

General Election

Polls open 6am to 6pm on Tuesday

Kentucky's general election will take place on Tuesday. Among those on the ballot are incumbent Gov. Andy Beshear (D), who is being challenged by Attorney General Daniel Cameron (R). There is one local race in Marion where Tracy Cook and Taylor Davis seek a seat on the city council. Only voters inside the city will have an opportunity to cast ballots in that race. There are two other uncontested local positions on the ballot – County Surveyor and District 6 Constable – but both will remain empty because no one filed to run as a write-in candidate for those posts. There are write-in options for governor and secretary of state. Early voting will be held this week from 8 a.m., until 4 p.m., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the new Crittenden County Office Complex. Also, the countywide voting center this election is at the new county complex. Anyone registered in Districts 1 and 6 may vote at Repton or at the countywide center. There are 5 polling places in the county (see list page 4). Voters from any precinct may cast a ballot at the countywide voting center. There will be no voting opportunities on Monday. Crittenden County Clerk's office will be open for business on Tuesday.

Fords Ferry paving

Magistrates met Friday in special session to approve a resolution accepting \$150,000 in Kentucky Department of Highways Contingency Funds to pave a portion of Fords Ferry Road. Contingency funds are part of the county's general allotment of money set aside by the state for improving county roads, but held in reserve for special projects.

The paving on Fords Ferry Road will include about 3.1 miles on the southern end of the road in the northern section of the county. Other parts of Fords Ferry have been paved in previous years. This will complete the resurfacing of the entire length of the road from Marion City Limits to KY 91 North. Work is scheduled to begin in the coming days.

Fall Back Sunday

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday morning. Your smartphones will adjust automatically, but manual clocks will need to be set back an hour before you go to bed Saturday. Time officially changes at 2 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Community Prayer will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 4 on the courthouse lawn in Marion.
- Crittenden County Ballot Counting Committee will meet at 10 a.m., Thursday at the county clerk's office to begin processing mail-in absentee ballots.
- Crittenden County Board of Education and the Council of Councils will meet for a working session at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7 at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the county office complex.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20 at city hall.



Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting and first-ever, black-tie gala Saturday night at Fohs Hall, recognizing businesses, individuals and educators in 11 different award categories. Pictured are (front from left) Farmers Bank employees Brent Bugg, Gavin Dickerson, Barrett Belt, Wade Berry, Bethany Davis, Callie Courtney, Chasta Champion, Rose Dempsey, Devon Atwell, Kelsey Berry, Paja Crider and school district employees Tiffany Blazina, Diane Winters, Wayne Winters, Sarah Riley, Kara Turley, Tonya Driver, Gaige Courtney and Austin Berry, (back) Adam Beavers, Chris Cook, Blair and Sandra Winders, Brennan Cruce, Jason Hatfield, Allison Mick-Evans, emcee Chris Evans, Alan and Stacy Hunt, David West, John Robertson, Layla West and Keifer Watson.

Black-tie gala is setting for annual awards

Chamber Legacy Award goes to Cook

STAFF REPORT

Marion banker and civic volunteer Chris Cook was presented the Chamber of Commerce's esteemed Legacy Award Saturday night in front of a packed house at Fohs Hall. Cook and others were honored as the Chamber doled out 11 awards during its first ever black-tie gala at historic Fohs Hall. "There's no question that Chris Cook carries a servant's heart," the Chamber said in presenting the award. Cook is a former Chamber president, he has served 16 years on the Crittenden County Board of Education



as its chairman. He also chairs Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation and serves on various other community, quasi-government and church groups, boards and committees. Cook was also a finalist in the running for the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year Award, which went to local restaurant owner Jason Hatfield. Among other philan-

thropic endeavors, Hatfield spearheaded the effort to develop a nearly \$250,000 children's playground at Marion-Crittenden County Park. It opened last spring and has been described as the centerpiece of the park. Gilbert Funeral Home's Adam Beavers was chosen Young Professional of the Year. A licensed mortician, Beavers and wife Paige were accompanied at the event by their first child, Forrest, who was somewhat the star of the show. In August, he was born 15 weeks premature. He and his family spent 20 weeks in the hospital in Nashville before recently

coming home to Marion. Beavers was described as the "consummate young professional" who displays "dedication, understanding, compassion and respect" in a field where those characteristics are essential. Runnerup for the award was Katie Wheeler, owner of Game Day Pizza and Wings and The Front Porch restaurants. Brennan Cruce, owner of BP Cruce Company, was named Young Tradesperson of the Year. Cruce, who is an entertainer and part of Cutter and Cash and the Ken-

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The City of Marion is considering divesting itself of two pieces of property.

City declares surplus almost 8 acres

A couple of pieces of city property have been declared surplus and will be sold the highest bidder. In special session last week, Marion City Council unanimously approved a plan to liquidate an unused and vacant lot at 400 East Depot Street and another larger tract near the corner of South Main and Mill Streets. The latter piece of property, which is east of Main Street and just

south of the City Maintenance Garage, was originally acquired by the city to abate an insect problem. The city purchased the property in November 2008, paying \$47,000 for the roughly seven-acre piece of real estate. It was purchased from Darrell and Shirley Jent. At the time, Marion had been riddled with complaints about mosquitoes swarming around the area. Homeowners living

near the site had attended council meetings seeking relief from the problem. City officials determined that depressed areas on the former spar mine property were holding water, creating a breeding ground for mosquitoes. City leaders decided back then that buying the property would be less expensive than beef-

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CCHS leadership takes new shape

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County School District last week announced that Dr. Melissa Quertermous will be stepping down as principal and retired Webster County Superintendent Rhonda Callaway will become interim principal at CCHS starting Oct. 30. Quertermous was hired as principal in August 2021. She is a 22-year employee of Crittenden County School District. An unanticipated, immediate opening in the high school English department precipitated the move, say school officials. In a formal announcement last Wednesday, the school district said, Dr. Quertermous had a desire to move back to the classroom after her short stint in administration. Callaway was already working on campus in a consulting role. So it appears that the shifting of these roles



Callaway



Quertermous

helped solve a personnel issue in the classroom. Callaway is a 29-year veteran of education. She will serve as principal until the end of the year. A native of Union County, Callaway previously served as principal at Crittenden County High School from 2011

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Tax bill mailing repeated

Several hundred Crittenden County property owners will next week be receiving a second 2023 property tax statement due to a printing error. The error lies with the third-party company contracted to print county tax bills for the first time. The printed version of tax bills already received in the mail reflect a discount and penalty assessed to the 911 service based on early or late payment, respectively. The \$36 fee assessed on all dwellings must be paid at face value regardless of when it is paid. Kentucky statutes allow counties to assess a flat fee to fund emergency 911 services; however, KRS 65.760 restricts the amount to be collected. The 911 fee is not subject to the 2 percent discount for early payment of the property tax bill, nor are the late payment penalty amounts added to it.

Tax bills already received incorrectly reflect a reduction on the \$36 fee if paid during the discount period of Nov. 1-30. Essentially, property owners listed on the 4,500 or so tax bills that include the 911 service fee assessment will have to pay 72 cents more than their already-received tax bills state. However, if paying during the penalty periods beginning Jan. 1, taxpayers will owe less than shown. The new tax bills, expected in mailboxes by this week, will show the corrected totals for discount and penalty periods. Government Utilities Technology Services (GUTS), the company contracted for the first time in 2023 to print and mail tax bills for the county, has accepted responsibility for the error and are covering the cost to print

Many local property owners will this week be getting a corrected tax bill.



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Deaths

Gardner

Laquetta Joyce Taylor Gardner, 82, of Marion, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2023.

Joyce Taylor was born on an early Sunday morning July 6, 1941 in Melvindale, Mich., to Hanley and Myrtle Taylor. She married Travis Gardner on Oct. 10, 1958 in Shawneetown, Ill., before moving to Lockport. This is where their five children were born and raised. In 1988, Joyce and Travis retired to the farm in Marion, where they both lived out their lives.

Surviving are five children, Mark (Katherine) Gardner of Dixon, Barry (Denise) Gardner of Shelbyville, Jan (Kirk) Strickland, Nancy Fidler (Russ Petrucha) and Richard (Amanda) Gardner, all of Marion; 13 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Travis Gardner; her parents, Hanley and Myrtle Taylor; and a brother, Eddie Ray Taylor.

Services were Sunday, Oct. 29 at Myers Funeral Home with graveside services at White Oak Cemetery in Clay.

Memorial donations can be made to Lourdes Hospice, 1530 Lone Oak Rd., Paducah, KY 42003-9976.



Phelps

Dale Johnson Phelps, 79, of Fredonia, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023 at Caldwell Medical Center.

He had retired from the Department of Agriculture after 25 years of service and was of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed riding his ATV and took pride in gardening. His greatest satisfaction was sharing his harvest with many friends and family. In addition, he loved cooking and barbecuing.

Surviving are his wife, Debbie Phelps; a son, David (Becky) Phelps of Mayfield; a daughter, Renee (Asa) Agin of Kuttawa; three sisters, Janice Rusting of Fredonia, Teresa Meadows of Princeton and Ellen Griffin of Arab, Ala.; four brothers, Barry Phelps, Roger Phelps and Duane Phelps, all of Fredonia, and Ricky Phelps of Utica; three grandchildren, Jordan, Jared and Dylan; and one great-grandchild, Oliver; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Luther Johnson and Joanna Traylor Phelps; and a sister, Vicky Williams.

Services were Friday, Oct. 27 at Myers Funeral Home. Burial was in Asher Cemetery in Caldwell County.



Tinsley

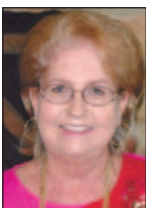
Jane Tinsley, 74 of Marion, died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023 at Salem Springlake Care Center.

She was a member of Union Baptist Church and had worked at Marion Dry Cleaners. She also assisted with Tinsley and Sons Trucking and loved to shop and spend time with her family.

Surviving are her husband, William "Bill" Tinsley of Marion; two sons, Glen (Abbey) Tinsley and Matt (Tabby) Tinsley, both of Marion; a sister, Marilyn Baggett of Madisonville; three grandchildren, Hannah and Todd Perryman; Jake and Sage Tinsley and Paige Tinsley; and three great-grandchildren, Clarke and Cape Perryman and Mirabella Tinsley.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy and Christine Farley Wade; and a sister, Carolyn Shorter.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Whites Chapel Cemetery. The family will receive visitors Wednesday between the hours of 5-8 p.m., at 8 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 2 until the funeral hour.



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LH's Marion clinic opens

The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of Livingston Hospital Family Clinic in Marion was held from 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Located at 909 South Main Street, the new clinic is staffed by family nurse practitioners Jennifer Johnson, APRN, FNP-BC and Samantha

Samuels, APRN, FNP-BC. In addition to family medicine services, the clinic offers behavioral and mental health services with Jessica Sigler, PMHNP.

"As we continue to grow and enhance our services, this new clinic will allow us to care for more patients in the Mar-

ion area close to their homes or workplaces. Plus, having behavioral and mental health services at this location will be very beneficial for our patients and the community," said Shane Whittington, CEO, Livingston Hospital.



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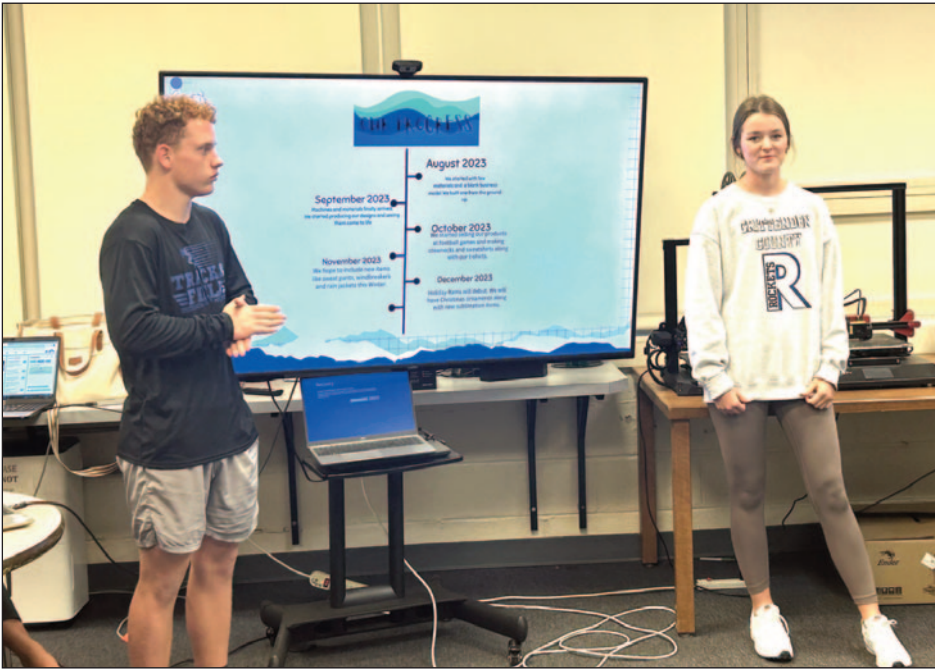
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Rocket business

Brandon Mahnke (left) and Jordyn Potter share with the Crittenden County Board of Education Oct. 24 the success and goals of the small business class at Crittenden County High School. Through a grant, the class purchased materials and software to create Rocket t-shirts, sweatshirts and other printable material to sell to students, staff and members of the community.



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Family Practice Clinic Providers include (seated right) Dr. Jonathan Maddux; and (standing from left) APRN Jennifer Brown, APRN Ayrika Winters, APRN Lee Anna Boone, APRN Marcie Ellington, MHNP Jennifer Alexander and APRN Sharon Hodges.

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Allie Kirk

Encouragement for good nutrition is building a foundation for a lifetime of healthy eating habits for six-year-old Allie Kirk. During a recent well-child visit with APRN Marcie Ellington, Kirk learned that healthy foods help build a strong house for her young body.

"Marcie is wonderful. She explained to Allie that she needs to eat fruits and vegetables to build her 'house' and now Allie repeats that," Allie's mother Pamela said. Encouraging me to have her eat fruits and vegetables is one thing, but the communication with Allie to encourage her has been very beneficial. She loves Mrs. Marcie. She is charismatic and caring and they have a very good rapport."

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Commentary | Energy answers by Sen. Pres. Stivers

BY KY SEN. ROBERT STIVERS

Kentucky residents deserve to have their energy needs met at a reasonable cost without fear of brownouts or blackouts like those experienced with Winter Storm Elliott in 2022. The failure of a single natural gas valve on the coldest day of the year shut down the grid and caused Kentucky families and businesses needless suffering.

Last year's events proved we need our power plants now more than ever. Yet the Biden Administration is forcing premature closure of coal-fired energy plants in favor of renewable energy by 2035 in a way that won't meet Kentucky residents' and businesses' energy demands. Eighty percent of Kentucky's energy is powered through coal, and renewables simply can't meet our demands in the next decade. Kentucky is facing an electric reliability crisis, and this crisis will only be exasperated as Kentucky's manufactur-

ing grows.

The pandemic's artificial shutdowns exposed supply chain issues making it clear that the U.S. must remain independent from the whims of overseas manufacturers. These fragile supply chain links – coupled with the war in Ukraine and now between Israel and Hamas – are causing manufacturers to relocate to the U.S. We must produce our needed power and can't afford to remove our most reliable coal-fired generation capacity sources when they are needed to support our economy and national security.

We simply can't take out the bridge coal-fired plants provide before we cross the river into the new energy future, likely more than two decades away. During this transition period, no matter how long it takes, we must maintain energy grid redundancy that ensures you have the power when you need it.

Our Kentucky utilities are under pressure from the federal government, their parent companies and shareholders to replace coal-fired power plants with gas and solar power. The groups calling for these closures fail to acknowledge the importance of coal in Kentucky's energy mix. We support investing in new sustainable energy technologies but have the responsibility to do so in a manner that guarantees the safety, security and welfare of our residents.

Kentucky needs all stakeholders – Kentucky Public Service Commission, investor-owned utilities, local electric co-ops and local governments – to agree that going green too soon places an unrealistic burden on the existing grid and removes the reliability and redundancy coal-fired plants provide. Switching solely to gas or renewables could mean consumers would be without the energy they need while still

having to bear higher electric bills.

In a state rich with energy producing natural resources, purchasing additional energy from neighboring states seems ludicrous. Kentucky has broken ground on two electronic vehicle battery factories in the last 18 months. While we welcome the investment these companies are making here, we are concerned about our long-term ability to generate sufficient power to operate this growth industry.

Kentucky is not positioned to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's unrealistic regulations and still meet growing energy demands which include the homes, schools, roads and recreation activities required to support our burgeoning economy.

Biden's own federal energy experts have warned our current energy transition timeline is far too aggressive. In September, the Federal Energy Regu-

latory Commission recommended states step in to assert themselves before it's too late.

We've discussed this disconnect with fellow lawmakers at state and federal levels and had conversations with those for and against the continued operation of coal-fired plants. I've sent two letters to the PSC explaining my views and sharing my concerns about Kentucky's energy needs. However, I fear the PSC will crumble to pressures of existing and proposed federal mandates and raise your rates maybe next month.

Likely rate increases are especially problematic for people on fixed incomes, which includes Kentucky's growing senior population. Many seniors will be forced to pay higher energy fees and lower their thermostats during the bitterly cold winter months. Kentucky lives are worth far more than pandering to environmental extremists

and increasing out-of-state shareholder profits.

I've had multiple conversations with executives at many of Kentucky's investor-owned utility companies, which are your primary energy service providers, to no avail. Other states like Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming, are crafting legislation that protects their energy supplies. In Kentucky, we must take action, too. We can never again allow a single frozen natural gas valve to cripple our economy.

The answer to our growing energy demands is to keep coal-fired plants operational until the day that renewables generate enough power to keep our homes warm and our businesses fully operational. We simply aren't ready to cross that bridge yet.

Senate President Robert Stivers (R-Manchester), District 25, has been the Senate president for over a decade.

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tucky Grass band, has developed a successful business from scratch. Among its services are skilled groundskeeping, maintenance and repair. Cruce has also been instrumental in improvements and maintenance at Fohs Hall for several years.

Up and Coming Business of the Year went to Brunch of Sandwiches, which recently moved from a downtown location on South Main to the former Hometown Foods building. Blair and Sandra Winders started their business more

than a year ago and its grown quite rapidly.

Runnerup was Game Day Pizza and Wings and The Front Porch restaurants.

Allison Mick-Evans, a third generation owner of The Crittenden Press, was honored with the Chamber's Businesswoman of the Year Award. Active in various community affairs, Mick-Evans and her newspaper have recently received state and national honors for journalistic excellence. Allison and her husband, Press Editor Chris Evans, emceed the gala.

Beavers Car Wash was presented the Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility

Award. During the early days of the Marion water crisis, the car wash voluntarily closed down to help the town conserve water.

Crittenden County Extension Service was runnerup in the category.

H&H Home and Hardware was given the Community Spirit Award for its contributions to local endeavors. In accepting the award, one of its owners Stacy Hunt pointed to her daughter Shana West's leadership at the store and in the community. West is president of the Chamber of Commerce and has been instrumental in growing the Chamber's role in the commu-

nity the past year.

Runnerup in the category was Farmers Bank and Trust Company, and the bank was named Business of the Year. On the same street corner since 1899, Farmers Bank will be celebrating its 125th anniversary next year. The Chamber said Farmers Bank goes above and beyond with service, sacrifice, volunteering, growth and accomplishment. Its fingerprints can be found in every stitch of the community's fabric.

Runnerup for Business of the Year was H&H Home and Hardware.

The Chamber recognized public affairs liaison Tiffany

Blazina as Crittenden County School District Person of the Year and it also named Crittenden County School District as its Chamber Business Partner of the Year. Chamber officials say Blazina and the entire school system share their resources far beyond the campus. Diana Lusby, an educator and administrator for more than 40 years, was runnerup in the individual award.

The Chamber also inducted three new members to its board of directors. They are Dana Hayes of Hayes Construction Co., Rebecca Dunn of Salem Springlake and Andrea Shemwell of Servpro.

CUSTOMER NOTICE OF RATE ADJUSTMENT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in a October 31, 2023, Tariff Filing, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission of an adjustment of its electric Small Capacity Cogeneration and Small Power Production Qualifying Facilities ("SQF"), Large Capacity Cogeneration and Large Power Production Qualifying Facilities ("LQF"), and Net Metering Service-2 ("NMS-2") rates and charges to become effective on and after January 1, 2024.

KU CURRENT AND PROPOSED SQF, LQF, and NMS-2 ELECTRIC RATES

SQF and LQF

Energy Rates (\$/MWh)

Technology	Distribution Connected Projects							
	2-Year PPA				7-Year PPA			
	Current	Proposed	Change		Current	Proposed	Change	
Solar: Single-Axis Tracking	24.03	30.43	6.40	27%	25.02	32.16	7.14	29%
Solar: Fixed Tilt	24.29	30.73	6.44	27%	25.26	32.56	7.30	29%
Wind	23.58	29.27	5.69	24%	24.90	31.55	6.65	27%
Other Technologies	23.08	29.39	6.31	27%	24.13	31.96	7.83	32%

Transmission Connected Projects

Technology	2-Year PPA				7-Year PPA			
	Current	Proposed	Change		Current	Proposed	Change	
Solar: Single-Axis Tracking	22.94	29.05	6.11	27%	23.89	30.71	6.82	29%
Solar: Fixed Tilt	23.19	29.33	6.14	26%	24.11	31.09	6.98	29%
Wind	22.51	27.94	5.43	24%	23.77	30.11	6.34	27%
Other Technologies	22.04	28.05	6.01	27%	23.03	30.50	7.47	32%

Capacity Rates (\$/MWh)

Technology	Distribution Connected Projects							
	2-Year PPA				7-Year PPA			
	Current	Proposed	Change		Current	Proposed	Change	
Solar: Single-Axis Tracking	0	0	0.00	0%	17.51	12.26	-5.25	-30%
Solar: Fixed Tilt	0	0	0.00	0%	21.05	14.76	-6.29	-30%
Wind	0	0	0.00	0%	13.81	9.66	-4.15	-30%
Other Technologies	0	0	0.00	0%	12.21	8.54	-3.67	-30%

Transmission Connected Projects

Technology	2-Year PPA				7-Year PPA			
	Current	Proposed	Change		Current	Proposed	Change	
Solar: Single-Axis Tracking	0	0	0.00	0%	16.45	11.51	-4.94	-30%
Solar: Fixed Tilt	0	0	0.00	0%	19.78	13.86	-5.92	-30%
Wind	0	0	0.00	0%	12.97	9.08	-3.89	-30%
Other Technologies	0	0	0.00	0%	11.47	8.03	-3.44	-30%

NMS-2

	Current	Proposed	Change	
Dollar-Denominated Bill Credit (\$/kWh)	0.07366	0.07468	0.00102	1.4%

A detailed notice of all proposed revisions and a complete copy of the proposed tariffs containing the proposed text changes, terms and conditions and rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department, 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 40202, or by visiting KU's website at www.lge-ku.com/our-company/regulatory.

A person may examine this tariff filing at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky. A person may also examine this tariff filing at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding the filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on the tariff filing.



Riverview Park sees an uptick in fall camping

Fall weather meant more campers at Riverview Park on the Ohio River. Crittenden County’s only overnight camping facility drew 12 overnight tent campers and 154 nights of RV camping during September. It was an average month for RV camping, but tent camping was above average. The park collected about \$4,000 during September. There are seven concrete RV pads with power, water and wastewater available. The campground includes a dock, restrooms, park, basketball goal, pavilion and primitive camping. Tent camping is \$5 per night and RV camping is \$20 with amenities. Fees go toward maintenance and upkeep of the park, formerly known as Dam 50. Reservations and payment can be made by going online at CrittendenCountyKy.org.

Profit school for raising goats, sheep being offered by Extension

The Crittenden County Extension Service is sponsoring a Small Ruminant Profit School series in conjunction with the Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office. Small Ruminant Profit School covers a broad range of topics that will assist new sheep and goat producers succeed in the small ruminant operation. Classes meet at 6 p.m., at the

Crittenden County Extension Annex. Classes and descriptions are as follows: Dec. 5 – U.S. and Kentucky sheep and goat industry overview, marketing tips, breeds of sheep and goats and guardian animals. Dec. 12 – Health management, foot rot and hoof trimming and quality assurance. Dec. 19 – Nutrient requirements, reading a feed tag, feeding to meet the needs, purchasing hay, facilities and fencing. Jan. 2, 2024 – Parasite management and mating systems. Jan. 9, 2024 – Reproduction and care for newborns. Jan. 16, 2024 – Genetics and selection of criteria and birthing difficulties. Jan. 23, 2024 – Production systems for sheep and goats.

Pumpkin centerpiece program will be hosted by Extension, library

The Crittenden County Extension office and Crittenden County Public Library are teaming up to offer a floral pumpkin centerpiece program. Make a centerpiece for your Thanksgiving dinner table from 4–5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20. Fresh pumpkins and plants will be used, and participants will be asked to pay a \$5 fee to cover supplies. Register by calling the Crittenden County Extension Service by Nov. 17.

Almost 30 city buildings will get new roofs due to last winter hail damage

Almost 30 city structures were damaged by a hail storm last winter and Marion will have them repaired at a cost of \$239,655. The entire cost will be covered by the city’s insurance car-

rier through the Kentucky League of Cities. Most of the structures damaged are at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The city carries property insurance on the park buildings and the county provides liability insurance. Twenty-four roofs will be replaced at the park, including dugouts. The park portion of the claim is almost \$100,000. Four buildings at the city’s maintenance facility off of East Elm Street will get new roofs and the pavilion at the Farmers Market on Main Street will make up the balance of the claim. Two companies submitted sealed bids for the work. All In One Services of Madisonville had the low bid and received the contract. The other bid was more than \$400,000.

City boosts pay for its admin, proposes hourly increase for some 911

During a special meeting last week, Marion City Council raised the pay for its new city administrator and proposed a 50-cent-per-hour raise for 911 dispatchers who are responsible for duties beyond their normal job description. The council had given an across-the-board raise to other city workers back in the summer as part of its FY24 budget. However, the city administrator, Diane Ford-Benningfield, had just been hired and the council opted to delay an increase for that position. In its meeting last week, the council unanimously approved the same 6.5-percent raise it gave others in July, bringing the city administrator salary to just over \$75,500. The pay incentive for Emergency 911 will be administered by the 911 Board of Directors. It will require second reading and formal approval at this month’s council meeting.



50 YEARS AGO

November 1, 1973 ■ Rocket lineman Randall Turley was pictured attempting to stop North Marshall’s running back short of the goal line during action in the opening period of the Rockets’ 35-12 loss. The goal-line tackle, however, came too late and the Jets recorded their first score of the evening. ■ A Halloween window painting contest brought more to downtown windows than soapy tricks. More than 80 youngsters painted windows in town, including Greg Crider. Rochelle Fletcher and Debbie York were pictured decorating a window at Hunt’s Department Store and won first place for their efforts. ■ The 22nd chapter of Alpha Gamma State, The Delta Kappa Gamma honor society for women teachers, was installed in Marion. Members of the chapter included Nancy Baker, Barbara Beckner, Sylvia Thurman, Dale White and many others. ■ In an effort to raise money for their eighth-grade trip, students at the Frances Elementary school presented a production of “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.” Because of their determination, and the support from the community, the eighth graders were a large step closer to being able to take their trip.

25 YEARS AGO

October 29, 1998 ■ Employees of Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services celebrated Physical Therapy Month with

wheelchair and stretcher races. Winning the stretcher race with warp speed were physical therapy department employee Krissie Piper pushing Lynn Scarbrough on a stretcher. ■ Ann Carter Revel was recognized as a distinguished alumnus of the UK College of Agriculture during the college’s annual alumni reunion. Revel held a bachelor’s degree from UK and served as a high school teacher prior to her retirement. ■ Dustin Hearell and Tiffany Hearell competed in a junior rodeo where Dustin Hearell took first place in the Class I steer chute dogging and third in the dummy roping. Tiffany Hearell took fifth place in the Class I-barrel racing and eighth place in pole bending.

10 YEARS AGO

October 31, 2013 ■ Crittenden County High School’s band placed seventh in Class A state competition in Louisville. This was the highest placement in school history and set the band up to begin working on concert band and an opportunity to play more music, said director Jon Nash. ■ Todd Riley and his Big Blue Barbecue team of Marion took the grand champion trophy at the 2013 Salem Jamboree. They also won first place in the chicken and rib categories. Melburn Conner of Marion won first place in pulled pork. ■ Crittenden County 4-H members placed in junior and senior division competitions at 4-H Forestry Day at the Murray State Univer-

sity Arboretum. Members of the team included Mercedes Haney, Elizabeth Tosh, Layla Haney, Cade Crider and Megan Potter. ■ Rocket seniors Haylee Young and Brittney Buell were selected as members of the All-Fifth District Volleyball Team during the postseason tournament. ■ Crittenden County Middle School students got the opportunity to explore the wonders of science during an assembly featuring “Hooked on Science” star Jason Lindsey, who showed students that science could be both fun and educational.

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

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NOV. 7 GENERAL ELECTION
POLLING LOCATIONS
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The countywide Voting Center has been relocated to the new Crittenden County Office Complex
Countywide Voting Center
Any Crittenden Countian eligible to vote may cast their ballot at the Voting Center at the new Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Dr., Marion.

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County Office Complex Voting Center
200 Industrial Dr., Marion
or Repton Baptist Church, 6280 U.S. 60 East, Marion

Precinct F101 Marion #3
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200 Industrial Dr., Marion

Precinct E102 Marion #6
County Office Complex Voting Center
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Precinct E101 Frances #7
Mexico Baptist Church
75 Mexico Road, Marion
or Countywide Voting Center, 200 Industrial Dr., Marion

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What is right in your own eye can lead to hate

I have come to believe that for me to know who I am, I must first understand what I am. Identity has become one of the great talking points of the day. We have come to a point in society when a person can legitimately identify themselves politically or socially even when it contradicts biology, genetics or culture. This identity crisis has caused us to fracture ever more as human beings into smaller and smaller sub-groups. Those who do not accept and affirm someone's self-identification will quickly be labeled a 'hater' without further examination. As one who takes seriously what is said in the



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Bible, and I understand that not everyone does, the labeling and violence of all sorts that are experienced by some today is understandable. The last few chapters of Judges are among the most violent and tragic in all the Bible. They represent the nadir of Israel to that point in history. There is religious corruption, sexual violence, graphic descriptions of vengeance, civil war that nearly destroys an entire tribe, followed by a violent remedy. All of this is bookended by the phrase, "In those days there was no king in Israel, everyone did what was right in their own eyes." The conclusion? When ev-

eryone does what is right in their own eyes there will be violence. The religions in the world that hold the Old Testament to be from God have reminders to correct the violent behavior. We must first remember what we are. Psalm 8 is a beautiful reminder to us. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! When I look at thy heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have established; what is man that you art mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him little less than God, and crown him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the sea. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We are created beings. Created by a God that loves and cares about creation. Our dignity does not come from ourselves, or each other. It comes from God. As a believer, then, I must respect the dignity of others because it is not mine to give or take away. It is inherent in all human beings; even those who do not recognize what they are. In creation and Psalm 8, we have a foundation on which to build toward doctrines such as, "Love your enemies and pray for them," or "Do to others as you would have them do to you." I recognize that you are created in God's image

whether you believe it or not. Therefore, I can accept you as a human being even if I cannot affirm an identity that denies God or does not recognize him as creator. I can love you for who you are – even if who you think you are and who I think you are do not match. This does not mean that I am going to try to change you or treat you badly. That is not what God would have me do. If you ask and give me permission, I will tell you about the hope that is in me without expecting you to agree or change. My king is Jesus. If yours is not, then I do not expect you to live by my rules. All I ask is that you do not judge me as a 'hater.' What I am is a being that has been given the breath of life by a God that created a "very good" world. When we forget that one of our tasks is to take care of this world

(and each other) there will be trouble and injustice and violence. Many who claim belief in God seem to forget this, often...and in large numbers. That does not change what we are. It does not change what we are supposed to be. Mark 12:28-34: "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." 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.

Gambling is the same as stealing from yourself

Question: Because no one hit the lottery jackpot last week, it increased to a quarter of a billion dollars. I'd like to hit it big and live like the rich and famous. Every week I buy a number of tickets. It's energizes me to take a chance at hitting it big. Is there anything wrong with me gambling with a few dollars each week?

Answer: The Bible forbids stealing in the Ten Commandments. "You shall

not steal" (Ex. 20:15). We usually think of stealing as taking something from someone else. Gambling is a form of stealing from yourself in hopes of a big money payoff. When people buy lottery tickets, they don't have that amount of money to use for

other things they need and want. The odds of winning are always fixed so the enterprises running the gambling games and the state are always the big winners. The house always wins! It's always amazed me to see hard working people buy those tickets, when in essence the majority of the time they are giving their money away. Wanting more money to simply buy more stuff is

greed. The Bible warns, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:10). Gambling is the desire to get something for nothing. The Bible teaches a strong work ethic. "He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need" (Eph. 4:28). Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Community Events & News

- Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department annual deer hunter's breakfast and rifle raffle will be 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 11. The cost is \$10 and everyone is invited. Donations for this fundraiser are always appreciated. Contact any Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department member to purchase rifle raffle tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 for a Weatherby Vanguard Sporter Rifle 30-06. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the breakfast until drawing time or until they are sold out. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn around noon.
- 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.

THANK YOU

The family of Joyce Gardner would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness following her passing.

Thank you for the food, cards, calls, prayers and visits. Thank you for the comforting words of Bro. Jimmy Sigler and the staffs of Crittenden Community Hospital and Myers Funeral Home for your care and concern.

The family of Joyce Gardner

If Jesus was on Main Street "Would You"

Would you pluck hair from his face?
Would you drive another nail?
Would you mock Jesus to his face?
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Would you dress up like a demon?
Would you dress up like a saint?
Would you sacrifice the innocent?
Would you celebrate pagan chants?
Would you laugh at Jesus' heartache?
Would you sneer at His grace?
Would you dance upon his reignment?
Would you spit upon his face?
Would you trunk or treat in his temples?
Would you preach that it's ok?
Would you lead your child to pagan shrines?
Would you fund Satan's day?
Would you teach it in the classrooms?
Would you donate tithes and treats?
Would you lay your child upon the alter?
Would you bow to Satan's feet?
Would you stand before our Savior on that awful Judgment Day?
Would you defend your celebration of Satan's holiday???

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Pastor: Tim Burdon
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
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Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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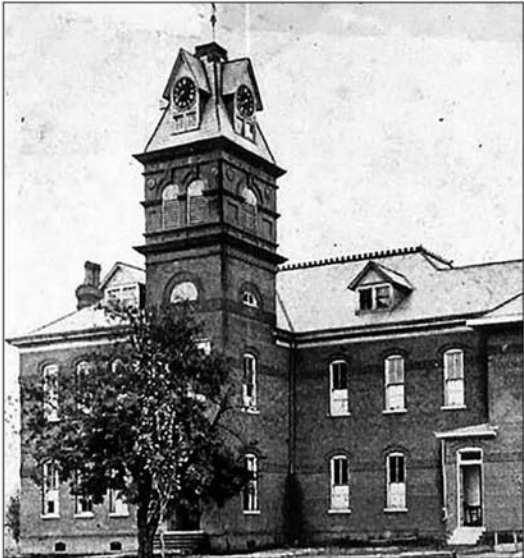
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.



The clock tower (above left) was placed at the graded and high school building in 1895, then the clock was saved from that building and moved to the new tower (middle) in 1938. Time waits for no one as the old time piece structure has finished its time for our town as seen on the right.

Clock tower measured days and years for Marion

As you drive by or walk along College Street across from the Marion Post Office, do you ever notice the small, lopsided tower attached to the top of the old Marion Junior High School? I can't help but look at it every time I am on College Street and think about the history of this once proud clock and bell tower. There is no sign now of the old clock, because its Roman numerals and arms of the clock have been lost to time, only the aging wooden tower once home to the 1895 clock is left, and with its present condition, it will soon disappear from sight.

Its history began in January 1895 when Marion built its first graded and high school on this same lot.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

ing has three entrances each into a commodious hallway through double doors.

Just before the beautiful tower was completed, some enterprising spirits conceived the idea of putting in a clock, and in a few days a big \$600 clock and bell will tell and toll off the time, and as it measures off the days and years the people of Marion will cheer their hearts with the fact that they have placed within easy reach of every child, be he great or small, a heritage so rich that it can not be computed in dollars, and so permanent that reaches to eternity.

Too Crowded

By the 1920s the new graded and high school had become too crowded with both graded school and high school students being packed in their rooms like sardines in a can. It was harder to keep good discipline in the crowded condition, and it made for not good studying conditions.

Aside from the school-room difficulties, the playground too was inadequate for so many. For when you think of putting 540 people in the small playground you can imagine that there was no room to spare.

As the student population continued to grow, as more county children came to Marion to attend school, the crowded situation didn't get any better and it was decided that another larger school was needed.

Present building

The present building, now in a state of no return, was built in 1938. In April of 1938 plans were announced for the construction of a \$65,000.00 building for use of the graded school.

The new building was to front College Street, and \$25,000 of the amount is all that is to be furnished by the City Board of Education, the remaining \$40,000.00 is furnished by WPA.

The building is to be brick and concrete construction throughout, to contain nine classrooms in addition to a library and assembly hall, superintendent's office and a combination auditorium and gymnasium. The gymnasium is planned to seat 600 persons and have a standard size athletic court. A basement will provide facilities for kitchen, cafeteria, showers and lockers.

All unskilled labor is to be furnished from the local WPA quotas with the skilled labor and foreman and a certain portion of the material and architectural fee to be paid out of the \$25,000 local part.

The building is to be approximately 120 feet in width and 100 feet long and is of modern architecture according to the proposed plans.

The clock and bell from the 1895 building was saved and placed in a new structure atop the new building. (This new building was completed and the first class to graduate from the new building was in 1941.)

Principal Talley tells about clock

In the May 26, 1977 issue of The Crittenden Press, there was an interesting article about the old clock tower.

Yes, there really was a clock in the tower on top of Marion Elementary School.

But, no, it doesn't run, at least not right now. That is because no one had bothered to wind it for, oh, say, the past 10 years.

According to Charles Talley, Marion Elementary principal, winding is about all it would take to make it tick again, once you reattached its 15-foot pendulum.

But winding the clock, which was transferred to

the present building from the old graded school, is no easy matter.

Deller E. Woodall, who as custodian, wound it in the old building and later in the new WPA constructed building, says its placement in the new structure made it hard to do.

Three concrete weights, weighting 250-300 pounds are cranked up with a windlass. The weights appear to have been made from old nail kegs poured full of concrete.

Woodall recalls that the timepiece, made by E. Howard and Company of Boston, Mass., was an eight-day clock. Woodall says he wound it each Thursday.

Getting to the clock tower in the present building is no easy matter either. It's straight up two narrow ladder flights. And you start by climbing over a wash basin in the principal's office.

Talley says about 10 years ago, (this would have been in 1966) when the school was re-roofed and workmen were in the clock tower every day, they got the clock to running, but never well enough to synchronize the hand on the four faces.

Presently, in addition to the pendulum being disconnected, some of the arms going to the faces are loose.

Woodall recalls, too, that when in the old building there was a large bell with the clock which would ring out the hour and half hour. It was also rung he said for classes.

The bell, he said, was junked and eventually

sold in Evansville when the old building was torn down.

Old School Sold

In August of 1981, the present Crittenden County Elementary School was built on Autumn Lane to hold all the county's elementary grades, and the College Street building - then known as Marion Junior High - was sold.

The clock that once told the time to the town

of Marion, has now succumbed to the ages of time.

(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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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2023-09: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY, A CITY OF HOME CLASS RULE, OF TWO PARCELS TOTALING 14.78 ACRES ALONG THE EAST AND WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF MCMICAN ROAD

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at regular meeting held on October 16, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on September 18, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance annexes with consent of the landowner 14.78 acres situated along the east and west right of way of McMican Road and designates the property as Multi-Family Residential District R-3.

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

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2023-10: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-04 AMENDING THE PAY PLAN FOR CLASSIFIED CITY EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a special called meeting held on October 24, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on October 16, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance amends Ordinance 23-04 such that the City Administrator pay is amended to \$75,552.17 per annum effective November 1, 2023.

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

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The Crittenden-Livingston County Water District, at a meeting held on October 23, 2023, adopted the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE FOR THE FINANCING OF A PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH LEASE.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution provides for approval of a lease with Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust, as administrator, and the bank, financial institution or finance corporation offering the lowest and best interest rate, as lessor for financing certain public improvements and provides a revenue pledge, and makes certain designations regarding the Lease.

A complete copy of the resolution may be reviewed at the office of the Crittenden-Livingston County Water District, Kentucky at 620 E. Main Street, Salem, KY 42078.

CRITTENDEN-LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

By /s/ T. L. MADDOX JR.
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VOLLEYBALL

All Region honors

Seniors Riley Smith and Katie Perryman and junior Carly Porter were chosen for the All Second Region Volleyball Team. The girls helped lead their team to a first-ever regional championship match where they lost to top-seeded University Heights. Smith was the team's assist and ace leader this season, Porter led the squad in kills and Perryman, who was the Fifth District Player of the Year, led the Lady Rockets in blocks and she was second in kills.

GOLF

Foster commits to KWC

Crittenden County senior athlete Jeremiah Foster has verbally committed to play collegiate golf at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro. Foster was champion of the All A Classic Regional Tournament in August.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Sports Events

FRIDAY

Football hosts Todd Central

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Jr Pro Football Jamboree at Webster

SOFTBALL

ThrowBack rainout day

CCHS Lady Rocket softball old-timers celebration and game was rained out last weekend, but is rescheduled for Sunday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Batting practice is at 1 p.m., and the old-timers game will start at 2:45 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

BASKETBALL

CCMS scoring summaries

7th Grade Girls

Crittenden 39, Caldwell 9

Abigail Champion 12, Sarah Grau 9, Brodi Rich 3, Alexis Mattingly 6, Brenna Kemmer 2, Kiley Hunt 2, Fiona Louden 2, Olivia Mattingly 2. Brooklyn Lovell 1.

Crittenden 40, Trigg 15

A. Champion 3, S. Grau 3, B. Rich 4, B. Kemmer 4, K. Hunt 6, C. Martin 2, B. Lovell 3, F. Louden 8, O. Mattingly 7.

8th Grade Girls

Crittenden 44, Trigg 17

Jordyn Hodge 12, Lex Smith 8, Abigail Champion 12, Sarah Grau 4, Brenna Kemmer 4, Kiley Hunt 2, Caroline Martin 2.

Crittenden 39, Caldwell 11

J. Hodge 24, A. Champion 1, S. Grau 2, B. Rich 2, A. Mattingly 4, B. Kemmer 4, K. Hunt 2.

7th Grade Boys

Livingston 23, Crittenden 14

Jett Champion 3, Hayden Hughes 3, Joel Bumpus 8.

8th Grade Boys

Livingston 38, Crittenden 17

Hudson Stokes 2, Jack Porter 13, Coby Larue 14, Drake Young 7, Emmitt Ellington 2.

8th Grade Boys

Webster 49, Crittenden 45

Porter 11, Larue 10, Young 9, Johnson 2, Cowser 4, Lovell 9.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Squirrel	Aug 19 - Nov 10
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 shotgun	Oct 28 - Nov 3
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
Raccoon trapping	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Gray or red fox	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Beaver	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Bobcat	Nov 18 - Feb 29
Dove	Nov 23 - Dec 3
Canada goose	Nov 23 - Feb 15
Turkey shotgun	Dec 2-8
Deer late muzzleloader	Dec 9-17

Martinez leads CCHS state runners

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County senior Karsyn Potter celebrated her fifth trip to the Kentucky Cross Country Finals in Lexington last week and CCHS junior Mary Martinez led the way for the Lady Rockets' 19th place finish out of 31 teams in the girls' division.

The Lady Rocket runners averaged 25:33 over the 5K course at Kentucky Horse Park.

Potter has qualified for the state event every year since 2019 when she was an eighth grader. This was Martinez's fourth appearance at the state meet.

The Rockets finished 34th out of 35 teams in the boys' division. The Rocket runners averaged 22:15 in the 3.1-mile race. State champion Bishop Brossart's

runners averaged 17:17.

Livingston Central's boys' team qualified for the state meet. It finished 33rd in the team standings with a time of 22:19.

Following are results from Crittenden County and Livingston Central runners at the state finals on Saturday.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

ROCKET RESULTS

Place	Athlete	Grade	Time
113	Asa McCord	11	20:00.90
187	Jayden Gibson	10	21:40.70
214	Landon Starkey	10	22:34.60
221	Noah Martinez	7	23:05.00
234	Jaxton Duncan	9	23:59.00
251	Zach Rustin	8	25:32.20
261	Maddox Watkins	8	29:43.70

CARDINAL RESULTS

76	Machi Davidson	12	18:57.90
169	Carson Taliafero	21	15:60
219	Phillip Wilson	10	23:02.70
230	Carter Belcher	11	23:34.90
246	Brayden Keeling	8	24:44.70
256	Hugo Pulido	11	26:48.70

LADY ROCKET RESULTS

101	Mary Martinez	11	24:22.52
136	Ella Geary	10	25:28.90
138	Presley Potter	9	25:29.19
152	Aubrey Gray	10	25:53.19
167	Ella Whitney	10	26:32.24
203	Karsyn Potter	12	29:09.62



Crittenden County's Brooke Winstead (12) and Katie Perryman block the frontline during a regional tournament matchup last week against Union County.

CCHS strong to end in 2Region

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's storybook run in the Second Region Volleyball Tournament ended last Thursday with a straight-set loss to powerful University Heights Academy.

The Lady Rockets advanced to the regional title game for the first time ever by beating Union County and Christian County in the first two rounds of the tournament. Christian County had defeated the Rocket girls three times during the regular season.

The Lady Rockets finished the season 16-14. UHA improved to 35-2. The Lady Blazers have been the top-ranked team in the region all season and Crittenden has lost to them three times. UHA has the Second Region Player of the Year, Julia Thomas.

According to the KHSAA power rankings, Crittenden was ranked No. 3 in the region going into the tournament behind UHA and Christian County.

This season marked a remarkable milestone for CCHS, which won its sixth straight district title, and has won 34 consecutive matches in district play.

Rockets beat Lakers to finish 6-4; playoffs next

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County closed out its regular season with a road victory at Calloway County last Friday, beating the Class 4A Lakers 34-13.

The Rockets were once again marred by penalties which kept them from perhaps delivering a knock-out punch in the first half. Still, Crittenden used a couple of early interceptions and three touchdowns to lead by 13 at halftime.

In the third quarter, CCHS began to find its footing. The penalties dried up, the defense didn't allow Calloway a first down in the period and the Rockets posted a couple more touchdowns to take a commanding lead 34-7.

The Lakers, playing their last game because they didn't qualify for the playoffs, didn't exactly go quietly. Their offense was able to move the ball against the Rockets in the final minutes, and Calloway turned a 99-yard, fourth-quarter drive into six points as time expired.

Gabe Keller and Caden Howard each had interceptions and Camron Belcher blocked Calloway's attempt at a second-half, 50-plus-yard field goal try. Keller's pick led to Crittenden's first TD of the game.

Rocket quarterback Micah Newcom was quite efficient once again. His quarterback rating is the best ever for a CCHS signal caller. At Calloway, he completed 28-of-36 passes for 287 yards. Seven Rocket receivers caught balls with Belcher, Tyler Belt and Casey Cates each having more than 50 yards receiving.

While Crittenden piled up 324 total yards, it continues to struggle running the ball. Jacob Carder led the ground game with 25 yards on seven carries.

Now 6-4, the Rockets turn their attention to Todd Central for the opening round of the Class 2A playoffs Friday at Marion.

Calloway's season came to an end at 2-8.



Rocket running back Tyree McLean plunges ahead with the ball against Calloway County.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Crittenden	6	14	14	0
Calloway	0	7	0	6

SCORING PLAYS

Critt-Micah Newcom 8 run (pass failed) 1:36, 1st
Critt-Tyler Belt 31 pass from Newcom (Caden Howard pass from Newcom) 6:38, 2nd
Call-Wyatt Robbins 11 run (Oscar Ovila kick) 4:17, 2nd
Critt-Newcom 21 run (pass failed) 1:45, 2nd
Critt-Casey Cates 1 pass from Newcom (Gabe Keller pass from Newcom) 9:14, 3rd
Critt-Caden Howard 1 pass from Newcom (pass failed) :06, 3rd
Call-Shaun Phillips 8 pass from Robbins, 0:00

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Rockets 16, Lakers 16
Penalties: Rockets 10-83, Lakers 13-135
Rushing: Rockets 21-37, Lakers 27-76
Passing: Rockets 28-35-0, 287; Lakers 22-41-2, 228
Total Yards: Rockets 324, Lakers 304
Fumbles/Lost: Rockets 1-1, Lakers 1-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Crittenden: Jacob Carder 7-25, Tyree McLean 3-9, Newcom 10-11, Gaige Markham 1-(-8). Calloway: Logan Smith 8-40, Price Aycock 6-(-4), Jessie Esparza 1-17, Robbins 11-25, Phillips 1-(-2).

Passing

Crittenden: Newcom 28-35-0, 287. Calloway: Robbins 22-40-2, 228; Aycock 0-1-0.

Receiving

Crittenden: Camron Belcher 7-77, Howard 6-39, Belt 3-63, Gabe Keller 2-29, Casey Cates 5-53, McLean 4-23, Markham 1-3. Calloway: Aycock 6-60, Esparza 4-31, Peyton Weatherford 2-20, Austin Weatherford 3-31, Logan Smith 1-1, Joey Goucher 3-44, Carer Tudor 2-33, Phillips 1-8.

Defense

Gabe Keller interception; Levi Piper 5 solos, 2 assists; Gattin Travis 2 solos, assist, caused fumble; Bennett McDaniel 6 solos, 3 assists, TFL; Lane West 4 solos, 2 TFLs, sack; Casey Cates solo, 3 assists; Grayson James 2 solos, assist, 2 TFLs; Tyree McLean 2

solos, 2 TFLs; Kaiden Travis 2 solos, assist, 2 TFLs; Camron Belcher 4 solos, assist, block kick; Braden Mahnke 5 solos, 2 assists; Caden Howard 9 solos, assist, interception; Brayden Poindexter 4 solos, assist, TFL, fumble recovery; Jacob Carder solo, 2 assists.

Players of the Game:

Offense Micah Newcom, Defense Caden Howard, Lineman Lane West, Special Teams Keegan Pierson.

Records: Rockets 6-4, Calloway 2-9

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Extension events

The following are November events scheduled through the Crittenden County Extension Service for November:

- Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Rebecca Woodall hosts “A Walk in the Park” every Wednesday at 8 a.m., at the City County Park. Meet in the top parking lot to walk the trail.
- The second in a series of classes titled “Budgets & Money Habits” will be presented by Family and Consumer Sciences agent Rebecca Woodall at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7. This class will help to identify money habits and learn how to budget household income. This class will count towards Community Christmas credit. Please call the Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.
- A poultry webinar titled “Designing a Small Flock Poultry House,” will be presented at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Extension Annex. If you are thinking of starting a backyard flock, this webinar will be one you shouldn’t miss. Register by calling the Extension office.
- Beef Quality Assurance training will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Extension Office. Call to register.

- A Kinship Care interest and informational meeting will be hosted by FCS Agent Rebecca Woodall from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Extension Office. If you have custody of a child who is not your own or who is temporarily placed with you, come to this meeting for information and support.
- Challengers Homemakers will meet at noon, Wednesday, November 8 at the Extension Annex.
- Rebecca Woodall, will host a series of watch parties at the Extension Office in November. The first one “Alzheimer’s Caregiver,” is at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 8. The second one titled “Caregiver,” is at 11 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 9. The third on “Dementia” begins at 9:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 10. Call the Extension office to register.
- “Friends Forever” a class that teaches life skills for adults with developmental disabilities will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Extension Annex.
- Dee Heimgartner will have an Amaryliss Care Basics class at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13 at the Extension Annex. Learn how to care for this tropical bulb that may be utilized for holiday decorations. Call the office to register.

- The Quilt Club will meet at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Extension Annex. If you are interested in sewing, quilting, needlework, crochet, etc. come join us.
- After Hours will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Extension Office.
- The Passport Crew will be traveling to Paducah on Thursday, Nov. 16. Call the Extension Office for more details and to register. Please meet at the Extension Office parking lot at 8 a.m.
- Food for Thought begins at noon, Monday, Nov. 20 and 5:15 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28 at the Extension Office. You’re invited to join FCS Agent Rebecca Woodall to talk about your ideas and thoughts about Homemaker clubs and ways to increase membership. A light meal will be provided.
- Dee Heimgartner will have a Floral Pumpkin Centerpiece class at 4 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20 at the Crittenden County Public Library. Fresh pumpkins and plants will be used to make a centerpiece that can be used in your Thanksgiving tablescapes. Cost is \$5 per person to cover supplies. Call to register.

The Extension Office will be closed Nov. 23-24 for Thanksgiving.



Gabriella Rayne Meadows Smith & Marcia Wardwell

Check out The Crittenden Press’ Facebook video taken during Trick or Treat on Main



Rocket Way students

Senior Karsyn Potter (left) and fifth-grader Addie Nelson were recognized Oct. 24 with Rocket Way student of the month awards during the Crittenden County Board of Education meeting. Not pictured but also selected for monthly recognition were first-grader Wyatt Brown and eighth-grader Katie Allsbury.



Anniversary cash

First United Bank gave back to the community Friday in celebration of its five-year anniversary in Marion. Above, Charlie Day (left) presents one of five \$500 donations to Leslea Barnes, Crittenden County 4-H Agent. In addition to 4-H, the bank made donations to Happy Feet, Project Graduation, the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum and the Mary Hall Ruddiman Shelter.

Discovery Park kicks off holiday

Discovery Park of America opens the 2023 “Let it Glow” walk-thru and drive-thru Friday, Nov. 10 with a special kick-off ceremony at 6 p.m. Featured will be a performance of holiday favorites by internationally acclaimed soprano Sabrina Warren, an ensemble from the Jackson Symphony, the Voices of Union City Elementary student choir and a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

In addition to his appearance at the kick-off, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the “Let It Glow” walk-thru and available for photos with guests on several dates throughout the holiday season. Find those dates and more details at discoveryparkofamerica.com/letitglow.

Discovery Park members receive free admission to the kick-off.

Immediately following will be a members-only “Park After Dark” event. Both the museum and the entire park will be open for members until 9 p.m.

The “Let it Glow” walk-thru light show has been expanded to include more of the north side of the park including The Settlement. Food and beverages will be available for sale at Eats ‘n’ Treats. The outside portion of the museum’s newest addition, “Duck, Duck, Goose: Waterfowl of the Mississippi Flyway,” located in The Settlement, will also be open for tours during “Let it Glow.” The exhibit explores the intersection of waterfowl hunting and conservation along the Mississippi Flyway.

At Mill Ridge, guests will find a shop with local handmade gifts for sale, Rudolph’s Barn, and an

area in the Smithy for children to write letters to Santa and more.

Just in time for the holidays, Discovery Park was recently featured with some of Tennessee’s other attractions in a travel-inspired toy catalog from the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development. Each attraction is represented by building blocks that can be purchased and built into a toy that represents that attraction. The Discovery Park Tyrannosaurus Rex Fossil building block set can be purchased online or at Discovery Park’s gift shop. Printable versions of the catalog are now available for download or ordered at tennesseeplaycation.com.

The 2023 “Let It Glow” drive-thru and walk-thru light show is sponsored by McDonald’s and ATA.

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October’s grand jury indicts 9 indivudals

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted nine individuals when it met in October.

Four of those indicted on felony charges were this summer caught up in a drug investigation and manhunt that led to federal charges against one of them.

A grand jury does not decide guilt or innocence. It determines whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a felony case in circuit court.

Results of the October session of the grand jury are listed below.

- Kenneth Brian Fitzgerald, 35, of Marion was indicted on a Class D felony charge of cultivating marijuana (more than five plants). Investigators allegedly found evidence for these charges during a manhunt for Fitzgerald earlier this year. He was eventually apprehended in Muhlenberg County and is facing federal drug and weapons charges.
- Jessica L. Sherer, 38, of Marion was indicted on a Class C felony charge of trafficking in

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a controlled substance, first offense (more than 2 grams of methamphetamine). She was also indicted on a Class D felony charge of receiving stolen property (\$1,000 to \$10,000) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Investigators allegedly found evidence for these charges during another investigation into the drug trafficking activity of Brian Fitzgerald earlier this year.

Court records say that on July 27, Sherer was in possession of a quantity of meth, which was described during testimony in circuit court last month as “a lifetime supply” by Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Wes Hunt.

“We’re talking pounds,” he told Circuit Judge Daniel Heady during Sherer’s arraignment.

The stolen property charge is in regard to a four-wheeler which court records say Sherer was in possession of on the

same date. The indictment alleges that she “unlawfully received or retained a red Honda four-wheeler knowing it was stolen or having reason to know it was stolen.”

- Tyrone “Tracy” Peek, 66, of Marion was indicted on a Class D felony charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sheriff Head allegedly found evidence on Aug. 2 for these charges during a manhunt for Brian Fitzgerald earlier this year.
- Mitchell T. Peek, 36, of Marion was indicted on a Class D felony charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Sheriff Head allegedly found evidence on Aug. 2 for these charges during a manhunt for Brian Fitzgerald earlier this year.
- Leeann Blazina, 46, of Marion was indicted on a Class C felony charge of knowingly exploiting an adult (over \$300). Court records say that between

March 2022 and August of this year that investigators believe the defendant “through deceptive means caused financial loss” to the alleged victim. Court records assert that Blazina had been appointed guardian of a relative and spent approximately \$50,000 of the alleged victim’s financial resources.

- Jonathan C. Taylor, 40, was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), second offense. Court records indicate that on July 12 Sheriff Evan Head arrested Taylor on two active warrants. While taking the suspect into custody, the sheriff’s report said a substance believed to be meth was found in Taylor’s pocket.
- Danielle Davis, 34, of Marion was indicted on a Class D felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia. Court records indicate that the case is a result of an investigation on Aug. 16 by Det. Richard Wright of the Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement / Special Investigations (DESI) West Branch.

- William J. Brandsasse III, 40, of Henderson was indicted on a Class D felony charge of flagrant non-support for allegedly being in arrears more than \$36,000 on child support payments.
- William Marshall Godwin, 34, of Silver Springs, Fla., was indicted on a Class D felony for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Court records say a deputy located a vehicle parked in the woods near Elizabethtown landing boat ramp one evening at about 8:30 p.m. Further investigation led to the charge against a man who was located nearby. The police citation said a woman was also at the scene, but neither had a driver’s license.

Smithland bridge demo delayed

Explosive demolition of the old US 60 Cumberland River Bridge at Smithland has been postponed to some point later in November.

The bridge was supposed to have been razed this week.

Arrival of a barge mounted crane to be used to retrieve sections of the steel truss after explosives drop it into the Cumberland River has been delayed, prompting the postponement.

The development has moved the tentative demolition date to Nov. 16 or Nov. 27.

A final date will be determined in collaboration between Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Jim Smith Contracting, a

demolition sub-contractor and the U.S. Coast Guard. Weather conditions will be a factor. Prep work for demolition is nearing completion.

While times could change, demolition of the old bridge will require the new bridge to be closed from approximately 9 a.m., to 11:30 a.m. on the day of the blast.



Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator Todd Perryman (right) attended a Kentucky Association of Counties event last week in Owensboro along with other county officials. Pictured are (facing the camera from left) Shane Hindle, a sales engineer with a duplicator company, speaking to PVAs Tonya Am-burgey Fugate of Knott County and Perryman. KACO PHOTO

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She was an assistant principal at Crittenden County Elementary in 2009-2010 and assistant principal at Crittenden County High School in 2010-2011.

Since the start of this school year, Callaway has served in a consultant role with the local

district, primarily focusing on the career and technical education program at the high school.

Previously, Callaway has served as principal at Union County Middle School, secondary instructional supervisor for Webster County Schools and most recently she was superintendent of Webster County Schools. She retired from that post in July 2022 after

four years as superintendent.

Quertermous will teach senior English, a subject with which she has more than 18 years of experience in Crittenden County. A graduate of Livingston Central High School, Quertermous attended Murray State where she earned a degree in English. She also holds a master’s and EdD from MSU.

TAXES

Continued from page 1 and mail the corrected tax statements.

Crittenden County Sheriff, Property Valuation Administrator and County Clerk have worked together with GUTS to find and correct this unfortunate mistake.

"We realize it may be confusing to some taxpayers to receive a second bill on a property," said Sheriff Evan Head, "But at most, the owner will be asked to pay less than the cost of a cup of coffee in additional money to cover their 2023 tax bill."

The PVA assesses the value of property shown on tax bills, while the county clerk is responsible for preparing tax bills. The sheriff mails bills and collects taxes.

The design of tax bills

this year is different than in the recent past. Statements were mailed in an envelope and look different than previous postcards printed by prior service providers. In addition, Homestead Exemptions approved for those 65 or older or totally disabled are also not reflected on bills, but the \$46,350 exemption on the value of property is reflected on the tax statements.

CITY

Continued from page 1 ing up its mosquito spraying program around town to combat the flying insects. Since then widespread spraying of insecticide has been discontinued due to environmental and air quality regulations.

Part of the property was cleared by the city and some of the puddles dried up.

City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield said the property serves no benefit to the city at this point. It still has a small marsh that is continually inundated by water. She described it as a former sludge pond. The administrator also said illegal dumping has become problematic there.

"It's kind of been a thorn in our side," she said.

Mayor D’Anna Brown-ing said there has been private interest in the property by a business wanting to develop it.

The smaller lot of about three-quarters of an acre facing Depot Street was once the site of a grocery store near the former railroad depot. Homer Belt and Victor Hunt were two of the 20th century operators of the store. After the railroad was removed decades ago, the former store was operated as a number of businesses,

including a children’s clothing store, photography studio and variety shop. The city filed a tax lien on the property and foreclosed on it about 10 years ago then razed the building, which had been declared hazardous.

The mayor said both properties will benefit Marion by being privately owned. At that point, either can potentially be developed and put back

onto tax rolls.

Each property will be advertised as surplus and sold via sealed bid. As approved by the city council, there will be no reserve price on either property.

Since last week’s city council meeting, there has been some developments that could put a temporary hold on the sale of the larger tract.

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