Crittenden County's Right to Life chapter in June 1993. It is because of their work with this cause that they received the award.
- Kayla Jepsen was crowned Crittenden County Middle School's basketball homecoming queen. Her

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escort was eighth-grader Joey Blazina.

■ Ruth Robertson and Juanita Harrison received recognition at the Pennyrile Area Homemakers meeting for 50 years of consecutive membership. Twenty-one Crittenden County members attended the Princeton meeting at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Cen-

■ Alex Whitworth, 4, of Ledbetter aided his father James Whitworth during a Head Start program at Crittenden Elementary School. The Whitworths travel the region teaching youngsters about the culture in Scotland. The program was held in Angel McDonald's preschool class.

#### **50 YEARS AGO**

#### November 23, 1972

- Jeff Hughes, Kristi Hughes and David Crider, members of the Young Historian Club at Marion Junior High, presented Dr. Howard Mathis with a check for \$306.24 for the Crippled Children's Telethon. The advisor of the Young Historians was Eddie Cruce. To raise money, the club held various cookie sales.
- Deputy Sheriff Austin Cook and County Coroner Clinton York went through the remains of the Roy Gregory home near Dycusburg to determine the cause of a blaze. Gregory died in the fire and the house was destroyed.
- Virgil Cook Jr reported that rain and moisture have caused some of his soybean crops to "wilt" thus causing increased spoilage before harvesting. His 80acre bean crop has yet to be harvested because of the lack of good weather.
- Bobby McDowell of Joy got himself an eleven-point buck early on opening day. It weighed 150 pounds. Dwight Witherspoon of Route 1, Sturgis also had luck on opening morning. He killed a seven-point buck on a special two-day hunt at the Land Between the Lakes. The deer dressed out at 133 pounds.

Read Brenda Underdown's

## two proposed amend-

ments.

On Amendment 1, Kentuckians denied a proposal to add language to the state constitution that would allow legislators to call the General Assembly into a special session. That power will remain solely with the governor as voters declined the amendment with a 53.6 percent margin. There were 693,267 No Votes and 601,197 favorable

ballots for the proposal. Kentucky voters rejected a proposal to amend the Kentucky Constitution to state that it does not provide the right to an abortion or require funding for an abortion. There were 741,411 No Votes and 674,255 Yes Votes. The pro-choice side won with 52.4 percent of the vote.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS:** FROM FREDONIA SALEM, SMITHLAND

Fredonia has elected Jim Seibert to another term as its mavor.

Seibert received 113 votes as he ran unopposed in last week's general election. Only three individuals were elected to the Fredonia City Council, which has six seats. Elected were Kris Driver, Fredrick Wilcox and Travis. Teresa council will later fill the other seats by appointment.

The City of Salem has re-elected Gary Damron as its mayor. Damron was unopposed and received 158 votes in Nov. 8 balloting.

Brandon DeBoe was the top vote-getter in the race for Salem City Council. He garnered 143 votes. Also elected the four-person council were Daryl Chittenden with 135 votes, Craig Dossett with 133 and Tiffany Newcomb with 119.

Bill Hesser was reelected mayor Smithland with 35 votes.

election, Terry Cobb was



truth.

the top vote-getter with 37. Also elected to the council were Kayla Curry with 41 votes and Mary Ann Pirtle and Glenda Gentry with 29 apiece.

#### PASTURE CLASS MONDAY

A Pasture Fertilization class will be held at 6 p.m., Monday, Nov. 21 at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. Specialist Dr. Edwin Ritchey will discuss the basics of pasture fertilization and ways to save money on fertilizer use in a pasture situation. This class counts toward CAIP education credit.

#### FEDERAL DRUG CHARGE

A Livingston County man has been indicted by a federal grand jury for drug and weapons charges.

Alan C. Rogers, 55, is charged with one count of possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, being a felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a firearm with an altered serial number.

Rogers had previously been convicted in the Livingston Circuit Court of the felony of complicity to first-degree possession of a controlled substance. If convicted of the federal charges, he faces 10 years to life in prison.

#### HUBBARD, 85, DIES

One of western Kentucky's most popular legislators in the late 20th century has died. Carroll Hubbard, 85, died Saturday.

His political career included being elected to the Kentucky Senate in 1967 when he defeated incumbent George Brand. Hubbard, 30, was the youngest member of the Kentucky Senate at that time. In 1968 he was chosen by the Kentucky Jaycees as one of Outstanding Young Men of Kentucky.

He served in the Senate until 1974. That year he defeated incumbent Frank Stubblefield in the Democratic primary to Kentucky's represent 1st District in the U.S. House of Representathe general election and began serving in Washington, D.C. in January 1975. He was one of 75 freshmen members of the 94th Congress, and was elected as president of that freshman class.

Hubbard was reelected to Congress eight times, from 1976 to 1990. While in Congress, he

was a member of the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and House Merchant Marine Fisheries Committee. In addition to his office at the Rayburn House Office Building in Wash-Hubbard maintained district offices in Madisonville, Henderson, Hopkinsville and Paducah, and traveled back to Kentucky almost every weekend, where he participated in hundreds of community meetings and events. gave countless speeches and shook an immeasurable number of hands.

Correspondence with district's constituents also took up much of Hubbard's time during his days in Congress. In the era before e-mail and social media, Hubbard personally signed and sent literally hundreds of thousands of letters, newsletters, calendars, and Christmas cards to his constituents in western

Kentucky. After failing to be reelected in 1992, he went to federal prison from 1995-97 after pleading guilty to federal campaign funding violations.

His funeral will be Saturday, Nov. 19, at Bryn Funeral Home in Mayfield.

#### **COMER ON TEAM**

Kentucky Congressman James Comer has been named to the Transition Team for the 118th Congress to ensure that a Republican majority is ready to get to work.

Republican House Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) announced last week Comer's selection to lead the Oversight and Accountability Transition Team.

Transition teams will address the GOP's core priorities as Republicans prepare to lead the House of Representatives.

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## Somebody has to be the one that does it

it has never stopped me from participating once I side. They were our en-

found my level of intensity and competition. I was once on a basketball team in England that was competitive at the lowest level of the lowest division. In fact, it was actually a baseball team that wanted to do something in the long, dark, damp winters. Given the level of competition, nature of the teams we

played,

often-questionable officiating (a couple of games were refereed by members of the opposing team when someone didn't show), things would sometimes get a little chippy.

and

NIESTRATH

Guest

**Columnist** 

Faith-based columnist

There were two members of our team that would have none of it. If there was going to be a fight or a shoving match, they would be the first in

that good at sports, but I didn't care much for, but I was glad he was on my

> forcers. would say and do things that didn't really but was glad they had done it. It just wasn't in me to do it myself, even if it needed to be done. It would have been unfair for me to judge actions their given the situations we were in a couple of times. Every team needs one enforcer so that the rest of us

can get on with the game. Our society has built a system of enforcers. Our police are called law enforcement. Many of them are called to do things that most of us never have to think about. Same with first responders. There are people all around us who must make difficult deci-

sions that go well beyond

black and white thinking.

It is worth remembering

There is another group of people whom we honor on Nov. 11 every year. They are the men and women who have served in our armed forces. They have stepped in to be our enforcers and protectors so that the rest of us could get on with our dai-

For a nation to do good things in this world, it is sometimes necessary to take up arms. I wish it were not true. I am also sure that a few would say that it isn't true, but that is not the world that we live in. Those nations and people who refuse to take up arms are only able to safely do so because they have an enforcer on their team.

In the Bible, when the people of Judea were allowed to return from captivity to rebuild their beloved city of Jerusalem, they were met with an armed threat. Their leader was Nehemiah. They were afraid and distracted from the work because of the armies around them. In Nehemiah 4:14 he said, "And I looked, and arose, and said to the nobles

to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes."

This describes something that most of us have never experienced, but many in the world have and are currently. While it is true that it is dangerous to assume that God is always on our side, it is equally true that God understands there are times when defending one's people is necessary.

Further, Nehemiah drafted some of the workers, "From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail; and the leaders stood behind all the house of Judah, who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were laden in such a way that each with one hand labored on the work and with the other held his weapon." (Nehemiah 4:16-17).

I am thankful for those

were called upon or volunteered to take up arms. We share the celebrating of Nov. 11 with many other countries – those of the British Commonwealth of Nations, France, and Belgium. Several others commemorate on different dates. Anyone who has talked to a combat veteran knows that there are deep and terrifying

who has walked that road can begin to understand. Those wounds were taken on for the rest of us. We owe them more than "Thank you."

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.

#### THANK YOU

I would like to say "Thank You" to all who voted for me and supported me in my campaign for Mayor, and to those who called, texted, etc. with words of support after the election. Your support and trust were, and are, truly appreciated. I am honored to have served 16 years on the City Council.

Don Arflack

Paid for by Don Arflack

#### THANK YOU

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

Thank you to all of the citizens of Marion that took the time to get out and vote for me. I am grateful and humbled by the support I received from our community and appreciate every one of you for trusting me to fulfill this position. I hope that I am able to exceed your expectations as a city councilman.

Randy Dunn

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## Love is seen in how we honor others

Question: I know the Bible commands me to love others as myself. I need some help. Don't just tell me to love others; show me what loving others looks like.

Answer: Alright, here goes! Beginning with Romans 12:9, Paul tells us how to love others. It helps me to see it in a list.

1. "Love must be sincere" (9). That is love for others with a pure heart, without ulterior motives like gaining something advantageous or avoiding someAsk the Pastor



thing unpleasant.

2. "Honor one another above yourselves" (10). Don't compete with others; instead, find ways to give others recognition.

3. "Share with God's people who are in need" (13). Help those in need,

even if it is inconvenient. Consider all that you have or own as resources to serve others even at personal cost.

4. "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse" (14). When others mistreat you, speak kind words to them in Christ-centered humility.

5. "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn" (15). We are to love those around us so much that we feel like their "win" and "losses" are

6. "Do not repay anyone evil for evil" (17). When others wrong you, leave vengeance to God; instead, be good to them by meeting their needs.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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## **Community Events & News**

- Alissa Swan of Dover, Tenn., was the winner of the deer rifle raffle at the annual Shady Grove Deer Hunters breakfast Saturday.
- Woman's Club of Marion will meet at 1 p.m., Nov. 17 at their club building. Program will be Stacy Hughes, Local Coordinator for International Cultural Exchange involving high school students and local host
- The VFW in Marion has Bingo starting at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.
- 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 the time being, the Clothes Closet cial distancing. The Clothes Closet

noon on the second and fourth Satur-

- food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m.
- 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.

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**CHURCH TIMES:** 

Freedom General Baptist Church Pastor. Ross Atwell

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Sunday School 10 a.m.

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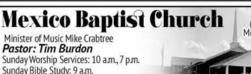
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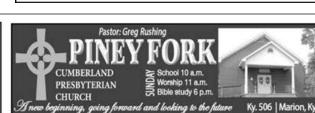
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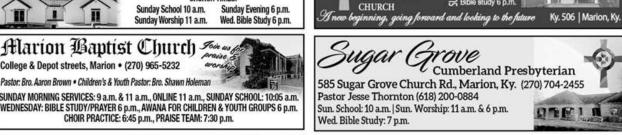
serve the area with free clothes. For is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe sowill be closed in case of rain.

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#### day of every month. ■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia

- the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to

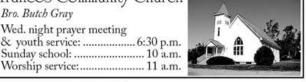




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## Kirksville, Hurricane Landing, Tolu and Wallace Ferry Landing

ican tribes deserted the area that Tolu is located on today, the land lav empty until it was granted to two Revolutionary war veterans, Robert Kirk and Dr. James Wal-

#### Kirksville

The history of the town of Tolu actually starts out from a settlement that started in the very early 1800s by a Revolutionary Veteran, Robert Kirk, who received a land grant for his services in the Revolutionary War from Virginia.

In June of 1797, Robert Kirk appoints an attorney in Livingston County to receive the money due for lots he was selling. By September 1809, Kirk

had named little village Kirksville. History says it was a village of about 25 people.

Hurricane Island, the Ohio struck Kentucky bank a little above what is now called Hurricane Creek. It was just below the mouth Hurricane of Creek that Kirk was selling lots, and he set up flatboat his dock

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In the Livingston County Court Order Book dated March 7, 1803, Kirk received a permit to keep a ferry across the Ohio at the mouth of Hurricane Creek on his giving bond and security to keep a good boat and sufficient hands agreeable to law. This site is very near today's equipment transfer point from the Tolu landing to Hurricane Island. It became known as Kirksville, and it was the only dock marked in what is now Crittenden County on the early Ohio River navigational

The little village survived through the years until 1830 when local history says that in 1830 the village was completely destroyed by a hurricane. It's founder, Robert Kirk, had died Aug. 28, 1828 per U.S. Pension rolls, but his place of burial is unknown.

#### **Hurricane Landing**

Afterwards when the village was rebuilt, the settlers built their new houses farther back from the bank of the river and it was then called Hurricane Landing, named so for the Hurricane Creek that ran nearby.

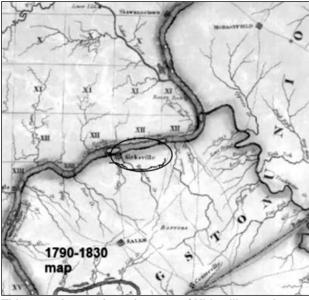
On Aug. 23, 1857, the community received its own post office named Hurricane Post Office or post office store. The structure was built upon stilts near the river's bank with the thought that it would survive the river's flooding each year and it was located on Hurricane Creek bank. Mr. Robert W. Foster was the postmaster.

In February 1884 the weather once again took its toll on the village when a terrible flood washed away all the homes and also the post office, which yielded that dark and stormy night to the upward pressure of a heaving river during high water which floated over the river bank, trailing its stilts beneath it to embark upon a voyage of

uncertain termination. But not to be discouraged to leave their homeland, the people moved farther back from the river and started to rebuild and with the encouragement of landowner, Joseph Guess, started what would become the town of Tolu.

Joseph Guess and his wife, Sarah Wyatt Love Guess, owned the land where Tolu now stands, and Mr. Guess was responsible for plotting out the town and laying the starting foundations for the actual town of Tolu. He was eager for the new

town to be built on this



This map shows where the town of Kirksville was located on the Ohio River.

New Post Office On Feb. 3, 1890 their

new post office had been rebuilt in this location and they needed a name for it. The name Tolu had already been given to the local stave mills the new town in February 1882, so the town folk re-chose the name Tolu for the new post office. The came name from a tonic that was sold

at one of the local stores. It was described as an amazing medicine, good for man or beast. It consisted of pure whiskey to which an extract of Tolu, made from the wood of the South American Tolu tree, had been added.

Daniel "Doc" Stone, a local resident of the town, was the person that suggested the name. So Tolu it was and has remained so ever since. Mr. Thomas A. McAmis was the postmaster.

#### The Elizabethtown or E'town Ferry, was first known as the Wallace Ferry

After the Revolutionary War, the state of Virginia granted a tract of 6,000 acres along the Ohio River to Dr. James Wallace for his services as an army surgeon. Since he didn't want the land, he granted 1,500 acres to his nephew, Arthur Wallace.

Arthur Wallace, mentioned above, built his residence in 1832. He beautiful named his plantation style home Ridgeway. Soon after he built his home, Wallace decided it would be a good thing to transplant five members of his family, which included his brothers, William, Thomas Henry, John and sisters Amanda and Caroline to this tract of river bottom land.

#### William Wallace Ferry

At the intersection of the road which leads to the Elizabethtown landing (northwest corner) William Wallace, of the brothers, built a two-story log house with splendid stone chimneys and a nice two-story portico. William named his beautiful home, Rich-

Not too far from William's home was the Ohio River. William thought his access to the river would be a good place to develop a ferry landing, since the river was the only means of transporting and receiving goods from other places. He paid a man \$10 to bring a ferryboat from Louisville in the early 1830s. This was the beginning of the Wallace Ferry and vears later the road leading to the ferry from Marion, and even farther,

and ran a county store near his home. (His store account book is located at the Crittenden County Historical Museum.)

I have no history for many years about who ran the ferry or even if the landing was used. My next history of the ferry landing was told to me by the late Loyd Brazell in 2005 in a most interesting talk.

#### E'town Ferry Landing

Mr. Brazell's father, Charles L. Brazell lived on Ky. 297, which leads directly to the Wallace Ferry Road and on to the landing. Brazell knew that people on the Kentucky side needed a way to get to the spar mines in Illinois, to get married, and also to purchase liquor, which was illegal to have in Crittenden County. With these thoughts in mind, Charles L. got his ferry. I think at this time the ferry became known as the Elizabeth-

town or E'town Ferry. He hung a bell on the Kentucky side of the river, and when the ferry was needed, if he was on the Illinois side, it would be rung and Charles L. would come across from the Illinois side and pick up the people on the Kentucky side.

I don't know when Charles Brazell sold his ferry, but the next information I have found was an ad in The Crittenden Press in Dec. 1944. E'town Ferry: 24 Hour Service, all new equipment, 8 minutes across the Ohio. Shortest Way Between North and South. Owners R. J. Hardesty and Mrs. Mary M. Esselstyn Owners.

#### Ferry Closed

In April 16, 1964, Russell Hardesty of Tolu, announced that the ferry service between Crittenden County and Elizabethown, Ill., would be closed. Hardesty said that he had sold both the tow boat and barge. He said the ferry had

months, and business had fallen as fluorspar mining had declined in Illinois and truck traffic was subsequently less. Hardesty, at 79, said he felt his health would not permit him to operate this ferry much longer either. He had operated the ferry continuously since 1946.

New Boat Ramp

E-town boat ramp would be ready for boaters. A parking lot for boat trailers had also been constructed at the sight.

(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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## Thanksgiving is much more than turkey and football

again... fall.I love fall weather (...but I love spring weather more!). In fact, as I'm typing this, it has occurred to me that

we're not that far away from the arrival of "Ol' Man Winter," which begins at 3:48 p.m., Dec. 21.

What do you think of when you think of the autumn season? I think of CLARKE sea- Press Columnist harvest cool Happy Trails weather (which,

sadly, spells the end of our garden tomatoes)... beautiful leaves (they've sure been pretty this year around White Plains where we live)... celebrating another Thanksgiving holiday and the end of another year of equestrian ministry.

As I reflect on why fall is so special to me, I'm reminded of a very important day in my life - Friday, Oct. 3, 2003. It was

on that day (around 10 a.m.) that God clearly revealed His will in my life regarding equestrian ministry. At that point, I was finishing up my 22nd year of music and youth ministry. I had been serving the dear folks at Marion Baptist Church since August 1999. I was in total disbelief that God would call me away from full-time church staff ministry - a ministry and a church family that I dearly loved - and send me off in a brand new ministry direction - equestrian ministry! (Many other folks were in disbelief as well). All I knew is that God had clearly called me, and I was going to be faithful to His

Do you remember what we're told in Genesis 12:1? In plain English, God told Abram (later to become Abraham) to leave his comfort zone and go to "a place that I will show you." Verse 4 tells us that "Abram went...". Now that's the kind of faith I want! One of the reasons that I really enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday is because of its thankful for our Lord's bountiful blessings over the past

For many, however, this emphasis only lasts about an hour, then it's time to turn on the TV and watch the big football game. (Sorry, I'm not much of a football fan on Thanksgiving or any other day.) But think about it for a moment. Thanksgiving is much more than a holiday. It's a lifestyle, a way of life, the "eyes" through which we view all of life.

One of my very favorite verses of scripture is Philippians 4:6. The Apostle Paul reminded us of the importance of thanksgiving (not the holiday) when he penned these words: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6 NIV) Due to changes over the years in how we communicate, I've found that often some of the more modern transla-

the layers" of what some of our favorite scriptures are saying to us. Look at this same verse in the New Living Translation: "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done." (Philippians 4:6 NLT) Does this

Many times, the word "anxious" has different connotations. For instance, as a young boy, I was always "anxious" the night before we were going to St. Louis to watch the Cardinals play baseball at Busch Stadium. I was also "anxious" the night before I spoke my vows to my bride over 45 years ago. While I was very excited in both of these examples, this is a totally different use of the word than when we say we are "anxious" because of some medical test we're scheduled to take, or we're "anxious" because we're about to close on a house purchase. The Greek word is "merimnao," meaning "to be troubled with cares". So

with all of that in mind, let's update our understanding of the verse: Don't worry or be troubled about all the cares of the your life - things you have no control over and cannot change. Instead, focus on more positive things, like thanking God for everything He has given to you and the many ways He has blessed you.

This is the frame of mind you need as you come to Him in prayer with your requests. Jesus said it this way: "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need." (Matthew 6:33 NLT) I hope this understanding of "thanksgiving" will help you transition from simply celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday, into celebrating all of life with a heart filled with thanks-

Author Chris Clarke grew up in Marion and Salem and he has a cowboy ministry.

## Looking for big buck? Be careful in town or you might just land a new hood ornament

a drive through Marion and suddenly being forced to a complete halt because a family of whitetail deer are taking their time crossing the street. It appeared they were simply on an afternoon stroll, maybe fixated on a scent across the pavement. Meanwhile, this mom is just trying to get back home after a long

day. A honk of the horn provides no releif from the herd, then suddenly I realized any knee-jerk reaction from the deer could result Kayla in a hit-and-run with uninsured cousin.

Bambi's MAXFIELD Some of these animals seem to be

more anxious to die in front of a brick and mortar business than they do in the field where every rifle-toting orangehatted warrior has been chasing them for several days now. Of course it's deer season round here.

Last week, a drive home from church brought me into our little neighborhood near the park when to my surprise an 11-point-buck stood with his mouth wide open, drawing a breath after chasing another buck through backyards and city streets.

What was my first thought? A picture of course. But after grabbing my phone I couldn't help but chuckle at the thought of all the deer hunters traveling from afar, some paying a hefty price tag to hunt the Crittenden County forestland. Meanwhile a trophy buck anyone would be glad to mount on the wall stood just feet away from my house - inside the

It's no secret the State of Kentucky abounds with ample deer hunting opportunities. As a matter of fact, last year's season reported 131,395 deer put down here in the commonwealth.

The real number is the more than \$550 million of total economic benefit deer hunting brings annually to Kentucky. It's obviously a hearty contribution to the commonwealth's tourism indus-

Yes, it's true that it is nearly im-

Whatever happened to walking to the stand? Tracking blood by foot? And by the way, what are all those bags of corn for? Are ya moonshining or deer hunting?

Many of my folks hunt on the family farm near Rosebud and not a one of them takes a four-wheeler or deer buggy to the blind. They walk out to the field with hopes frostbite won't set in before a buck stands it front of them, just like the generation before them.

Nevertheless, no matter how you get to the stand or what the stand looks like, if you've lived here your whole life or you come from somewhere around the country, everyone dreams of that moment - the adrenaline rush of a sudden shift in the wind and a Shot Heard Round the Farm while bagging a beautiful Kentucky-bred-trophy.

The point is, right here in our hometown there's a world of possibilities when it comes to what you might take back home after a day on the hunt.

Welcome to all those who pour in here for the fall hunt. Be careful. and hey, watch for deer while you're driving into town for dinner. Especially in the city or you'll have a new hood ornament.

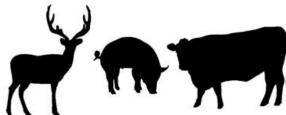
Author Kayla Maxfield is a lifelong resident of this community. She's a wife, mom, singer/entertainer and periodic columnist for the newspaper.

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possible to drive through Marion in the month of November without passing an out-of-state truck with a huge trailer attached to the rear bumper, pulling around a prized ATV or two, or as I like to call them, a Country Volkswagen. These side-by-side UTVs cost more than \$15,000 - and that's a cheap

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### **ELECTION**

Continued from page 1 seems large, it was considerably smaller than 1,892 straight party Republican votes in 2020.

County Crittenden Clerk Daryl Tabor made his official post-election report to the Crittenden County Grand Jury two days after the general election. Among details of the report were problems with the internet service at Shady Grove. WiFi problems at Mattoon Fire Department were the impetus for the county moving that polling place to Repton Church for last week's balloting. Unless Elon Musk shows up with adequate broadband between now and the next election you can bet Shady Grove will be looking for a new polling place on top of a hill.

The clerk's report also included a narrative on the investigation conducted by the Crittenden County Board of Elections into a complaint at Deer Creek Church.

infraction was found when election officials went to the polling place at Deer Creek. They had responded after being notified that Don Young, the Democratic candidate for sheriff, was in the parking lot of Deer Creek Church doing excavation work that was reportedly contracted recently to his construction

business. In Kentucky, electionprohibited eering is within 100 feet from a polling place. Officials

measured the distance Young and another crew member and their equipment were from the front door of the polling place. It measured about 140 feet. The equipment did not have the candidate's name on it.

Young lost the sheriff's race against Republican candidate Evan Head, who lives not too far from Deer Creek Church.

•The multi-precinct

voting center at Marion

Baptist Church is becoming a popular option; however, there are still many who do not understand its value. Tabor said his office receives countless calls leading up to and on election day from voters inquiring about where they are allowed to mark their ballots. The confusion is perhaps warranted. There have been many changes in the way we vote in this county over the past few years.

For the record, no matter where you live in the county, you can vote at Marion Baptist Church voting center. Makes it pretty handy for county folks who work in town.

Crittenden County's election results will be certified late this week. Candidates had until Tuesday to request a recanvas or recount. None was ordered so the election board will meet, probably today, to certify the election.

•Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams says even with the long lines in big cities on election day, more early voting days are not the answer. Adams said in an article last week in the Courier-Journal more polling places appear to be the answer. That could be accomplished through granting of emergency powers, like during the pandemic in 2020, or legislation that sets the minimum number of polling places.

"I don't know off-hand that formula what should be," he said. "It might need to be different in one county than another, because some counties' voters use early voting more than other counties' voters. It's complicated, but I think it's doable. I'm neutral over which approach you prefer, but we must do something to prevent long lines in the future." Adams is also seeking

changes in the recount law, stating that, "The frivolous lawsuits by people who lack evidence of fraud, corruption, or administrative error, and lose by a wide margin, must be stopped."

•The Crittenden Press's live coverage from the courthouse on election night might not be NBC or CNN worthy, but it has become quite popular with almost 6,000 views.

Our readers continue to embrace the electronic platforms on which we present local news and sports, so it only makes sense that we further explore a greater emphasis toward those options. Stay with us, it's going to be interesting.



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**PLAYOFFS STATE QUARTERFINALS** Crittenden Co. vs Louisville Holy Cross

Newport Catholic at KY Country Day Paintsville at Pikeville Hazard at Raceland

**BASKETBALL** 

#### Middle school summaries

**BOYS** 

8th Grade CCMS 44, Dawson Springs 14 Coby Larue 8, Colt Bailey 16, Drake Young 9, Jacob Embrey 8, Eli Herrin 3.

7th Grade Crittenden 43, Trigg 18 Coby Larue 17, Hudson Stokes 3, Drake Young 16, Jacob Embrey 5, Eli Lovell 2.

7th Grade CCMS 42, Livingston 16 Coby Larue 19, Colt Bailey 3, Hudson Stokes 3, Drake young 2, Jacob Embrey 10, Eli Herrin 2, Connor Poindexter 2. **GIRLS** 

8th Grade CCMS 35, Dawson Springs 14 Charlie Munday 6, Morgan Stewart 9, Jordyn Hodge 12, Lex Smith 2, Brenna Kemper 2, Brookyn Lovell 2, Caroline Martin 2.

#### **Scrimmages Saturday at RA**

Rocket Arena will see a full-court press worth of action Saturday as both Crittenden County's boys' and girls' teams will be scrimmaging during the day and that evening the programs will host their annual Meet the Rockets and its ever-popular dessert auction. The Lady Rocket basketball team, under veteran coach Shannon Hodge who begins her 30th season at the helm, will host a full slate of scrimmage games that will include five teams beginning at 10 a.m. The roundrobin format will last three hours and include guests Hopkins Central, Union County, Mayfield and Caldwell County. Scrimmages will be two 15-minute running clock halves. The Rockets, under first-year skipper D.J. Pigg will scrimmage Community Christian at 2 p.m. The boys will have another scrimmage at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday at home against Ballard Memorial.

#### **5K race Saturday at park**

A Thankful 5K run/walk will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 at Marion City-County Park. Local resident Chad Bell is organizing the event. Cost is \$25.

#### **OUTDOORS**

#### **Hunting Seasons**

Here are some of the key hunting op portunities currently in season or coming

**Deer Archery** Sept. 3 - Jan. 16 **Turkey Archery** Sept. 3 - Jan. 16 Sept. 17 - Jan. 16 Deer Crossbow Racoon Hunting Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 12 - Nov. 27 Deer Gun Turkey Crossbow Nov. 12 - Dec. 31 Fall Squirrel Nov. 14 - Feb. 28 Racoon Trapping Nov. 14 - Feb. 28 Quail, Rabbit Nov. 14 - Feb. 10 **Bobcat** Nov. 19 - Feb. 28 Duck Nov 24 - Nov. 27 Canada Goose Nov. 24 - Feb. 15 Dove Nov. 24 - Dec. 2 Turkey Shotgun Dec. 3-9 Duck Dec. 7 - Jan. 31 Deer Muzzleloader Dec. 10-18 Dove Dec. 24 - Jan. 15 Deer Free Youth Dec. 31 - Jan. 1 Furbearers Free Youth Dec. 31- Jan. 6 Crow Jan. 4 - Feb. 28 Snow Goose Feb. 16 - March 31 Coyote Year Round **Ground Hog** Year Round

#### Crittenden deer harvest

Over the opening weekend of rifle deer season, Crittenden County hunters bagged about 650 deer. That's up almost 100 from last year's opening weekend figure as the county began a record-low harvest for 2021 for modern deer hunting. Historically, Crittenden County hunters have been taking around 900 animals during the two-day opening





Tyler Belt, 16, who bagged nice bucks opening weekend.



Junior running back Gattin Travis rushed for 131 yards Friday against Bethlehem. He is the first Rocket to gain more than 100 yards on the ground in a single game this season.

## Rockets upset No. 5 Bethlehem

## Crittenden headed to Holy Cross for 10th appearance in state quarterfinal

To gain a measure of revenge and to earn a full portion of respect, Crittenden County's football team knew it had to win the old-fashioned way - on the

The Rockets, unranked and largely overlooked among Class A contenders all year long, upset No. 5 Bethlehem Friday 33-20. It took their finest rushing performance of the season to do it.

CCHS played a very competitive early-season schedule, testified by the fact that every loss in 2022 had been at the hands of teams that were still alive for Friday's second round of the KHSAA playoffs (Murray, Union County, Madisonville and Bethlehem). Crittenden was beaten at Bethlehem, a Bardstown private school, 63-35 in late September. The Rockets haven't lost since, winning six straight games.

Behind the shoulder pads of Gattin Travis, who is emerging as the Rockets' Mr. November, Crittenden County rushed for a season-best 261 yards. Travis gained 131 on 19 carries, most of it in the second half as he became the team's first player to rush for more than 100 yards in a game this season.

"I've gotta give it all to my line, my teammates. I couldn't do it without them," Travis said. "We came out, we executed, we battled through adversity and we did everything we needed to do to win."

The victory gives second-year coach Gaige Courtney his first trip to a Class A regional championship this week at Louisville Holy Cross. Crittenden has been a regional finalist nine times before this season, wining twice, in 1985 and 2008. The Rockets lost in the regional finals in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

"I am just really excited for the guys. I'm really overwhelmed," said Courtney, who was on the 2008 regional championship team that lost in the state semifinals to Beechwood. "I am just happy for them, so happy for

The coach said his team had its back to the wall, trying to defend its goal line, down by one point with about four minutes to play after Bethlehem marched into the red zone.

"I was afraid we were about to run out of time, he said.

But a couple of penalties and a bad snap cost the Eagles a chance to take a more commanding lead, and perhaps put the game away. Instead, they were forced to punt, pinning Crittenden at its own two-yard line. The Rockets were trailing 20-19 in a game that was tied at 13 at the half.

"The defense really struggled getting stops, but we got one when we needed it," Courtney added.

From the two, Rocket quarterback Micah Newcom found senior receiver Preston Morgeson on a 70-yard sideline strike that set up a determined touchdown run and followup two-point conversion carry, both by junior running back Tyler Belt. That gave the Rockets a 27-20 lead with 2:33 to go. Crittenden got the ball back four plays later, and scored again to seal the victory.

CCHS has not lost this season when it has held its opponent to less than five yards per carry on the ground. Bethlehem rushed for zero net yards in the first half, and finished with 120 for a 4.4 per carry average.

Fettering the Eagles was made perhaps a bit less difficult because of key Bethlehem injuries. Yet that cannot discount the Rockets' fortitude to beat a team ranked No. 5 in the Associated Press poll and fifth in KHSAA's power rankings. CCHS is No. 17 in the power rankings and hasn't been mentioned in the AP's Top 10 this fall. Bethlehem's star quarterback, Cooper Stone, broke his collarbone in the final regular-season game, ending the senior's high school career. The Eagles had a firstround bye in the playoffs, allowing some time to revamp their offense. But then its top tackler, Garrett Lanham, was injured early against Crittenden and never returned. Backup quarterback Haydon Osborne left the game late in the first half, putting the ball in the hands of Bethlehem's No. 3 QB for the rest of the way.

Behind Stone's arm, Bethlehem had averaged more than 250 yards passing during the regular season, and 135 yards rushing. The Eagles used four different players at quarterback against the Rockets, but mustered a mere 79 yards passing.

Meanwhile, Crittenden shifted its

typically pass-oriented offense to a smash-mouth running attack. This season, the Rockets have passed for nearly twice as many yards as they have gained on the ground. Against the Eagles, CCHS rushed for 261 and passed for 107. Newcom completed just one pass the entire second half, but it was that fourth-quarter doozy to Morgeson that set up the game-winning touchdown. The score also gave Newcom the school's single-season allpurpose touchdown record, breaking the previous best 36 TDs set by Hunter Boone a few years ago.

"(Bethlehem) plays the pass well, so we knew we had to run the ball and that's what we did," said Belt.

#### **SCORE BY QUARTERS**

Bethlehem 7 0 0 13 6 14 Crittenden

**SCORING PLAYS** 

B-Haydon Osborne 58 punt return (kick failed) 4:21, 1st C-Preston Morgeson 14 pass from Micah Newcom (Morgeson kick) 9:33, 2nd

C-Briley Berry 3 pass from Newcom (kick failed) 1:27, 2nd B-Emmanuel Cheek 26 pass from Nicholas Os-

borne (Adam Winkenhofer kick):08, 2nd C-Gattin Travis 16 run (run failed) 8:08, 3rd B-Zane Wickliffe 1 run (Winkenhofer kick) 4:15, 3rd C-Tyler Belt 4 run (Belt run) 2:33, 4th C-Newcom 7 run (kick failed) 1:21, 4th

**TEAM TOTALS** 

First Downs: CCHS 17, BHS 12 Penalties: CCHS 4-35, BHS 7-65 Rushing: CCHS 45-261, BHS 29-120 Passing: CCHS 6-10-1, 107; BHS 6-11-0, 79 Total Yards: CCHS 368, BHS 208 Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 0-0, BHS 0-1

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS** Rushing

CCHS: Travis 19-131, T.Belt 6-22, Kaleb Nesbitt 5-

35, Sammy Impastato 3-5, Newcom 12-68. BHS: Will Ray 1-6, Wickliffe 10-69, Jacob Thornsberry 1-12, N.Osborne 13-45, H.Osborne 4-(-3). **Passing** CCHS: Newcom 6-10-1, 109. BMS: N.Osborne 3-

6-0, 48; H.Osborne 2-3-0, 20; Wickliffe 1-1-0, 11; Isaiah Ballard 0-1-0. Receiving

CCHS: Morgeson 2-84, Berry 2-15, Nesbitt 1-13, Caden Howard 1-(-5).

Defense Seth Guess 2 solos, assist; Nesbitt 4 solos, assist; C. Gobin 8 solos, 2 assists, caused fumble, 2 sacks; Howard 2 solos, 2 assists; Impastato 7 solos, assist, 3 TFL, sack; Bennett McDaniel 3 solos, 4 assists, 2 TFL; Morgeson 2 solos, 2 assists; Levi Piper 4 solos, TFL; T. Belt solo; Gabe Keller solo; Berry 4 solos, 2 assists; G. Travis assist; K.

Gobin solo. Players of Game: Offense Gattin Travis, Defense Case Gobin, Lineman Braydin Brandsasse. Records: CCHS 8-4, BHS 8-3



## **CCMS** hoops

Crittenden County Middle School basketball players (seated front from left) are Alexis Smith, Charlee Munday, Morgan Stewart, Jordyn Hodge, Abigail Champion, (back) assistant coach Madison Champion, manager Gabby Lynch, Kiley Hunt, Brenna Kemmer, Alexis Mattingly, Brodi Rich, Sarah Grau and coaches Jessie Mathieu and Denis Hodge.

Crittenden County Middle School's seventh-grade basketball team members are (front from left) Eli Herran, Jayden Jones, Colt Bailey, Cameron Nesbitt, CJ Nelson, Caden Hutchison, (back) Coach Jeff Embrey, Junior Cowsert, Conner Poindexter, Dawson Johnson, Hudson Stokes, Drake Young, Jacob Embrey, Coby Larue, Jack Porter and coach Ethan Hill. The middle school does not have an eighthgrade team.





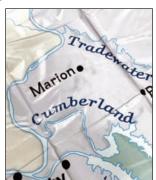
Standing on the giant map in western Kentucky are Assistant Principal Laurie Holcomb and school counselors Sara Omer and Johnna Henager.

## Giant school maps give students chance to geo-experience KY

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Have you ever dipped your toes in the Cumberland River? Can you say you've stood on Kentucky's highest point, Black Mountain? Thanks to a new program at Crittenden County Elementary School, students there can answer, "yes!" Well, kind of!

Thanks to a partnership with National Geographic, the Kentucky Geographic Alliance (KGA) has created "Kentucky Giant Maps" to loan to schools across the Commonwealth. According to CCES guidance counselor Sara Omer, the goal of the project is to support geography in the classroom and encourage students



to think spatially, using skills like reasoning, visualizing, and interpreting.

Omer was joined by counselor Johnna Henager and assistant principal Laurie Holcomb in a training last week where they learned how to use provided lesson plans (as well as create plans of their own) to encourage geographic liter-

"The training was great," said Omer, "There are many opportunities to use this in a crosscurricular way."

The plastic-coated map measures 21 X 17 feet and features Kentucky cities, waterways, and natural landmarks. It will be housed at Crittenden County Elementary Schools, but schools from neighboring counties may check it out and use it in their own class-

rooms.

Omer and her team are excited to take their students on a journey across the state...without shoes, of course.

#### **MARION POLICE activity report**

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of October 2022 to the same month in 2021. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and a five-year monthly average.

CATEGORY	OCTOBER <b>2022</b>	OCTOBER 2021	SEPTEMBER 2022	2022 YR TOTAL	2022 MONTHLY AVERAGE	
Miles driven/patrolled	2,913	4,260	2,949	34,692	2,970.9	
Criminal investigations	13	8	20	121	13.3	MARION
Domestics	6	6	7	63	8.5	
Felony Arrests	7	4	4	55	4.4	
Misdemeanor arrests	14	11	9	74	8.3	
Non-criminal arrests	9	11	7	96	6.8	MPD 270.965.3500
DUI arrests	0	1	1	4	0.8	Police Chief
Criminal summons served	2	4	4	27	2.5	Ray O'Neal
Traffic citations	15	15	31	163	18.3	Asst. Chief
Other citations	20	31	38	274	19.4	<b>Bobby West</b>
Traffic warnings	0	3	0	27	7.6	
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.2	On Facebook
Traffic accidents	6	6	5	58	5.7	Marion Police Department
Security checks/alarms	44	40	41	388	52.0	Marion-KY
Calls for service	194	157	174	1,759	185.9	

## Recent precip keeps Old City Lake flush with water

Marion's Old City Lake has risen several inches in the past couple of weeks thanks to recent precipitation.

City Water Plant Manager Jeff Black said the lake is holding almost 5½ feet of water right now, just inches from full.

Snowfall Friday and Saturday created almost

a half inch of melt, which along with recent rains, is keeping the lake at a favorable level.

Old City Lake, where Marion is getting almost all of its raw water these days, has risen to near the top of the dam.

When the old lake is full, it's great news for Marion residents. That supply of raw water in the system.

Right now, Marion is getting about two-thirds of its daily drinking water from Crittenden-Livingston Water District. The city is making the rest at its plant, which is only running a few days a week.

#### CITY

Continued from page 1 and an update on the water. The council is expected to open bids for emergency repair work at Lake George. A preliminary study by engineers provided an estimate of about \$1.1 million. This repair will only fortify the

breached area to prevent further erosion and to remove and replace the broken pipe that created a leak in the levee which ignited the water shortage last spring. This work will not be a long-term fix for Lake George, but will allow it to hold enough water to backup Old City Lake as Mar-

ion's raw water supply.

Additionally, the council will consider conducting an in-depth financial study of water plant and distribution system. Such a study would include examination of the city's expenses associated with making water, distribution costs and consumer rates.

#### SHOP

Continued from page 1 cards, coupons and more.

President Shanna West said the Chamber of Commerce is a business-driving organization that aims to service local merchants year round, but especially during the holiday season when it's important to remind local

shoppers how important it is to Shop Marion First.

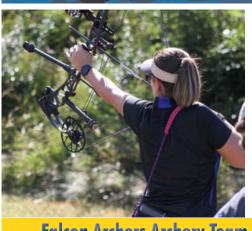
"These small businesses need local support as they are the backbone of our economy and the identity of our community," West said. "Statistics tell us that around 74 cents of every dollar spent in our community remains in our community."

These are the busi-

nesses that support and donate to community and school activities, West added.

There are only 50 goodie bags so it will be a first come, first served situation on Small Business Saturday.

Small Business Saturday is celebrated not only in Marion, but across the country to support small businesses and communities.









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