

Mail deliveries after dark over holidays

The holiday season is impacting daily deliveries originating from the Marion Post Office, with rural carriers often working after dark to handle the increased volume.

Marion Postmaster Adam Graham said carriers prioritize regular mail over packages, leading to some routes being driven twice a day – once for flat mail and again for packages.

With many deliveries occurring after sunset, Graham urges motorists to stay alert for carriers at roadside mailboxes. He also encourages homeowners to keep sidewalks and porches clear to ensure safe delivery for employees bringing packages to the door.

Yoder Road closing delayed to next week

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans to close Yoder Road in Crittenden County’s Amish community Monday to allow for full-width paving between Valley View Road and Mt. Zion Church Road. Plans originally were to close the road this week, but the county will need to replace cross drains before paving can begin. Valley View Road was paved Wednesday.

Roads covered by water

Three county roads are closed due to backwater from the Trade-water River. Enon Church Road, Cool Springs and Providence Road are all closed and appropriate signage has been posted.

Holiday closings


In observance of Thanksgiving, Crittenden County Office Complex, including judge-executive office, county clerk, PVA and sheriff; and Crittenden County Road Department will be closed Thursday and Friday next week for a long holiday weekend. Crittenden County Animal Shelter and Marion Convenience Center will also be closed those days, including Saturday.

UPCOMING MEETINGS


- Thursday, Nov. 21 – Crittenden County Fiscal Court meets at 8:30 a.m., at the county office complex.
- Thursday, Nov. 21 – Crittenden County Conservation District meets at 6:30 p.m. at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Monday, Nov. 25 – Crittenden-Livingston Water District meets at 4 p.m. at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Tuesday, Nov. 26 – Livingston Fiscal Court meets at 5 p.m. at the county office complex in Smithland.
- Tuesday, Nov. 26 – Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m. at the courthouse.



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Counting the Money



Crittenden-Livingston Water Plant in Pinckneyville on Cumberland River.



Marion Water Plant on Chapel Hill Road near Lake George.

Aftermath of Marion Water Crisis EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Expense Category	Amount
KyEM Staff Expenses	\$14,152.22
National Guard Mobilization	\$859,002.26
Other Guard Expenses	\$11,319.69
Dam Stabilization	\$4,119,251.58
Private Water Hauling, Bottled Water	\$460,929.73
Engineering	\$66,000.00
EMERGENCY ORDER TOTAL	\$5,530,655.48

PLEGDED TO MARION

CDBG grant	\$1,200,000
Kentucky WWaters Grant (KIA)	\$1,827,600
TOTAL MARION	\$3,027,600

PLEGDED TO CRITT-LIV WATER DIST.

Congressional Earmark	\$1,750,000
CDBG grant	\$2,880,000
State Budget House Bill 1	\$10,000,000
Delta Regional Authority	\$408,000
TOTAL CLWD	\$15,038,000

GRAND TOTAL	\$23,596,255.48
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As of November 1, 2024

Lake George patchwork is complete; \$23.5M pledged or spent since 2022

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Since Marion’s water crisis began in April 2022, when Lake George’s levee began leaking, more than \$23.5 million has been pledged or allocated to address both the initial emergency response and long-term water needs. These funds, drawn from state and federal sources, highlight the scale of investment needed to secure water for Marion and the surrounding region.

A significant portion of the governmental assistance heading this way is aimed at doubling the amount of water the Crittenden-Livingston Water District (CLWD) can produce and distribute to customers in three counties.

On Monday, Tim Thomas, Marion’s water consultant since the winter of 2022, told the Marion City Council that the response phase to the crisis is complete. Lake George is officially cured of enough of its issues to adequately limp along for another five to 10 years, if necessary. The road to recovery has

been long, yet the reservoir will not be part of the city’s long-term solution. Eventually, Marion will purchase all of its water from the Crittenden-Livingston Water District.

Marion Mayor D’Anna Browning praised Thomas’s work during the meeting after he announced that this week’s report would be his final routine monthly update on progress.

A multi-million-dollar patch to the lake’s levee should sustain Marion until the two-county water district can fully meet the town’s demand for drinking water.

“Unless we get a really bad drought, the lake will be a good and reliable water source,” Thomas told the council.

“I can speak for everyone, including the people within the city, our customers, when I say that we sincerely thank Tim Thomas for what he has done over the last two and a half years. We could not have done this without you,” the mayor said. “People can armchair

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Investigators believe they solved October burglary with door prize

STAFF REPORT

If allegations against a Dawson Springs man prove true, his actions could rank among the more baffling choices in recent criminal history.

On Oct. 12, an unoccupied home on KY 506 in rural Crittenden County, part of a recently deceased man’s estate, was burglarized. Thousands of dollars in property were stolen, including surveying equipment, a smartphone and a distinctive holiday wreath. The intruder also caused significant damage to the property while attempting to force entry.

According to law enforcement, tools from an outdoor shed were used to breach the home’s front door after unsuccessful attempts to remove a window air-conditioning unit and pry

open doors and windows.

Crittenden County Sheriff’s Deputy James Duncan led the investigation, using electronic resources to trace a stolen smartphone to an apartment complex in Dawson Springs. Although the phone’s signal narrowed the search to the complex, investigators initially couldn’t pinpoint the exact unit.

However, that holiday wreath helped unravel the case. With assistance from the Dawson Springs Police Department, officers discovered the distinctive decoration hanging on the front door of Apartment 14.



Petrakis

Inside, they found 44-year-old Antony Y. Petrakis, who was subsequently charged with second-degree burglary, theft, criminal mischief and possession of burglary tools. Petrakis was arraigned last week in Crittenden District Court and remains in custody at the Crittenden County Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash bond. His case is expected to go before the grand jury next month.

Authorities also revealed that Petrakis was on felony probation at the time of his arrest. He faces a probation violation hearing in Hopkins County this week. His criminal record includes prior convictions for theft and drug trafficking in Caldwell and Hopkins counties.

Charges against a second individual are pending as the investigation continues.

Courthouse demolition begins this week

STAFF REPORT

Marion residents will this week witness a significant milestone as the demolition of the old courthouse begins to make way for the construction of a new Justice Center. The long-anticipated \$20 million project is entering its next phase, with temporary fencing already installed around the courthouse property.

Pinnacle Construction crews were on-site early this week preparing for demolition. Beginning Wednesday, workers were scheduled to install a more lasting chain-link fence system around the property, marking a two-foot

boundary over the curbs on all sides except Main Street, where the fencing will be closer to the curb. Parking will be affected as the fencing will be on the street side of the curb.

Demolition activity is expected to bring temporary disruptions to the area. Residents and commuters should anticipate potential delays as trucks transport debris and new construction materials are delivered and offloaded.

“We are excited to see this project moving forward,” said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom. “But we do ask for patience from the public as there will likely be some inconveniences during this process.”

Real quick REAL ID

In less than six months, every Kentuckian 18 or older will need a REAL ID (or another acceptable ID such as a passport) to fly domestically or access certain federal facilities. That means by May 7, 2025, even if you just need to catch a quick flight, you’ll need to show some new ID creds. But don’t let that stir up any dread about long lines or a maze of paperwork. I’m here to report that my trip to get a REAL ID in Madisonville was as smooth as it gets – I was in and out in a pain-free 16 minutes!



Chris EVANS
Press Editor & Publisher
About Town

Let me start by saying that following the online checklist is key to a no-fuss experience. Think of it as a recipe for success, except you’re gathering documents instead of a pinch of this and that. With my birth certificate, a copy of my W2 (an alternative to the Social Security card because it was lost years ago), and proofs of residency (mail addressed to my home) in hand, I strolled into the Driver Licensing Regional Office, confident and ready. It’s amazing how much more efficient the process is when you don’t have to rummage through old file folders or make a last-minute call home for help. If I could suggest a motto for the REAL ID process, it would be: Do your homework and be prepared for the process.

And by all means schedule an appointment. The licensing office horror stories likely come from visiting without an appointment or going during rush hour. Mid morning on Wednesdays and Thursdays, I am told, are best times to go. Avoid Fridays and Mondays. Skipping the walk-in line is a little hack worth the five minutes it takes to schedule an appointment online. Having my own time slot meant I was seen almost immediately.

So what are the essentials? Here’s the scoop: you’ll need one proof of identity (think birth certificate or passport), one proof of Social Security (an official government document with your number on will work such as a W2), and two proofs of residency (utility bills work wonders). Kentucky’s REAL ID is priced at \$24 for a four-year license and \$48 for an eight-year, which is about what you’d pay for a regular license. Get the eight-year and avoid driving out of town for an hour one-way as long as your can. For those simply upgrading to a REAL ID, cost just \$15, and you can even renew it up to six months before expiration.

Now, to those asking, “Do I really need a REAL ID if I rarely fly?” That’s a good question, and what I would say might come into play more than flying – at least for local folks – would be trying to get onto the base at Fort Campbell for a sports event. Crittenden plays those teams quite often and next fall will be in the same foot-

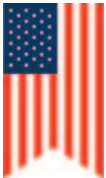
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Deaths

McKenney

Crittenden County resident Tom Chase McKenney, 93, died Nov. 12, 2024.

He was born in Lexington and was a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with a master's degree in science. He served in the United States Marine Corps, reaching the rank of Lt. Col., serving in both Korea and Vietnam.



Col. McKenney taught at the USMC amphibious warfare school and was a seminal member of Test Unit 1. He was the first Marine to complete the U.S. Army's paratrooper program at Fort Campbell and was one of the earliest Force Reconnaissance Marines (Marine Special Forces, now called Marine Raiders).

McKenney taught biology and botany at Greenville High School in Ohio at Paducah Junior College in Kentucky and at Francis Marion College in South Carolina. After being disabled in Vietnam, McKenney raised beef cattle in Crittenden County, became a Bible teacher and founded a small Christian teaching ministry, Words for Living Ministries.

He and his wife, Marty, led the biannual Believers' Retreat for 30 years. He was involved in short-term missions in Latin America and Haiti and was the author of nine books as well as magazine articles relating to Biblical teaching, botany and history.

McKenney was active in the MIA/POW advocacy movement. He attended Marion Methodist

Church, served in the Lion's Club, helped found the Head Start program in Crittenden County and was instrumental in preserving the Historic African-American Cemetery in Marion. When his Bible teaching ministry closed after 45 years, McKenney donated his Biblical studies collection to the Crittenden County Public Library.

He made friends everywhere he went, often referring to a person he knew as "one of the finest men (or women) he ever met," and he meant it. He was honorable, hard-working and generous. He thought that what you believe should have an effect on how you live your life, and he tried to follow the biblical call to "do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God." He loved Jesus, and he loved the Word of God and shared this wherever the need arose and the Holy Spirit led.

Col. McKenney is survived by his children—Melissa (Fran) Walker, Jefferson (Rosanne) McKenney, Susan (Pat) Jarvis, and Sally (Joe) Mahoney; 12 grandchildren, Sarah, Andrew, Nathaniel, Gabriel, Hannah, Kate, Elizabeth, Susanna, Rebecca, Margaret, Rachel and Thomas; and 11 great-grandchildren; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha "Marty" McKenney; his parents, Garnett and Theresa McKenney; two sisters, Martha Bach and Mildred McKeown; a brother, Dr. Jerry McKenney; and two nephews, John McKenney and Joel Bach.

Services are at for 11 a.m., Saturday Nov. 23 at Marion Methodist Church with burial in Mapleview Cemetery. Visitation is 5-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22 at Gilbert Funeral Home and at the church from 9 a.m., until service time Saturday.

Donations may be made to The Cornerstone Foundation, 9032 Wool-

market Rd., Biloxi, MS, to New Life for Girls of Dover, PA P.O. Box 170, Dover, PA 17315-9985, or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Potts

Daniel "Dan" Baker Potts, 68, of Marion, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at his home.



Dan was a retired veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving are two sons, Jeremy L. (Mindy) Spaulding of West Paducah and Daniel Potts Jr.; and a brother, John Potts of Kansas City, Kan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Debbie Ann Potts.

Hughes

Sadie Elizabeth Hughes, 21, of Princeton, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024 at her home.

She was a member of North Livingston Baptist Church and was a forklift operator at Par 4 Plastics who loved to read and to learn. She was a quiet person with a good heart who loved her cats, Tails and Moonie.



Surviving are her parents, Paige and Jon Taylor of Salem and James and Shelia Hughes of Fredonia; a sister, Katie Taylor of Salem; two brothers, Rett Taylor of Salem and Nathan Adam (Lucy) of Paducah; maternal grandparents Houston and Sue Peek of Fredonia; paternal grandparents, Ed and Peggy Taylor of Paducah; a special friend, Bethany Hawk; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, John and Mary Lou Hughes.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 22 at Caldwell Springs Cemetery, with burial to follow.

Operation Santa

USPS accepts gift sponsorship

The United States Postal Service wants to deliver holiday magic this Christmas season.

For more than 100 years, the USPS has coordinated Operation Santa in an effort to help families in need. Operation Santa is a service that fulfills wish lists of children anonymously.

Each year, children's wish lists are sent to Santa at 123 Elf Road, North Pole, 88888 and are picked up by adults wishing to make their wishes come true.

Anyone can participate by sending Christmas lists in a stamped envelope containing a return address. All information will be kept confidential. Not everyone who submits Christmas letters are sponsored.

Letters can also be sent from school classrooms or entire families.

Letters must be postmarked Dec. 9.

Individuals wishing to participate can read letters and adopt children by visiting www.uspsoperation-santa.com/letters.

Families can 'Adopt a Senior'

Crittenden County Health and Rehab is coordinating an Adopt a Senior program this holiday season.

Through Dec. 18, community members can spread Christmas cheer to a resident by providing wrapped gifts at the nursing home.

Some of the items residents of Crittenden County Health and Rehab have put on their list are snacks, soft drinks, body wash, no-slip socks and blankets.

To register, contact Candy Yates at (270) 965-2218.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Nov. 21

- Line dancing begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Center.
- Crittenden County Elementary School SBDM will meet at 4 p.m., in the school library.
- Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the school library.
- Crittenden County Public Library's board of directors will meet at 5 p.m., in the meeting room.
- Crittenden County Public Library's Friends of the Library organization will meet at 6 p.m., in the library meeting room.

Saturday, Nov. 23

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

Monday, Nov. 25

- Narrative Navigators book club for fifth through ninth graders will meet at 4:30 p.m., at Crittenden County public Library.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

- Brown Bag Book Club meets at 12:30 p.m., at Crittenden County Public Library to discuss the book Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins.

THANK YOU

A huge "Thank You" to everybody that came out in the rain to show your love & support to Philip Wright. Thank you goes to Kim, Melanie & Seed Sowers for all your hard work getting everything together for the benefit. Thank you for the work and the reason behind the Seed Sowers.

Thank you to all those that donated and worked so hard to make this benefit a great success. Philip said you all made him feel like a king and I am blessed beyond measure. That's how we all felt - humble, grateful and more than blessed.

Thank you for your phone calls, cards and visits, they all brighten his day. Please continue to pray for and with us for a miracle healing and pain control.

Again, thank you all!

Love in Christ,

Philip & Julie Wright

Michael Wright & family

Sallie (Wright) Hunter & family

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Michael "Shane" TRAVIS

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Grandson of Brenda & Keith;
Godson of Pa John & Granny;
& Many Friends

Energy plan would benefit schools

STAFF REPORT

The Crittenden County Board of Education on Nov. 14 voted to continue talks with Ascendant Facility Partners to develop a general energy savings plan that could result in numerous upgrades to buildings within the district. General energy savings plans are financed through energy bonds to perform improvements to lighting, heating and air and water usage, among other things. Utility savings are used to repay the bond.

Ascendant Facility Partners guarantees the energy savings.

"If the savings points are not met, we make up

the difference," explained Steve Carter, former CCHS principal, who works for Ascendant, said "this is personal to me, and I'm excited for Crittenden County Schools.

Carter partnered with AFP for a general energy savings plan while he was superintendent at McCracken County Schools.

"I think you all will be very pleased, and we should have it all wrapped up at the start of the next school year," he said.

Lyon County Schools, which worked with Ascendant Facility Partners

last year on energy savings projects, has realized \$14,000 in utility savings in the first five months following completion of its projects, which included solar panels on the rooftops of its buildings. Ascendant also presented information on federal tax credits for solar projects to the Crittenden County Board of Education.

Upgrades to LED lighting in Rocket Arena were completed earlier this month. Other targeted projects in Crittenden County, which the board has yet to approve, are replacement of water heaters, kitchen freezers,

24-year-old HVAC units at CCES and replacements of the building's original student restrooms.

Currently the school district spends \$250,673 annually – or \$1.03 per square foot – on utility costs and has one of the higher energy usage indexes in Kentucky, according to information presented by AFP. Completing recommended energy savings projects, including a solar component, is estimated to reduce energy costs by \$86,123 annually and the district's energy cost to 67 cents per square foot.



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I would like to thank everyone who helped me celebrate my 100th birthday by attending the birthday party. I also appreciate the gifts, cards and phone calls. You made my birthday special. God bless each of you.

Angela Tosh

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Madisonville man going to prison in skid steer case

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden Circuit Court Judge Daniel Heady heard a number of cases last week, handing down sentences in multiple felony cases and revoking probation in a few others. The judge also heard pleadings and scheduled former sentencings for a later date in a couple of cases.

Following is information on cases before the judge last Thursday in Marion.

•Christopher Laureano, 46, of Madisonville pleaded guilty to a Class C felony charge of receiving stolen property valued at more than \$10,000. An investigation last spring discovered that Laureano had stolen a skid steer in Princeton and sold it to the recycling center in Marion. He was sentenced to five years and granted probation for five years as long as he makes restitution within that time period.

•Vernon Yoder, 38, of Marion pleaded guilty to two Class D felony counts for first-degree sexual abuse and a misdemeanor charge of first-degree indecent exposure. The prosecution is offering a year to serve on each of the two felonies and less time on the misdemeanor with all time to run concurrently. The defendant would also be required to complete a sex offender treatment program, comply with sex offender registry requirements, and complete a five-year post-incarceration supervision program. Formal sentencing will be on February 13.

•Leroy Yoder, 35, of Marion pleaded guilty to two amended second-degree rape charges and a third felony for first-degree sexual abuse. All are Class D felonies. The prosecution is offering a sentence of one year on each of the charges with the time to run concurrently. The defendant would also be required to complete a sex offender treatment program, comply with sex offender registry requirements, and complete a five-year post-incarceration supervision program. Formal sentencing will be on Feb. 13.

•Rashenna Trail, 40, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree, second-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance not in its original container. She was sentenced to three years on the felony, 365 days for paraphernalia, and 90 days on the prescription charge. With no opposition to probation, Judge Heady ordered Trail to complete a minimum six-month, in-house treatment program before being released on probation. If she returns to this community following treatment, Trail will also be required to enroll in the Drug Court program.

•Willow Magee, 20, of Brookport, Ill., pleaded guilty to a felony possession of methamphetamine charge, eight misdemeanors, and a number of other traffic violations from an investigation in May with regard to a hit-and-run automobile crash on US 60 West. An additional felony drug charge for possession of heroin was dismissed because of insufficient proof. The prosecution is offering a one-year sentence on the felony and less time for the other crimes, with all of it to run concurrently. Magee, who has been held in Crittenden County Detention Center since September after she was indicted in June, will be formally sentenced in December.

•Nathan J. Burnett, 27, of Marion pleaded guilty to felony offenses of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified) and trafficking in marijuana less than 8 ounces; and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to three years on each of the felonies and 365 days on the misdemeanor. He was ordered to serve 30 days of the sentence and will do that on weekends. His probationary period will be for five years.

•Carl Belt, 52, of Marion pleaded guilty to first-degree, third-or-subsequent-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to one year on the felony and 365 days on the misdemeanor with the time to run concurrently. He also admitted to violating terms of his probation in two other drug-related convictions. For those violations, Judge Heady ordered Belt to serve three-year terms on those two cases with the time to run concurrently, but consecutive to the one-year sentence in the new case for a total of four years to serve.

•Hannah Collins, 20, of Elizabethtown, Ky., admitted to violating terms of her probation and a drug conviction from earlier this year. She was ordered to serve a 30-day sanction with credit for time already served. Upon release, she will have to either enroll in Drug Court or an inpatient treatment program.

•Michael Wright, 36, of Salem was ordered to serve out an 18-month sentence for a 2017 custodial interference conviction after admitting to violating terms of his felony probation.

•Jessica Sherer, 39, of Marion confessed to violating terms of her probation on drug charges. Court testimony characterized the issues as minor behavioral problems during her time at an in-house substance abuse center. She was sanctioned with 30 days in jail, of which she had already served 15 days. Upon release, the court agreed to accept Sherer's application for 18 months of Drug Court.

•Adam Attia, 36, of Salem admitted to violating terms of his probation from a 2017 theft conviction after being arrested on drug and theft allegations in Lyon County. As a sanction, he was ordered to serve 30 days, but given credit for time served and released to enter an in-house rehabilitation center.

29 years later, biker indicted for another chase through Livingston

STAFF REPORT

Joseph Belt, 48, of Carrsville was indicted last week by the Livingston County Grand Jury on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor or traffic charges on the following: second-degree fleeing or evading police, operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, no or expired registration plates, no or expired registration receipt, possession of drug paraphernalia, disregarding a stop sign, reckless driving, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, failure to or improper signal, improper passing, being improperly on the left side of the road and rear license not illuminated.

According to court records, at about 10:30 p.m., Sept. 20, a deputy initiated a traffic stop on Belt, who was driving a motorcycle. The motorcyclist was observed running a stop sign and failing to signal while making a right-hand turn at the intersection of US 60 and Lakeview Drive in Ledbetter, according to the citation.

After the deputy activated emergency lights and sirens, the motorcyclist accelerated, reaching speeds over 110 miles per hour eastbound on US 60 through Livingston County. At times, the biker passed in no passing zones and numerous times drove into oncoming traffic, the police report adds. The bike crashed in Salem at the intersection with Lola Road and Belt tried to run, but was apprehended by Deputy Caleb Kindred. In a backpack Belt was allegedly wearing, investigators found what was believed to be methamphetamine and a glass smoking pipe.

Belt was taken to Livingston Hospital where he was a treated and released then taken to McCracken County Jail.

Coincidentally, it wasn't Belt's first high-speed chase across Livingston County. As a teen in 1995, he led Livingston authorities and lawmen across multiple jurisdictions on a pursuit that also started in Ledbetter, went through Salem and Marion before he was arrested in Trigg County after a 150-mile chase.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely determines whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecuting a case in circuit court.

Others indicted last week by the grand jury where as follows:

•Brendan K. Tuttle, 49, of Paducah was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), more than 2 grams.

•Callie Bivins, 24, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone). The charge stems from an investigation following a July traffic stop on US 60 in Ledbetter.

•Brandon M. Cannon, 40, of Grand Rivers was indicted in two cases on felony charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (meth); tampering with physical evidence; receiving stolen property and being a persistent felony offender; and misdemeanor charges of theft of services and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to court records, Deputy Zackary Dunigan went to a home on Coon's Chapel Road at about 9:30 a.m., Sept. 11 to serve a warrant on Cannon for receiving stolen property when he discovered an alleged cache of meth under a mattress, amounting to about 10 grams of the illegal diem, according the citation. Also discovered were digital scales and \$215 cash.

•Richard D. Turner, 44, of Ledbetter was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Court records indicate that at around 2 a.m., on Aug. 30, deputies observed Turner walking near the intersection of US 60 and Jacobs Road in Ledbetter. Officers stopped to check on the man's welfare and recognized Turner, for whom they had two active warrants out of McCracken County. Turner was placed under arrest for the warrants and inside a bag with Turner officers found a plastic baggie with alleged methamphetamine.

•Thomas Michael Tackwell, 46, of Grand Rivers was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor hitchhiking/disregarding traffic regulation by a pedestrian stemming from an investigation on Aug. 24.

•Michael Dale Edington, 49, of Ledbetter was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Court records indicate that on Sept. 11 deputies made a traffic stop on a silver passenger car that failed to make a complete stop at US 60 and Lakeview Drive in Ledbetter. Officers observed an opened bottle of Jack Daniels of whiskey in the rear of the vehicle within reach of both the operator and a passenger. Further search of the vehicle found alleged meth and Edington, who was the passenger, was charged with possession.

•William Dale Dixon, 46, of Shelbyville was indicted on felony charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and being a persistent felony offender; and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. Dixon was arrested Sept. 19 on a parole violation warrant when officers responding to a complaint in Ledbetter found Dixon at the address. Inside a vehicle next to where Dixon was standing, deputies found a black zipper bag inside of which were a baggie with 8.56 grams of alleged marijuana, two needles, a baggie with white crystal-like substance inside and five individually wrapped baggies of a white crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine. Total weight of the alleged meth was 5.07 ounces. Court records also indicate that on Dixon's person was \$1,240 in cash.

•Marlene Lanham, 53 of Burna was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree wanton endangerment. Court records indicate that she is accused of failing to provide adequate oversight for young children, who were allegedly found wandering near a public roadway.

November Marks Alzheimer's Awareness

November is Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, a time to reflect on a condition that affects nearly 7 million Americans and their families. While it's natural to occasionally forget a name or misplace an item, Alzheimer's disease goes beyond normal memory lapses. Understanding the signs can help identify when professional evaluation is necessary. According to the Alzheimer's Association, common warning signs include: Memory Loss: Forgetting new information, important dates, or events and failing to recall them later. This often involves repeating questions, increased reliance on memory aids, or needing help with tasks once managed independently. Difficulty Planning or Problem-Solving: Struggling to follow directions, such as a recipe or



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paying bills and finding it harder to concentrate or complete tasks.

Challenges with Familiar Tasks: Activities like using appliances, driving to familiar locations or playing a favorite game may become increasingly difficult.

Confusion with Time or Place: Losing track of dates, seasons, or locations and not understanding how you got somewhere.

Vision and Spatial Issues: Problems with balance, judging distances or distinguishing color and contrast can emerge, often making driving more dangerous.

Word-Finding Difficulties: Increasing trouble with conversations, writing or naming familiar objects, leading to frequent repetition.

Misplacing Items: Putting things in unusual places and being unable to retrace steps to find them, sometimes leading to unfounded accusations of theft.

Poor Judgment: Experiencing changes in decision-making, particularly regarding finances, safety and personal hygiene.

Social Withdrawal: Decreasing participation in hobbies, work, or social interactions due to difficulties following conversations or completing tasks.

Mood and Personality Changes: Heightened confusion, suspicion, irritability, depression or anxiety may develop as the disease progresses.

It's important to remember that occasional forgetfulness or word-finding trouble is common and not necessarily cause for concern. However, persistent or worsening difficulties with memory, thinking or daily tasks may indicate Alzheimer's or another form of dementia. If you or someone you know is experiencing these symptoms, the Alzheimer's Association encourages a visit to a health-care professional for evaluation. Early diagnosis can offer access to treatment options, clinical trials, emotional support and time to plan for the future. For more information, visit the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or contact the UK Sanders-Brown Center for Aging at (859) 323-5550.



CCHS speech team members earned awards at the Racer Invitational recently held on Murray State's campus. Jaisen Lineberry (left) scored fifth in Dramatic Interpretation and Chloe Rushing scored 2nd in Informative Speaking. They both scored sixth in Improvisational Duo.

Marion's only traffic light adjusted

At the behest of city officials, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet technicians have adjusted timing formats on Marion's traffic light at Bellville and Main streets.

Complaints about short-timed green lights for Bellville Street traffic, prompted the change.

Now, during heavy traffic periods in the mornings and afternoons, the duration of green for Bellville motorists will be a bit longer, allowing more traffic to flow east and west through the town's busiest intersection.

Specifically, between 6:30 and 7:45 a.m., and 3:15 and 4:45 p.m., green lights will last longer.


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County clerk gets solid audit from FY 2023

A recent independent audit conducted by the Auditor of Public Accounts found that the Crittenden County Clerk's office complied with all significant financial accountability requirements for the 2023 fiscal year. The review, led by Auditor Allison Ball, involved a detailed examination of the office's receipts, disbursements, record-keeping and other financial practices.

The audit report covered Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2023, focusing on the clerk's adherence to guidelines from the Department for Local Government and the State Local Finance Officer Policy Manual. The review determined that all required documents, including financial statements, ledgers and monthly bank reconciliations, were in order and met fiscal court-approved budget standards.

Out of 15 examined transactions, auditors noted a minor discrepancy in a disbursement where a check number was incorrectly logged in the disbursement ledger. Additionally, one travel reimbursement applied an incorrect rate, prompting the clerk's office to reimburse \$173.18 to the 2024 fee account from personal funds. County Clerk Daryl Tabor acknowledged the error and emphasized a commitment to greater data accuracy.

No other exceptions or additional fees due were identified, and the audit verified that all employee payroll and deputy salaries adhered to the statutory guidelines.

The regular reports by the state auditor assures the fiscal court and county residents of the office's compliance and fiscal responsibility. The audit, conducted under guidelines from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, underscores a strong financial record for the Crittenden County Clerk's office.

Princeton track yard getting major overhaul

A \$2 million overhaul of the Princeton Yard Tracks highlights Kentucky's \$7.5 million investment in railway infrastructure. Led by Paducah & Louisville Railway (PAL), the project modernizes a vital transportation hub by replacing outdated components, reconnecting tracks and improving drainage, ensuring long-term functionality.

This initiative, part of the Kentucky Short Line Infrastructure Preservation (KSLIP) Program, strengthens regional connectivity and economic growth. Matching grants encourage collaboration, attracting and retaining rail-served industries.

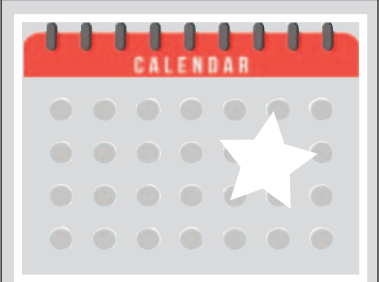
The statewide investment also funds rail upgrades in Paducah, Louisville and other areas, supporting job creation and commerce.

KU honored by JD; makes donation to Marion banner plan

Kentucky Utilities (KU) tied for first in the Midwest midsize region, and Louisville Gas and Electric (LG&E) ranked fourth in the 2024 J.D. Power Electric Utility Business Customer Satisfaction Study. Business customers cited satisfaction with price and corporate citizenship.

KU, which serves Marion and parts of Crittenden County, scored 804, well above the segment average of 779. This marks KU's fifth top honor in six years. Now in its 26th year, the study evaluates 88 U.S. utilities across six factors: power quality and reliability, price, billing and payment, corporate citizenship, communications, and customer care.

Also, KU in Marion has made



Dates: Things to Do

- Fredonia's annual Turkey Trot, a 3.1-mile race supporting the Christmas Food Pantry, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 8 a.m. starting at Fredonia First Baptist Church. Registration is \$20 and begins at 7:30 a.m. on race day. Proceeds will help provide food and holiday essentials to local families in need.
- The Living Christmas Tree will have shows at Fohs Hall on Dec. 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15.
- Salem's Christmas Parade will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30. The theme will be Christmas Movies. Call 988-2600 for more information.
- Marion's Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7. The nighttime parade's theme will be White Nights and Magical Lights. Call 270-965-2239 for information or to register a float.
- Following Marion's parade, the Lions Club will host its free Supper with Santa at the fairgrounds Agriculture Building.
- Fredonia Christmas Parade's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6.
- Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Parade, "Sweet Christmas," is at 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13.
- Cumberland River Homes in Salem is having a "Christmas Laugh Out Loud" celebration and fundraising event on Dec. 13 at Salem Baptist Church, featuring some big-name entertainers.

a \$500 contribution to the city's Hometown Heroes banner project.

Marion launched the Hometown Heroes banner program a few weeks ago to honor military personnel past and present. Decorative light poles on Main Street will display banners for Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day. The 2025 Memorial Day display will focus on Crittenden County soldiers who were killed in action, went missing, or were prisoners of war (POWs). Of 54 banner spaces, five are reserved for POW/MIAs.

Banners, costing \$65-\$72, will feature the soldier's name, rank and branch. Families are encouraged to sponsor veterans, while businesses are invited to support banners for fallen heroes. KU donated \$500 to fund POW banners on East Carlisle's one-way section.

Applications, including a digital photo, are due by April 1. Banners will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Community Christmas accepting donations

Contributions are being accepted for 2024 Community Christmas in Crittenden County. Donations help supplement angel tree tags for younger children and allow the Crittenden County Inter-Agency Council to purchase gift cards and vouchers from local businesses for older teens.

Financial contributions may be made to Farmers Bank through Monday, Dec. 9.

Checks should be made payable to Crittenden County Community Services, Inc.

Additionally, monetary donations for canned goods that will be distributed through Community Christmas can be taken to Marion Baptist Church through Friday, Dec. 6.

For more information, contact Julie Herrin at Marion Baptist Church at (270) 965-5232.

Bluey will be rocking it through Christmas

Livingston County Bale Trail fan favorite Bluey's "Adopt, Foster and Rescue" display on Bizzell Bluff Road in Burna will be staying up through the

Christmas holiday to accept more pet food and supplies.

The bale feature created by Janet McGregor and family collected 260 pounds of dog food, 140 pounds of cat food and 140 pounds of kitty litter during the trail competition so it's going to keep rocking on through the holidays.

Salem considers franchising garbage

More than 50 Salem residents attended a public forum Tuesday night to voice their opinions on the city's proposal to establish an exclusive franchise for garbage collection. The forum was part of an ongoing process to evaluate the plan, which could potentially include both residential and commercial customers.

Mayor Gary Damron opened the meeting, emphasizing that the city council is still in the exploratory phase of the decision-making process.

"No decision has been made at this point," Damron said. "I want to clear up any misconceptions about that. This is a lengthy process, and this meeting is just one of the first steps."

The proposal, which the council began formally considering in May, would require most households and perhaps businesses in Salem to subscribe to a single garbage collection service, with specific exemptions potentially allowed. Damron said the move could help address the city's ongoing issue with uncollected trash and illegal dumping, which often leads to legal interventions to enforce cleanup.

However, many residents expressed strong opposition to the plan during the forum. Of the 16 people who spoke, all opposed the idea of a sole provider, citing concerns over losing their right to choose a service and fear of increased costs. Several residents praised a local independent trash collector, describing him as reliable and affordable.

The City of Salem, with a population of about 700, currently allows residents to choose their own garbage collection service. Unlike some neighboring counties in western Kentucky that have implemented exclusive franchises, Livingston County does not require a single provider. Communities are left to make their own decisions.

Damron acknowledged the concerns raised but highlighted the challenges of addressing garbage collection in the city. He believes a significant portion of the population lacks any form of waste collection, contributing to the ongoing trash issues.

The city is still accepting written feedback on the proposal for the next 30 days. After that, leaders plan to spend another 30 days reviewing options before deciding whether to proceed with the exclusive franchise or abandon the idea altogether.

City clerk retiring; replacement named

Longtime Marion City Clerk Pam Enoch is retiring at the end of the year and on Monday Marion City Council named her replacement.

Enoch has worked at city hall for 28 years. Taking her place will be Cortny Cosby, who has been working at city hall for the past couple of years as an administrative assistant. The city is now seeking an employee to fill the administrative assistant's role. Full details are on classified page.

Union Co. gets \$100K

Union County is among nine Kentucky counties awarded a share of nearly \$750,000 in grants from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) for fair infrastructure upgrades.

Union County's \$100,000 grant will fund new bleachers, concrete and installation, enhancing the fair experience for attendees. The grants, which cover 75% of project costs, support construction, renovations, and equipment purchases, with local boards matching the remaining 25%. For details on the program, visit kyagr.com.

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50 YEARS AGO

November 21, 1974

■ Marion merchants were getting in the mood for the Yule season by hanging their stores with tinsel. Bells and banners seemed to be the favorites. Sheila Oakley hung bells at the Western Auto Store by the illumination of two huge candles. Evalena Woodall strung a cheery Seasons Greetings for customers at City Drug and Hazel Brown at Nelson's Pharmacy applied close attention to her decorating.

■ Valetta Little and Robin Webb performed in the production of "See How They Run" by the Crittenden County High School Drama Club. The play was performed in the round at the high school gym and the Saturday performance featured a dinner theater.

■ Best Care Nursing Home residents were honored with a birthday party. Celebrating birthdays were Beula Hamilton, Guy Thomas, Madeline Kirkland, Lucille Wiggins, Irene Ingram, Daisy Franklin, Nell Adams and Edward Lahham. Rugina McClure, an employee at the nursing home, also joined the party.

25 YEARS AGO

November 25, 1999

■ David Guess, Cortni Head, Donovan Deel and Ashton Dameron, youngsters at Crittenden County Elementary School, wore indian headdresses they made in art class. The Press asked students what Thanksgiving meant to them and their responses were... Thanksgiving means when Pilgrims discovered America and we spend time with family —Aaron Jewell; Indians try to shoot turkeys and eat them —Olivia Belt; Love and play with all friends and go to somebody's house you love and play with their animals and celebrate Thanksgiving —Tina Woodall; Thanksgiving means when you thank the Lord for all He gave you —Melissa Croft.

■ Crittenden County Technology Student Association conducted a roadblock the benefit Habitat for Humanity in Crittenden County. TSA president Keri Kemper presented a check for \$321.22 collected at the roadblock to Habitat executive director Karen Heady. Also present during the presentation were Ryan Beavers, Joey Rich, advisor Tammy Duvall and Scott Taylor.

■ Crittenden Health Systems received the Mid-South Division Team Excellence Award for its support for the 1999 Relay for Life. The hospital, a corporate sponsor for the event, contributed \$5,000 annually. In 1999 Crittenden Health Systems' teams, including those from the hospital, Crittenden County Convalescent Center and Salem Springlake, raised \$17,038.35 for the Relay for Life. Relay co-chairperson Margaret Gilland, hospital CEO Greg Moore and Helen Lewis, president of the Crittenden County Unit of the American Cancer Society, were presented the award.

■ First- and second-grade students, Anthony Williams, Nicholas Stevens, Dyllan Thornton and Taylor Wallace, of Crittenden County Elementary picked out free books during Reading Fundamental Week.

10 YEARS AGO

November 20, 2014

■ Ashley Stallins slid downhill at Marion-Crittenden County Park with her son Elijah following an unusual overnight mid-November snow. Stallins was at the park enjoying the rare event that dumped up to three inches of snow in some areas of Crittenden County. School was canceled that day, but reopened on a two-hour delay the next, largely a testament to the work by the area crews to get the roads cleared during sub-freezing, but mostly sunny conditions.

■ Sawyer Towery and Caleb Combs helped gather leaves at the home of Helen Moore for curbside collection by the City of Marion. The two were part of a Marion United Methodist Church youth group which raked leaves for Moore, her next door neighbor Tink Hicklin and Ethel Tucker, all homeowners in their mid-90s. Also participating in the community service were Samantha Peek, parents Viki Carlson and Becky Combs, Paul Combs, Maddox Carlson, Jayden Carlson, Isabella Holloman, Emily Combs and Shelby Brown.

■ Crittenden County basketball teams held Meet the Rockets to officially kick off the basketball season. Some of the participants were Bobby Glen Stephens, Dylan Hicks, Amanda Lynch and Mallory McDowell.

■ Crittenden County Elementary School students Karsen Shouse, Grace Driskill, Natalie Boone and Ryleigh Tabor represented their school at Murray State University for the annual Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) Fall Showcase competition. The students' project featured the use of QR codes to help new students become familiar with their school and town. Students scored high enough to be invited to showcase at Rupp Arena in Lexington. They were to join the middle and high school STLP students who also were invited to Lexington. Middle school students presented a hologram project. High school students presented a website project.

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First Sunday school convention held in the county

Our churches have always been an important part of our history. From the archives of The Crittenden Press we learn of the first Sunday school convention held in Crittenden County. Rev. James F. Price was there and shared this history with The Press.

June 7, 1888 - History of the Kentucky Sunday School Union In Crittenden County

One of the first Sunday school mass meetings in Crittenden County was a denominational mass meeting held at Piney Fork Church about 1875 or 1876. The schools were represented as classes and each class sang by itself.

The next meeting of this kind was held at Bethel Church in 1879. It was called a Sunday School Celebration and was non denominational. The excellent music made by the respective classes elicited quite an interest in Sunday school music and also in attendance at these meetings.

The next one was held at Union Church in the summer of 1880 and was very successful. These meetings were prior to any organization of the Kentucky Sunday School Union in this county.

The next meeting of this kind was held at Piney Fork Church in the fall on 1880. Prior to this meeting, Rev. G. W. Crumbaugh had attended the meeting of the State Convention at Elizabethtown and had been appointed vice president of this county.

Piney Fork Meeting

At the meeting at Piney Fork, which was a very enthusiastic and full meeting, Rev. Crumbaugh stated the relation in which he stood to the county as the representative of the Kentucky Sunday School Union, and the name of the bi-annual meetings were changed from Celebration to Convention.

This was the origin of the organization of the Kentucky Sunday School Union in Crittenden County.

The next convention was held at Chapel Hill in the spring of 1881. Both of these meetings were largely attended and were full of interest.

Divided into Four Districts

At the Hurricane Convention the county was divided into four districts and a district superintendent was appointed for each. This redistricting of the county is due to the efforts of Uncle Wesley Minner.

The next convention was appointed for Marion, but for a want of co-operation the convention was not held.

When Bro. Crumbaugh left the county, he had Bro. P. H. Woods appointed vice president who after a few months service recommended me (Rev. Price) to the state secretary. I received my appointment about Aug. 1, 1882.

The county convention having failed to meet in Marion, Oak Grove gave an invitation for the convention to meet there; this was in the fall of 1882. This was a good meeting. At this convention it was decided to have only one convention a year.

The next convention was held at Crooked Creek Church in the fall

of 1883. The county was now reported in the minutes of the State Convention as a banner county; this is, completely organized. This organization had been perfected at Hurricane, two years before.

The next convention was held at Lily Dale in the fall of 1884, and was one of the fullest conventions we have ever held, about 1,500 persons present.

The next convention was held at Post Oak in the fall of 1885. It was a very unfavorable day, but the state visitor, S. F. Wishard, who was present, pronounced it a success.

In the fall of 1886 the convention was held at the Lead Mines and was marked for its earnest work and enthusiasm.

The following is a program from the Sunday School Convention held at Piney Fork in July 1896. It must have been a wonderful day with all the different churches and their congregations taking part in the program.

Morning program

The Crittenden County Sunday School Convention convened at Piney Fork July 9, 1896, and was called to order by the county president J. B. McNeely.

Song service led by George M. Travis. Bible reading by W. A. Jacobs. Prayer by W. B. Crider.

Piney Fork sang Fall Into Line, followed by Piney Creek, Keep your Lamps Trimmed and Burning, followed by Crayneville, Bells Mines and Greens Chapel Classes.

The Bible a Standard, by Rev. H. B. Fox. The speaker made many good points and opened the way for a good day's work.

Music by Chapel Hill,



Piney Fork Church was the location of the first mass Sunday school meeting held in 1875.



Rev. James F. Price was one of the ministers who helped create the first Sunday School Convention in Crittenden County in 1875.

Oak Grove and Dunn Springs classes.

Next in order was a text, House to House by Bro. J. C. Lewis. Per-

haps as true of the early disciples when they went from house to house breaking bread.

Every man should have an interest for his neighborhood. He urged the importance of every school making house to house visitations and taking up the Sunday school work to those we come in contact with.

Music by Bells Mines, Hurricane and Piney Fork.

Mrs. A. H. Cardin read an excellent paper on The Sunday School as an evangelizing agency.

Music by Piney Creek and Chapel Hill.

Reports of district presidents were as follows:

1st. Henry S. Wheeler. No written report.
2nd. Marion F. Pogue.

Written report sent to president stating that blanks were in the hands of superintendents and a request that they be sent to the county secretary.

4th. George M. Travis reports 4 evergreen schools, 12 schools in district. Bro. Travis had a splendid report from his district.

In report of Executive Committee by Bro. Skelton he commended the county president and secretary for their untiring efforts.

Dycusburg Baptist, Green Chapel, Sugar Grove, and Piney Creek made brief reports of their schools.

Music by Crayneville class.

Afternoon program

Services opened with a song by Oak Grove, followed by Dunn Springs, Wilson's Chapel and infant class of CPSS of Marion.

Rev. W. H. Miley gave a report on the Sunday School organization, its aims, methods and results. Primary aim, salvation of the children, everyone to be in Sunday

school studying God's special Word. Organize a Sunday school in every community.

Music by Piney Fork and Greens Chapel

Paper by Miss Lizzie Woodall. Efficient primary teaching was read by the president. It is an excellent composition on the modern primary methods.

Music by Wilson's Chapel

The report of committee on nomination was as follows.

County President - J. B. McNeely, County Secretary - Miss Nellie Walker

1st District - R. B. Gass, 2nd District - Rev. H. B. Fox, 3rd District - R. M. Franks, 4th District - G. M. Travis, W. T. Oakley and Bro. Wilson.

Benediction by Rev. Jas. F. Price and the convention adjourned.

(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).

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is intended to inform the residents of Crittenden County, Kentucky that the County is in the process of closing out the Crittenden County Food Pantry Project. The project was funded in part by the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program. A public hearing will be held at the Crittenden County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Kentucky, on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to review past use of funds and program performance. If there are any questions or comments about the project, please direct them to the following:

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SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES AND FINDINGS

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES OF THE
CRITTENDEN COUNTY CLERK

For The Period January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023

The Crittenden County Clerk applied for and received approval from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to obtain an Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) engagement for calendar year 2023 in accordance with KRS 43.070(1)(c). AUP reports present the procedures performed and the results of those procedures, called findings. The summary below presents those findings for which an exception (an instance of noncompliance with the criteria) was identified during the AUP engagement.

During the AUP engagement of the Crittenden County Clerk, the following exception was noted:

- Operating disbursements agreed to the paid invoices or other supporting documentation and agreed to cancelled checks with the exception of one disbursement where the check number was posted incorrectly on the disbursement ledger. Disbursements were for official business. However, one travel reimbursement paid to the county clerk used an incorrect travel reimbursement rate. The county clerk does not have use of a credit card.

Findings related to procedures for which there were no exceptions identified, and official responses to exceptions are not included in the summary above, but can be found in the full report. A copy of this report is available on the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
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Differences can be resolved

I believe that every person carries the image of God. According to Genesis, human beings were created in God's image. I will admit that there are days when I am not a good representation of that image. There are other days when I have a difficult time seeing it in others. This does not, however, change the truth of what I believe.

Because I believe this, there are many things about people that I do not care about as it relates to how I treat them. There is, because of what I believe, a baseline of honor and respect that is due them. We see this respect in our legal system which includes due process and the presumption of innocence. We see this respect in the way that we choose our elected officials and settle our differences with words and ideas rather than by force of arms (most of the time).

When a person cares more about ideology, doctrine (political, social, or religious), or power more than people, there is the risk of doing more harm than good. Relationships between people are damaged when what I believe about their beliefs causes me to forget that we have a creator in common. Communication becomes difficult when I make too many assumptions about a person based on their

age, gender, ethnicity, or mother tongue.

I had a recent exchange with an acquaintance concerning the election and climate change (amongst other things). There was a good bit of anger being expressed in her view and at least one point of demonstrable error. I didn't really disagree with much of what she was saying. I did however point to a view that some may have about the claim that science has known about climate change for 50 years. I responded with a newspaper article from about 50 years ago (1972) concerning what science was saying about climate. I also suggested that she remember the role that some conservative lawmakers (particularly Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher) had in reversing the truly frightening ozone hole in the 1980s. My goal was to help her to better make her point to those outside her ideological silo.

I got a response about patriarchy, boomers, and "intentional" language to dismiss her viewpoint. To her credit, after a couple of exchanges clarifying my response, she apologized. However, that would have been unnecessary if we could have just talked as human beings with differing perspectives.

I have had to learn to care less about many

things – or even to not care at all. I don't care for whom a person votes. I don't care what gender they claim to be. I don't care about political parties or religion. That does not mean that they are not important. They are – terribly important. That does not mean that I do not have deeply held convictions for which I am willing to state my case. It does mean that I will not treat a person as less than human because of differences.

My experience walking on this earth is vastly different from billions of other people. It serves me well to remember that. I needed to remember it on a day when a striking worker in Honduras got in my face and spat his opinion about American capitalists. I needed to remember on another occasion sitting in a courtroom with an African American. I needed to remember it when worshipping with my brothers and sisters in southern Italy who were members of the Communist Party. We all have similar experiences.

I had to learn that I have to care less about another person's life choices than they do themselves. If I care more about them than they do, I run the risk of enabling

bad habits and inhibiting their personal growth. I can help, encourage, or even rescue occasionally. I needed all of that in my own life. What I cannot do is fall into manipulating or bullying another person into external compliance. We have done that to each other enough and it never has a good ending.

If I care too much about some things and attach existential emotion to them, it may cause me to miss things that are far more nefarious and threatening. I may forget the call to love my neighbor as myself. I may forget that I am to love my enemies and pray for them. I may forget to honor those who fall outside of justice. I may forget to see those who are generally unseen.

I may still believe that those who view the world differently are a threat to some things that are important to me. They may believe the same thing about me. It is our hearts that matter most. When good hearts come together, differences can be resolved. We can learn to live in peace with each other. I pray for that.

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Sunday Mass 11 a.m. 860 S. Main St. Marion, Ky. (270) 965-2477
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Mexico Baptist Church

Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
Pastor: Morgan Smith
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. *"Whatever It Takes"*
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Bro. Jamie Baker
Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297
Phone: (270) 965-2220

Emmanuel Baptist Church

108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.

Tolu Methodist Church

Pastor: David Brown
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Barnett Chapel General Baptist

Sunday School: 10 a.m. Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Barnett Chapel...
Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m. where everyone is welcome.

Freedom General Baptist Church *Pastor: Ross Atwell*

87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion (about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)

CHURCH TIMES:
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church *Join us for praise & worship*

College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232
Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holeman
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

SEVEN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064
Sunday evening service 5 p.m.
Wednesday night service 6:30 p.m.
- We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ, and to make Him known to the community around us. -
Pastor Justin Miller

Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.
Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
David LeNeave, Pastor

growing in grace 2 Peter 3:18
PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church
Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem
Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

Marion Church of God

334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.
"Where salvation makes you a member."

God loves all churches equally

Question: Does God love Catholics or Protestants or one denomination more than others?

Answer: Through the ages churches have separated into two major branches – Catholic and Protestant. The protestant groups have further separated into various groups called denominations.

Unfortunately, Christians with one understanding of the Bible have demonized those with different interpretations of scripture and church practices. Often this is done through a lack of knowledge or a misunderstanding of others' beliefs and activities.

Many of these churches see themselves as superior to other groups. They see them as rivals to compete against instead of work with.

Catholic and Protestant and specific denominational churches have a lot in common. Their

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By Bob Hardison

members believe the Bible is the Word of God. They understand Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He is "the way and the truth and the life and no one comes to the Father except through (Him)" (Jn. 14:6). Local church groups worship God and are to bring Him glory.

To answer the question – does God love Catholics or Protestants or one denomination more than others? The answer is an emphatic "No!" He loves all His followers equally and completely regardless of the name over their church door. Each is a part of the family of God (the universal church). Competition between church branches and denominations is man's doing, not God's.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Marion Methodist Church

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SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 p.m.
South College St.

Frances Community Church

Bro. Butch Gray
Worship service:..... 11 a.m.
Children's Church ages 3 & up ... 11 a.m.
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Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

Unity General Baptist Church

4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.
Bro. David Perryman, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION 24-CI-00003 EVELYN HAYES, EXECUTRIX on behalf of ESTATE OF JUDITH NEWCOM and JERRI ANN DUNCAN VENABLE and her husband, CODY VENABLE, PLAINTIFFS vs. SYDNEY SWIFT; KARLYNN NICOLE MCCANDLESS; ALEXANDRA HOPE MCCANDLESS; JAKE ALLEN MCCANDLESS; KENNETH MCCANDLESS aka KENNETH STEWART; JERRY MCCANDLESS; MELINDA MCCANDLESS; KEVIN NEWCOM; SCOTT MCCANDLESS; ELLI MAY MCCANDLESS, minor; HARPER MCCANDLESS, minor; MRC RECEIVABLES CORP.; LVNV FUNDING, LLC. NOTICE OF SALE. By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, I will on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Crittenden County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, 42064, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit: Property Address: Farm Tract – Tract 2 in Deed Book 167, Page 261 Map No. 067-00-00-002.04. The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. GIVEN under my hand this the 22nd day of October, 2024. STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Special Master Commissioner (3t-47-c)

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SportsShorts

BASKETBALL CCMS summaries

Here are Crittenden County Middle School boys' basketball game scoring summaries this season through last week:

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS
Trigg 28, Crittenden 27
Kash Myers 9, Beau Maraman 2, Gage Adamson 6, Brier Brown 2, Bode Merrill 8.
Caldwell 59, Crittenden 4
Myers 2, Liam Duncan 2.
Lyon 46, Crittenden 21
Myers 6, Adamson 6, Brown 7, Noah Moss 2.
Union 65, Crittenden 14
Myers 4, Maraman 2, Adamson 6, Brown 2.

Crittenden 32, Livingston 18
Myers 12, Maraman 2, Adamson 4, Brown 8, Merrill 2, Moss 2, Eli Taylor 2
John Paul 38, Crittenden 18
Myers 7, Maraman 2, Adamson 2, Brown 4, Mason Williams 3.
Crittenden 40, Livingston 16
Myers 25, Adamson 4, Brown 5, Merrill 4, Rex Boone 2.
Crittenden 47, Dawson Springs 15
Myers 16, Oakley Sherer 4, Maraman 8, Adamson 8, Brown 4, Taylor 4, Barrett Brown 1, Boone 2.

EIGHTH GRADE BOYS
Crittenden 42, Trigg 14
Eden Bryant 13, Joel Bumpus 7, Roane Topp 4, Caden Hutchison 4, Jett Champion 10, Hunter Collins 4.
Caldwell 48, Crittenden 30
Bryant 7, Bumpus 7, Topp 5, Hutchison 7, Myers 2, Hunter Collins 2.

Lyon 51, Crittenden 41
Bryant 13, Bumpus 19, Topp 4, Myers 5.
Union 52, Crittenden 32
Bryant 3, Hayden Hughes 6, Bumpus 11, Hutchison 5, Topp 2, Champion 5.
Crittenden 34, Livingston 29
Bryant 8, Hughes 14, Bumpus 6, Topp 4, Hutchison 2.

Crittenden 35, John Paul 28
Bryant 13, Hughes 6, Bumpus 14, Hutchison 2.

Crittenden 37, Livingston 34
Bryant 6, Hughes 6, Bumpus 4, Topp 4, Hutchison 6, Myers 4, Champion 7.

Crittenden 28, Dawson Springs 24
Bryant 8, Hughes 2, Bumpus 4, Topp 4, Hutchison 4, Myers 6.

SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS
Trigg 24, Crittenden 17
Brooklyn Lovell 3, Addie Nelson 10, Sydney Keller 2, Lydia Hearrell 2.

Caldwell 31, Crittenden 16
Lovell 4, Nelson 4, Hearrell 2, Mela Kate Penn 4, Keller 2.

Crittenden 35, Livingston 19
Lovell 6, Fiona Lowden 2, Nelson 6, Penn 8, Olivia Mattingly 13.

Union 26, Crittenden 20
Mattingly 5, Hearrell 2, Nelson 6, Penn 3, Lowden 4.

Lyon 40, Crittenden 7
Mattingly 2, Penn 4, Lowden 1.

Crittenden 27, a Trigg 20
Mattingly 5, Nelson 6, Penn 14, Lowden 1, Keller 1.

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS
Crittenden 28, Trigg 2
Abigail Champion 7, Sarah Grau 8, Alexis Mattingly 2, Caroline Martin 4, Brodi Rich 7.

Crittenden 26, Caldwell 19
Champion 8, Grau 4, Brenna Kemmer 5, Rich 3, Martin 6.

Crittenden 25, Livingston 17
Champion 8, Grau 7, Kemmer 2, A.Mattingly 5, Martin 3.

McLean 31, Crittenden 16
Champion 6, Rich 2, Grau 1, Kemmer 3, Martin 2, Penn 2.

St. Mary 45, Crittenden 34
Champion 16, Rich 5, Grau 2, Kemmer 9, Mattingly 2.

Crittenden 43, Union 7
Champion 12, Rich 9, Grau 8, Kemmer 6, Martin 5, O.Mattingly 3.

Lyon 46, Crittenden 20
Champion 7, Rich 5, A. Mattingly 2, Martin 5.

Crittenden 47, Trigg 12
Champion 6, Rich 3, Grau 13, Kemper 6, Mattingly 4, Martin 11, lowden 2, Lovell 2.

Crittenden 37, Dawson 8
Champion 10, rich 3, Grau 7, Kemper 1, Martin 13, lowden 2, O.Mattingly 2.

Cheerleader correction

A middle school cheerleading photo last week incorrectly identified one of the girls. The correct name should have been Kat LaNeave.

Perry is coach of year

Lyon County basketball coach Ryan Perry, a graduate of Crittenden County High School, has been named the Kentucky Boys' Basketball Head Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Perry guided his team to the state basketball championship last season.

Wildcats whip Racers

The Kentucky Wildcats football team beat Murray State 48-6 Saturday in Lexington, improving to 4-6 on the season. Meanwhile, Murray falls to 1-10 with one game remaining at SIU.

Wildcats join top 10

Kentucky's basketball team is now ranked No. 9, up 10 places from a week earlier.

SATURDAY SCRIMMAGE SERIES

GIRLS' GAMES

Rocket Arena
Crittenden vs Hopkins Central, 10am
Hopkins Central vs Hancock Co., 10:35am
Hancock Co. vs Union Co., 11:10am
Caldwell Co. vs Union Co., 12:30pm

Crittenden Middle School Gym

Hancock Co. vs Caldwell Co., 10am
Crittenden Co. vs Union Co., 10:35am
Caldwell Co. vs Hopkins Central, 11:10am
Crittenden vs Hancock Co., 12:30pm

BOYS' GAMES

Rocket Arena
Crittenden vs Dawson, 1:30pm
Tilghman vs Dawson, 2:15pm
Union vs Christian Fellowship, 3pm

Crittenden Middle School Gym

Tilghman vs Union Co., 1:30pm
Crittenden vs. Christian Fellowship, 2:15pm



Crittenden County's Lady Rocket basketball girls beat Edmonson County 46-43 in a preseason matchup Saturday at Madisonville. Anna Boone was Player of the Game, scoring 10 points to lead the Lady Rockets. The boys' and girls basketball teams will host multi-game scrimmages this Saturday at Rocket Arena and Meet the Rockets and Lady Rockets will be that evening. Pictured above is Lady Rocket Morgan Stewart battling for a shot at the basket during last weekend's pre-season game. Other scoring for CCHS was as follows: Jordyn Hodge 8, Elliot Evans 7, Bristyn Rushing 7, Andrea Federico 6 and Stewart 4.

For Thomp, it's just a different shade of blue

STAFF REPORT

For Sean Thompson, the colors are similar, and the job is virtually the same, but opportunities have been limitless for him and his son, Avery, at Paducah Tilghman.

On Friday, Thompson, 38, a fourth-year head coach at Tilghman, will draw up a lineup and offensive scheme that could include more from his 15-year-old freshman son. The Tornado, undefeated and ranked No. 2 in Kentucky's Class 4A, will host 9-3 Louisville DeSales in a state quarterfinal at Paducah's McRight Field.

Thompson took his first Tilghman team to the state championship game in 2021 and has been chomping at the bit to get back.

"We were young and got there, and everyone thought we would be right back in the finals. But really, people don't understand how many things have to go right to get to the championship game," Thompson said.

Over the past two post-seasons, Tilghman has lost in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds.

LAST WEEK'S PLAYOFF

Football in Western Kentucky

Central Hardin 45, McCracken 28
Tilghman 49, John Hardin 14
Union County 17, Adair County 7
Mayfield 48, Caldwell County 21
Owensboro Catholic 49, Murray 14
Campbellsville 49, Russellville 24

This could be Thompson's year to get back to Kroger Field, and it's made even more special with Avery back on the field following a foot injury that sidelined him for several weeks. Last week, he caught a touchdown pass in Tilghman's playoff win over John Hardin.

Tilghman has been good for Thompson and his son, who has benefited from vast resources on campus and in the city. Plus, playing alongside three other seniors committed to Division 1 football teams has been beneficial. A recruiter is on campus quite often. Already, young Avery has five D1 offers from Kentucky, Louisville, Murray State, Eastern Kentucky, and Troy State.

Growing up in Crittenden County, Avery was a star on his junior pro football teams. At Tilghman,



Coach Thompson and his son Avery (2).

he's surrounded by players who push him to be the best he can be, his dad-coach says.

"Me and Coach (Al) Starnes would talk about it all the time, wonder what our offense would look like with athletes all over the place, just game-breaker athletes. We don't have to do much, just get those guys in space, and they do the rest. It's been exciting."

Thompson was the first Crittenden County graduate to become head football coach at his alma mater. He was head coach here for three seasons, compiling a record of 28-8 with three district titles.

Zimmer predicts better ending to season

STAFF REPORT

As the modern firearm deer season in Kentucky draws to a close this Sunday, hunters have just a few days left to make the most of the season. John Zimmer, regional wildlife coordinator for Crittenden and 13 other counties in western Kentucky, has witnessed a slower start to this year's season, but thinks it's going to pick up just in time for a final weekend flurry.

Statewide, on opening weekend 7,000 fewer deer were harvested compared to previous year. Factors like warmer weather, a big moon, rainouts and an earlier start to the season have played a role in diminished early numbers.

"We could see what I'd call a 'trickle rut' this year," Zimmer explained. "With warmer temperatures, deer activity hasn't peaked as it traditionally does during cooler weather. Opening weekend coincided with pre-rut activity instead of peak rut activity, which may have impacted harvest numbers."

Adding to the unique dynamics of this year's season, there's no Thanksgiving weekend overlap, a factor that typically brings more hunters into the woods. Despite the challenges, Zimmer remains



Hear our full interview with John Zimmer on Monday's audio Newscast at The-Press.com.



optimistic, describing the latter part of the season as a potential "cherry pick" for hunters.

On Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area (WMA), early season numbers were promising, with September and October deer harvests tracking at or above average. However, the November two-day gun hunt resulted in a smaller-than-usual harvest of 25 deer, compared to the typical 30-40. Hunters have still reported seeing plenty of deer. Zimmer said the largest buck taken on the WMA that straddles the Tradewater River in northern Crittenden and Union counties, was a 150-inch nine-point buck.

Zimmer also noted that the county's deer population remains healthy, with

QUARTER FINAL FOOTBALL KHSAA PLAYOFFS

Here are the pairings for the third round of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's football playoffs on Friday.

Class 6A
Central Hardin (4-8) at Ryle (10-2)
Barren County (10-2) at Great Crossing (9-3)
Ballard (6-6) at Trinity (10-2)
Madison Central (7-4) at Frederick Douglass (8-4)

Class 5A
North Bullitt (7-5) at South Warren (11-1)
Atherton (10-2) at Bowling Green (10-2)
Southwestern (7-5) at Cooper (12-0)
Pulaski County (8-4) at Highlands (10-2)

Class 4A
Bardstown (9-3) at Franklin County (11-0)
DeSales (9-3) at Paducah Tilghman (12-0)
Covington Catholic (10-2) at Boyle County (12-0)
Ashland Blazer (11-1) at Corbin (11-1)

Class 3A
Central (9-3) at Christian Academy (9-3)
Union County (10-2) at Hart County (12-0)
Lexington Catholic (6-6) at Bell County (11-1)
Russell (9-3) at Belfry (10-2)

Class 2A
Monroe Co. (7-5) at Owensboro Catholic (12-0)
Lexington Christian (10-2) at Mayfield (9-2)
Martin County (9-3) at Beechwood (11-1)
Somerset (8-4) at Prestonsburg (11-1)

Class A
Newport (9-2) at Kentucky Country Day (9-2)
Newport Catholic (9-3) at Campbellsville (10-2)
Pikeville (7-5) at Sayre (12-0)
Hazard (8-4) at Raceland (8-4)

good age structure and overall quality among harvested deer.

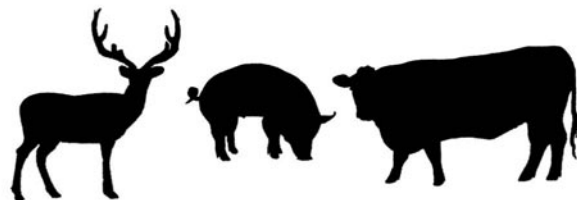
As part of ongoing efforts to monitor Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has set up mandatory CWD check stations in several counties, though not in Crittenden County. The mandatory zone includes, Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall and McCracken counties.

Hunters can voluntarily submit deer heads for testing at CWD Sample Drop-off sites. Higginson-Henry WMA in Union County hosts one of these locations. Hunters participating in CWD surveillance have the chance to enter the "Shoot for Samples" giveaway, which runs through Jan. 20.

The giveaway, aimed at boosting participation in CWD testing, offers five regional prizes, including gift cards valued at \$500-\$1,000 and an Elite Carbon Era bow, courtesy of local sponsors like Copperhead Guns & Range and Uncle Lee's.

Chronic Wasting Disease is a fatal illness affecting deer and elk populations. While no evidence suggests it can infect humans, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends against consuming meat from animals that test positive for CWD or appear sick. Since 2002, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has tested over 60,000 deer and 1,000 elk for CWD as part of its state-wide monitoring program.

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DEER DROP OFF 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
CLOSED SUNDAY



While hunting has been made more difficult this fall by warm weather and other factors, some gunners have scored big. Gracie Fowler, 13, took this 10-point Saturday evening. As of Tuesday, rifle hunters had taken 1,379 deer in Crittenden County. Overall, there have been 1,758 taken here with all weapons, ranking No. 11 in the state. That is lower than the county's typical ranking, which is usually among the top five.



CCMS Homecoming
Eighth-graders Sarah Grau and Daryl Sherer were crowned Crittenden County Middle School queen and king Thursday during annual Homecoming festivities. Other members of the court are (from left) 7th grade prince Kash Myers, princess Macandliss Chittenden, Luke Binkley, Abigail Champion, flower girl Annabelle Brown and crown bearer Case Berry, Caroline Martin, Caden Hutchison, Brenna Kemmer, Charlie Trail, dutchess Korie Bloodworth and duke Bode Merrill.

Legislators prepare for 2025 General Assembly

For now, it's time to give thanks

As we gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving, it's a time to reflect on the blessings we share and to express gratitude for the hard work and contributions that make our communities thrive. Whether you're educating students, protecting our neighborhoods, keeping our roads safe, or ensuring that goods and services reach their destinations, your dedication helps make Kentucky a better place to live.

Thanksgiving is also a moment to pause and savor the warmth of togetherness. The days have grown shorter and the air crisper. While we might miss the long summer evenings, we now embrace the comfort of cozy gatherings,



Jason HOWELL
KENTUCKY STATE SENATOR
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hearty meals, and the joy of being with loved ones.

For many, this holiday signals a time to reset and prepare for the winter months ahead. As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, it's a natural pause to reflect on the year behind us while looking forward to the season ahead. The holidays provide a sense of renewal, a chance to rest, reconnect, and refocus on the things that matter most.

As the holiday season unfolds, there's an air of anticipation and hope for what's to come – whether it's the excitement of gathering with family and friends, the warmth of long-standing traditions, or the prospect of new opportunities in the coming year. It's a time to cherish the present while also embracing the promise of fresh beginnings on the horizon.

As you enjoy your Thanksgiving traditions, I want to remind everyone to travel safely.

Whether you're driving to visit family or simply running errands, please be mindful of others on the road. Let's make sure everyone can celebrate this season with those they cherish.

I'll also ask you to be mindful of those who may have lost a loved one this year or are far from family. Open your circle to welcome them in and offer compassion at a time many find themselves feeling even more alone. Keep in mind that mental health doesn't take a holiday.

In the coming weeks, we'll continue to hear testimony in preparation for the 2025 General Assembly. If you have thoughts on how we can improve our commonwealth or if there are ways I can better serve you, please reach out to me at my office in Frankfort at 502-564-8100, or by email jason.howell@kylegislature.gov.

It's an honor to serve as your state senator. I wish you and

your family a joyful and peaceful Thanksgiving!

Senator Jason Howell, R-Murray, represents the 1st District, including Calloway, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon, and Trigg Counties. Howell serves as co-chair of the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture. He is a member of the Interim Joint Committees on Banking and Insurance; Economic Development and Workforce Investment; and Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations; and Tourism, Small Business, and Information Technology. Most Recently, He was named co-chair of the Multimodal Freight Transportation System Improvement Task Force and a member of the 2023 Senate Committee on Impeachment. Lastly, Howell serves as Vice Chair of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee and is a Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee member.

REAL

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ball district at Fort Campbell.

And even if you're not a frequent flyer, it's a useful card to have in your pocket, ready if plans change or an unplanned travel need arises. Plus, you can breeze through security lines.

And if you're wondering how long your current license will still be valid for driving, voting and buying a can of snuff at the convenience store, no worries – your standard-issue driver's license will still work for those.

So, don't wait until May 6, 2025 to start sweating this deadline. If you need a replacement birth certificate or Social Security card get that process going right away. Have your documents in order, follow the checklist and set that appointment. You might just surprise yourself with how quickly you're in and out of the licensing office – possibly in record time, like me – and travel happy and stress-free, knowing your REAL ID is ready to roll.



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MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of October 2024 to the same month in 2023. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year's monthly average.

CATEGORY	OCTOBER 2024	OCT. 2023	SEPT 2024	2023 YR TOTALS	2023 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	2,413	2,232	2,512	24,766	2,063.8
Criminal investigations	12	15	10	133	11.1
Domestics	5	8	7	82	6.8
Felony Arrests	6	8	4	55	4.6
Misdemeanor arrests	8	12	2	93	7.8
Non-criminal arrests	9	7	7	99	8.3
DUI arrests	0	2	0	9	0.8
Criminal summons served	6	1	4	46	3.8
Traffic citations	16	13	17	189	15.8
Other citations	24	24	16	307	25.6
Traffic warnings	4	2	5	48	4.0
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	7	3	4	63	5.3
Security checks/alarms	61	29	61	741	61.8
Calls for service	222	224	207	2,463	205.3
Code Enforcement	16	—	26	—	—



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Students of the Month

Crittenden County Schools' students of the month for November are (from left) Tinley Smith, Ethan Todd, Jolea Sigler and Makayla Harris. Kirkwood Rushing (not pictured) was recognized by the board of education for his quick action to assist a middle school student who was attacked by a dog after school recently.

WATER

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quarterback this issue all they want, but the money you have helped us secure, the assistance you provided in contract negotiations, and what you're doing for the Crittenden-Livingston Water District couldn't have happened without your guidance. We owe you a debt of gratitude."

Under Thomas's guidance, Marion and CLWD have secured sufficient funding to ease the financial burden on local water customers for repairing, stabilizing, and providing a long-term solution to what has been a costly situation.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear was among the first to respond to Marion's water woes in 2022, providing \$5.53 million in emergency funds. Those dollars were spent deploying Kentucky National Guardsmen to help with distributing and hauling water, stabilizing Lake George's levee, and covering related engineering and staffing costs over the past two-plus years. Emergency funding has reimbursed Marion for costs incurred under an executive order, which will expire at the end of next month. The order has been renewed multiple times over the past two and a half years, but local leaders say they will not seek a further extension. A long-standing, informal understanding between the state and city has been that once stabilization work is complete at Lake George, the emergency order would expire.

At the height of the crisis in 2022, Marion faced compounding challenges. In addition to losing its primary water source, the city was grappling with a hidden issue—leaks in its distribution system. In July 2022, the city reported losing more than half of the water it was producing. To address this, contractors and the city's maintenance team repaired dozens of leaks, reducing water loss to what was, a couple of months ago, stated as a tolerable 15 to 16 percent.

Also on Monday, the

Marion City Council approved the first replacement of an aged water line. Funding from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority will support a \$322,234 project to replace a cast-iron water line along West Depot Street and improve stormwater drainage at East Carlisle and South Weldon Streets. Work will begin in the spring, and the mayor said more line replacements are forthcoming.

"The water coming out of our plant is good," Browning said. "These old lines are what makes it discolored and taste bad at times."

The city's maintenance crew has been diligent in addressing leaks, which has also saved a great deal of water. Through improvements in Marion's water distribution system over the past couple of years, the city's water plant operates more efficiently, producing 293,000 gallons daily over the past summer compared to a peak demand of 600,000 gallons just before the crisis. Fixing the leaks has made a remarkable difference, allowing Marion to avoid purchasing water from CLWD for the past year. CLWD had come to Marion's rescue in the early stages of the water crisis but had to shift some of its traditional customers to other nearby water systems to make it work, exposing weaknesses in the county system that are now being addressed.

Thomas has devoted significant energy to assisting CLWD in expanding its system, part of a broader regional effort that will ultimately support Marion's long-term recovery. Thomas is now a paid consultant for CLWD as well, working jointly with Marion and the county water district. This arrangement could continue for at least a couple more years.

Marion has also taken steps toward a sustainable future by planning to transition to CLWD as a wholesale customer. This move ensures a reliable supply while addressing the city's aging infrastructure. Thomas told the city council Monday that he anticipates

state regulators will keep a close eye on Marion's water plant, but he doesn't think the city will need to make major improvements to the facility since plans are to decommission it once CLWD can meet the town's needs.

At least partly due to its ability to help Marion permanently solve its water issues, CLWD—which already serves more than 10,000 customers—has secured significant funding for a projected \$40 million expansion of its Pinckneyville water plant. Kentucky legislators last spring allocated \$10 million in the state's biennial budget for the project, while the Environmental Protection Agency contributed \$1.75 million through a congressional earmark. An additional \$2.88 million came from Community Development Block Grants, and \$408,000 was provided by the Delta Regional Authority.

The expansion will increase the plant's capacity from two million to four million gallons per day, improve storage, and replace aging infrastructure. It will include the construction of a larger trunk line between Marion and Salem, which will improve delivery reliability and ensure CLWD's ability to serve Marion in the long term.

T.L. Maddux, CLWD's board chairman, recently described the funding as transformative for the water district, laying the groundwork for what is planned as a 10-year expansion project. Securing a large amount of funding early could trim a couple of years off the timeline, Maddux has said.

Marion itself has, over the past couple of years, received more than \$8.5 million in additional funding for infrastructure improvements. This includes \$1.2 million in Community Development Block Grants and \$1.83 million from a Kentucky Waters Grant.

Resolving Marion's crisis and the subsequent push to update and expand CLWD has been a collaborative effort, local leaders say. Officials in

Crittenden and Livingston counties have worked closely with state lawmakers to secure resources.

Throughout the crisis, Marion has spent around \$300,000 of its own funds in response. Almost \$150,000 of that went to pay a third party to help identify and repair leaks in 2022. Another \$40,000 went for engineering with hopes of getting a \$1 million grant to fully restore Lake George. For almost two years, the city paid Thomas's fee of \$4,500 per month.

While Lake George is not as deep as it once was, its service to the city appears to be secure for the time being. Perhaps most gratifying of all, the area could be reopened to recreational use, including fishing, next spring.

Mayor Browning said the city will need time to repair the entrance and pavillion at Lake George before it can reopen to public traffic.



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The Mattoon CVFD has agreed to sell and take sealed bids for the following items as surplus property. First are 6 steel bud rims, size 22.5"x8.25". These are white, have approximately 500 miles use and are dated 2016. Second item is a 1988 Ford F800 pumper. It has a 8.3l motor and Allison transmission. Starts and runs good but has transmission issues, rust issues on frame under tank and needs tires. It has 36,500 miles and a 36000GVW. Third item is 1997 Ford F800 1800 gallon Tanker with a 429 gas motor and an Allison transmission. It has 87,900 miles and a 25,900GVW and has no known issues. Lights and sirens will be removed if it goes to an individual. We will start accepting bids starting Nov. 21, 2024 and all bids need to be received by Nov. 30, 2024. Mattoon CVFD board can accept or deny bids. For questions or to look at, call or text (270) 871-3927. Bids may be dropped off at the Crittenden County Judge-Executive's office on Industrial Drive, Marion or to a Mattoon Fire Department member.

