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RESTAURANT REVENUE TAKES SMALL DIP IN 3Q

Receipts from Marion's three-percent restaurant and motel tax took an unexpected dip in the third quarter, according to figures provided by the Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission, which is the beneficiary of the revenue.

Restaurant sales tax makes up the vast majority of the money, but overnight lodgers pay the same. In the third quarter ending with September, restaurant sales accounted for 99.5 percent of revenue received by the city, which collected \$71,130.75. That was more than \$3,000 less than the same quarter a year ago.

Restaurants, motels, bed and breakfasts and VRBO rentals are required to declare their income and pay three percent on qualified sales. Those entities reported revenue of \$2,371,025 in the third quarter, below the average quarter this year, but still higher than the historic average, which has gone up exponentially since the beginning of the pandemic. Last year's average sales for each quarter was \$2.36 million. The average through quarters in 2022 has been \$2.46 million.

CHILD SUPPORT MOVE

Child Support Services will be moving to a new location in early 2023. Child Support Services is a state government program that has historically been provided by the county attorney. When Bart Frazer becomes county attorney on Jan. 1, the child support offices will be moved to the new Crittenden County Administrative Building (former Marion Ed-Tech Center).

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- Crittenden Courthouse and other county services, Marion City Hall and The Crittenden Press will be closed Thursday through Sunday in celebration of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Salem Lighted Christmas Parade is at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 26. The theme is National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.
- Marion Christmas Parade is 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3. The theme is Let it be Christmas.
- Financial donations for Community Christmas can be taken or mailed to Farmers Bank. There are Angel tags on the Christmas tree at Farmers Bank to sponsor a teen in various dollar amounts and those can be turned in or mailed to the bank. Drop off Angel tag donations at Marion Baptist Church between 9 a.m., and 1 p.m., Thursday during set-up for distribution. Volunteers are needed for set up. Distribution is 9 a.m., to noon, Friday, Dec. 16 at the church.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday Nov. 28 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 29 at Crittenden County High School.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 29 at CCHS.



Without a permanent heating source, portable propane space heaters are being used to warm up the courthouse.

Cold Courthouse

New boiler too late for November weather

STAFF REPORT

Right now, you can see your breath in the courthouse. The temperature Monday in the upstairs courtroom was about 50 degrees on a thermometer placed next to a space heater. Otherwise, it was a bit cooler in the corners.

There are several factors that have the taxpayers' building heatless. Construction and maintenance issues have played havoc with plans associated with moving out of the existing courthouse and preparing for a new one.

There are hopes a new boiler will be operational sometime next week.

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) approved buying a new boiler for the existing courthouse back in June. The old boiler had been a source of great maintenance problems the last several years. Yet, because the courthouse is being replaced soon, there was a bit of reluctance to replace the heater, so state officials stepped in last summer and agreed to foot the bill, but it's not working yet.

Crittenden is scheduled for a new \$19 million court-

house. It remains unclear when the new courthouse will be ready, but local leaders do not expect it to be any sooner than the summer of 2025.

Meantime, county offices will be moving to the former Marion Ed-Tech Center sometime in the next few weeks, and AOC offices will be going to temporary locations.

With all of the looming changes, county leaders were not willing to put local taxpayer dollars into another heating system for a building targeted for demolition, so the AOC agreed to do it. AOC offices and employees include circuit and district courts. Those employees will be staying in the downtown courthouse once the new one is built. Offices such as judge-executive, clerk, sheriff and PVA are moving out for good.

Asbestos abatement delayed installation of the new boiler, and as winter temperatures approached a couple of weeks ago, courthouse workers began plugging in electric heaters, which overloaded the courthouse's outmoded power system, causing computer systems to go down.

Propane heaters have been brought in to help knock off the chill, but everyone has been wearing coats and long underwear to work. Last week, a couple of the courthouse offices temporarily closed because of the issue.

County officials are hopeful the \$17,500 boiler will be operational next week. Cost to install the boiler will be more than \$40,000 and with environmental fees, asbestos removal and other costs the price tag will ring up to around \$90,000. All of that will be paid by AOC.

Plans to get into the county's new administrative building are not going well either. At Monday's Crittenden County Fiscal Court meeting, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom explained that there have been construction delays and now there is an issue with concrete poured for an addition to the building. The concrete failed hardness tests and may have to be removed and re-poured.

Evrard is the general contractor on the job. Headquartered in Paducah and Marion, Ill., the company

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Fohs will host Paducah Symphony

STAFF REPORT

Fohs Hall has been approved for the Kentucky Non-Profit Grant Fund for \$44,000.

"You never know until you ask," said Fohs Hall President Alan Stout, who said the grant funds will be very valuable to Fohs Hall in its effort to build a parking lot and greenspace across the street on the Hayward house property.

Some of the grant money will be used for general operations.

A former school, Fohs Hall is Marion's community events center. In recent weeks it has hosted a political forum and the latest rendition of Old Ky Hayride, a music and variety show produced by local talent.

"From all accounts it was a sold-out smashing success," Stout said about the Hayride.

The Hayride has already booked Fohs Hall for a March 4 show.

Paducah Symphony Or-



chestra will perform at Fohs Hall at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11. Stout said hosting the highly-sought symphony is a major undertaking for Fohs Hall and it will require some underwriting by sponsors.

"Sponsorships are essential for us to keep general admission tickets affordable," he said.

Fohs Hall will need about \$5,000 more than it has already raised in sponsoring money, he said.

Individual sponsorships are \$100, corporate and foundational sponsorships are \$500 to \$1,000. Spon-

sors receive reserved seating and tickets to the afterparty sing-along with local opera singers Corey and Michelle Crider.

General Admission tickets to Paducah Symphony Orchestra are \$20 each.

Disney's Beauty & The Beast will be the Community Arts Foundation's spring children's musical. Its four performances will be at Fohs Hall April 28-29 and May 5-6 under the direction of the Criders.

Fohs Hall will have its annual meeting and install new officers at 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 16.

MARION CITY COUNCIL

H₂O UPDATE

Self-help will go long way in water plan

BY CHRIS EVANS

PRESS EDITOR

One of the final meetings for the current mayor and city council on Monday turned into something of a self-help clinic, particularly when it comes to the ongoing water crisis.

Between engineers and its new consultant, Marion leaders were exposed to some fresh ideas and clues to new approaches in how it should manage its water woes when moving forward.

From formally studying the city's cost-benefit of making drinking water to developing a routine leak mitigation and water line replacement plan, Marion's hired experts laid out procedures that could decidedly turn the water crisis around. Albeit, it will take time and money. Lots of it.

There was also introduction of a couple of new notions, one that would certainly find favor in the community. The idea of building a new dam in front of the problematic levee at Lake George is certainly not novel. It has been posed time and again by community leaders and lay observers. However, for the first time, engineers are publicly suggesting it could be the easiest path forward. And if that's so, a new earthen dam built to modern standards would be there to stay, right? The engineers think so.

Such a plan would be attractive to a broad sector of the community, certainly those home and property owners along the shoreline, fisherman and others who covet the lake's recreational opportunities.

Kenny McDaniel with BFW Engineering, which is contracted to develop a Corrective Action Plan for the dam at Lake George, explained a number of issues that have arisen in its quest to repair the current levee. Although historical seepage has been a common thread in public discussion of the lake's woes, the engineering firm was only appraised of the matter in the last couple of weeks after conversations with Division of Water (DOW) officials. Further investigation found that seepage was indeed first documented in the 1970s.

"We were led to believe there were no other issues with the dam or lake," McDaniel said.

Engineers are finding that state inspectors and permittees have several problems with the lake and its levee.

It is unknown whether the seepage had anything to do with erosion of the dam near the water system's intake. However, the engineer said it's now a key component to proving the worthiness of material and construction of the levee, which has held water for more than a half century.

Additionally, the engineer said issues brought to light by DOW with regard to the existing spillway and other concerns about the makeup of the levee itself could prompt a renewed approach. He suggested that building a whole new, crescent-shaped levee in front of the damaged one might more readily receive the blessing of state permittees, which could expedite completion of the project.

Repairing the levee has a cost of about \$1.5 million. The engineer said he'd rather not speculate on the price to build a new one, but did cite a recent dam-building project in Henderson that cost around \$8 million.

Mayor-elect and Councilwoman D'Anna Browning told McDaniel she would like have weekly brief-

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Deaths

Chittenden

Kiara Krystine Chittenden, died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville.

Surviving are her parents; Jarod Dakota Chittenden and Kendra Jones of Carrsville; a brother, Mason Gibson; three sisters; Madison Gibson, Anessa Gibson and Amara Chittenden; grandparents Lydawn and John Moxley; great-grandparents Linda and Kenneth Hicks, Debra Moxley, David and Janet Moxley, Patricia Ramey, and Margaret Christian and John Albert Chittenden; and great-great-grandmother Dorothy Stone.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 26 at Good Hope Church in Hampton, with burial in Good Hope Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time at the church. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Smith

Misty Lynn James Smith, 44, of Paducah, formerly of Marion, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 at Baptist Health Paducah. She was a member of Marion General Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, David Smith; her father, Johnnie James of Fredonia; her mother, Donita James of Marion; a sister, Lisa (Charles) Peek of Fredonia; two sons, Logan (Maddie) Smith and Gavin (Emma) Smith; and a granddaughter, Aubree Myer Smith.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Charles and Shirley Hackney and Glendle and Eva James.

Private services were held Tuesday, Nov. 15

at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the animal shelter of your choice.

Kirk

Billy Kirk, 75, of Marion, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022 at Ascension St. Vincent in Evansville.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Kirk; a son, Brady (Tara) Kirk; two daughters, Joy (Scott) Ringstaff and Brittany (Troy) Piper; seven grandchildren, Maeson (Baylee) Myers, McKenna Myers, Levi Piper, Aria Kirk, Morgan Piper, Colton Piper and Addison Ringstaff; a great-grandchild, Easton Piper; and a brother, Ronald Kirk.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Zula Kirk; and a sister, Cosetta Curnel.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Nov. 23 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

Schools seek community ideas

In an effort to set new goals that positively affect the school environment for students, families and staff, the Crittenden County Board of Education has contracted with a consulting firm to develop a strategic plan for the district.

In September, the board of education approved a \$49,476 contract with Studor Group, for leadership and strategic planning.

Part of the process involves feedback from all stakeholders, including faculty and families.

Comments from parents will be accepted during focus group meetings from 8:15-9 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 30 and from 4:45-5:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1 in Rocket Arena Conference Room. To participate, a brief Google form should be filled out at <https://forms.gle/aTrEtEaUi6GZMWQR9> or phone the Board of Education office at (270) 965-3525.

A second series of meetings for community members and business representatives will take place from 9:30-10:15 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 30 and from 11-11:45 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 1 in the Rocket Arena conference room. To participate, school officials ask you to complete a Google form at <https://forms.gle/xL6nSkoRasXU9VX77> or phone the Board of Education office.

Studor representatives work with the school district to develop a five-year plan, which, in part will be directed by surveys from certified staff, classified staff, students and the community, who are asked to help identify the district's strengths and weaknesses. From those responses, administrators will work with the consulting firm to coordinate goals and

strategies for educational improvement. Consultant fees are funded through COVID relief funds. "It is an expense,

but we will be using ESSER funds we aren't going to have again," Driver said.

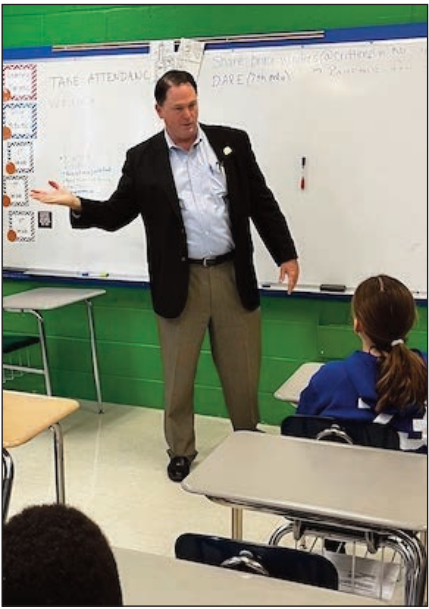
THANK YOU

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, there seems to be no more appropriate time to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and vote of confidence in electing me to continue to serve our community as your County Judge Executive. On behalf of my wife Tina, our daughter Londyn, and myself, we wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving and we thank you for your vote.

Sincerely,
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1st District Sen. Jason Howell of Murray, who represents Crittenden County, was principal for a day at CCMS Tuesday. It was one of several stops within his district this fall.





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County plan would contract commercial, residential trash collection

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County is considering passage of a new solid waste ordinance that will effectively eliminate competition for commercial garbage collection and create penalties for anyone hauling trash without a franchise agreement with the county.

The new ordinance, county leaders say, is necessary to attract a certified and qualified trash collection service. The current contract with Green For Life (GFL) Environmental expires soon and the company insists it will not bid for the county's residential garbage collection franchise unless local leaders approve a new regulation that will bring commercial waste into the contract.

The county's expiring franchise contract with GFL has been non-exclusive for commercial garbage collection, meaning businesses have been able to negotiate with other trash collection companies for services. That would change under the new plan.

About one-third of county households subscribe to curbside residential garbage collection. Trash containers are provided and the service is \$18 a month.

A new ordinance that would

pave the way for the county to more effectively police its solid waste program was introduced at Monday's fiscal court meeting. Final passage could come on Dec. 19 during the court's next regular meeting.

The proposed ordinance also prohibits open burning of garbage. Garbage cannot be incinerated unless done so in a state-certified burning chamber or in a device with a stack or chimney and state-approved control devices.

Garbage will either need to be collected by a permitted collection agency or taken to the county convenience center. Small household trash bags

cost \$1 each to throw away at the convenience center behind the county highway maintenance garage on U.S. 60 East.

The proposed regulation makes provision for fines up to \$500 a day for those who violate the ordinance, such as letting trash pile up to the point it becomes a nuisance.

While the ordinance does not set a price for solid waste collection, it will allow the county to negotiate a standard fee for residential and commercial service.

Currently, franchise agent GFL is charging multiple add-on fees to its monthly commercial rate. Judge Newcom said

it's unclear how the new contract would deal with those charges, which are often nearly as much or more than the monthly collection rate itself. Some businesses are currently paying a site surcharge, administration fee, fuel surcharge and environmental surcharge on top of the monthly collection rate.

The new contract will set a price per cubic yard for commercial dumpsters, and set a rate for residential collection.

It's almost certain that only one company will be issued a franchise to collect trash in Crittenden County, which includes the City of Marion.

City leaf collection in jeopardy

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council met in regular session Monday and discussed a number of issues, including leaf collection.

The city has historically collected leaves for its residents, but equipment failures have sidelined this year's pickup. The device for vacuuming leaves should be repaired by next week, but Mayor Jared Byford said it's not clear whether leaves will be collected at all. Because it's so late in the season, he said city officials will decide next week whether the service will be initiated or not.

•The council voted to declare city property at 209 Watson Street (the former hospital laundry building) surplus. It will begin a process to take sealed bids on the metal building and lot. A re-

serve price of \$125,000 will be established on the property.

•Mayor Byford said the citywide burn ban will remain in place at least through December. No outdoor burning is allowed day or night.

•The council learned that supply chain delays will prevent the new sewer plant from being finished and open until January 2024.



Livingston County is building a board of education office to serve the school district. On Nov. 14, many of the school board office staff, board members, administrators and former superintendents celebrated the historic moment with a ground-breaking ceremony. The office complex will be on the Cutoff Road near South Livingston Elementary School.

WATER

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ngs with the engineering firm to ensure development of a final plan in the most expedient fashion.

Emerging along with various revelations about the scope of work and undertakings ahead for Marion in its endeavor to solve the water crisis was a notion that the phrases "short-term," "emergency" or "intermediate" might mean a bit longer than most had expected. The engineer said that based on conversations with state officials from DOW it is clear that water specialists do not believe Lake George or Old City Lake are generational solutions for Marion's raw water. However, he hinted that the lakes – and the nearby city water plant – could potentially be viable for the next 10 to 20 years while a longer-range regional solution is developed.

Meanwhile, Marion can continue to buy water from nearby third-party suppliers, make sure its leaks are kept to a mini-

mum and begin to gather details that will help it attract financial assistance for a permanent plan.

Marion's newly hired consultant for the water crisis, Tim Thomas, said he is beginning to feel good about the overall strategy and asked the city council to approve a formal rate study. The examination will provide details Marion will need when it applies for grants or makes application to sell bonds. Thomas and engineer Alan Robinson both pointed out to the council that keeping its water loss due to leaky pipes somewhere near 15 percent of production will be a primary component in the ability to emerge from the predicament.

Specialists with Kentucky Rural Water Association and leak mitigation company Reveal came to Marion's rescue a few months ago and helped repair dozens of leaking lines. Repairs cost the city almost \$130,000, but its saving the town millions of gallons of water. It's estimated that Marion was losing between 40 and 50

percent of the water it was making due to leaks.

"Your water losses are at an acceptable level now. They were not before," said Robinson, who is president of Eclipse Engineering which designed the new sewer plant and has worked with Marion for many years on other projects.

"Replacing water lines in the city has to be on your list," he said. "You have to get rid of those old galvanized lines – like the one on Main Street that you replaced a few years ago that was from the 1910s. Until you do, you will not solve your water loss problems."

The over-arching message resonating from the council after this week's meeting was that with self-help plans like better maintenance and more vigilance in communicating with engineers will go a long way toward getting Marion off of its Phase 3 Water Conservation order and back to something a bit more normal. But it's going to take time, maybe more of it than anyone ever realized.



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SALEM'S FORMER BANK NOW OCCUPIED BY LHHS

Salem's former bank building on Main Street is now serving Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services. The hospital has been renovating the building and some offices are already operating there. LHHS CEO Shane Whittington said the business offices, human resources, quality control and health information managers will be operating at the remote site.

MCCONNELL BACK IN SEN. LEADERSHIP ROLE

Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell has been re-elected as Republican leader, quashing a challenge from Sen. Rick Scott of Florida. McConnell easily swatted back the challenge from Scott in the



Former bank on Main Street in Salem

first-ever attempt to oust him after many years as GOP leader. The vote was 37-10, senators said, with one other senator voting present. McConnell is poised to become the Senate's longest-serving leader when the new Congress convenes next year.

SMALL BUSINESSES ARE IN SPOTLIGHT SATURDAY

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is promoting Small Business Saturday this weekend. Merchants throughout town will be open starting early Saturday morning and the Chamber will be handing out "goodie bags" starting at 10 a.m., at the Marion Welcome Center. Inside those bags are

countless dollars of savings and other values. One bag will include a crisp \$100 bill and there will be premium prizes in many more.

CITY CONSIDERS UPPING PAY FOR POLICE, BUT PASSES TO NEW COUNCIL

Better pay and/or retirement benefits for Marion Police Department will have to wait until next year. The city council has toyed with the idea of providing hazardous retirement benefits or greater pay for patrolmen. Councilman Darrin Tabor at Monday's council meeting proposed the idea again, asking for \$5 per hour more for policemen. He said Marion pays

its officers less than any other comparably sized city around. "Our police chief could go to Princeton and be paid more as a patrolman and not have all the other headaches and responsibilities that go with the job," Tabor said. Because most of the current council members, including Tabor, are not returning to city government in 2023 when a new budget will be designed, the council this week opted to pass the idea on to the newly elected government, which takes over Jan. 1. "The question is how to pay for it," outgoing Mayor Jared Byford said. "They will have to put that in the budget in June." Hazardous retirement benefits would cost the city about \$70,000 a year for its policemen. The benefit would be greater retirement benefits, and perhaps the ability to retire five years sooner than on traditional retirement.

MAGISTRATE RESIGNS

Magistrate Todd Perryman's resignation was formally accepted by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court Monday. Perryman, who has served as the Second District magistrate for the northwest portion of the county including the Tolu area, is quitting Nov. 30 in order to be sworn as Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator. Perryman won a three-person primary race last spring to become the PVA. He was unopposed in the general election. PVAs are the only elected county officials who are by statute sworn in earlier than others. It gives them time to adjust to the new position ahead of the near year. Outgoing PVA Ronnie Heady, who has been in office more than 20 years, said he will be available to assist Perryman in the transition. Perryman will take over the PVA office on Dec. 5.

The fiscal court will not replace Perryman's District 2 magisterial post due to the short time frame before newly elected magistrate, Matt Grimes, is sworn to office. Grimes defeated two others in the GOP primary last spring and was unopposed in the general election. Being one magistrate short for 31 days does not affect the fiscal court's authority, or ability to pass local ordinances or deal with routine affairs, Judge-Executive Perry

Newcom said.

HOLIDAY SOUNDS AT LAND BETWEEN LAKES

Holiday sounds and smells will fill the air at the Homeplace 1850s Working Farm inside Land Between the Lakes during the annual 1850s Christmas celebration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Families will experience the wonders of the season with an 1850's twist, including holiday decorations and recipe collections, old time stories and caroling, a visit from Santa Claus, and more. Event activities include ornament making and more. Here is a schedule.

- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Tree Cookie Ornaments.
- 1-4 p.m. - Tin Smithing an Ornament.
- 11 a.m. - Amish Market.
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Music by Stringed Beats.
- 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Holiday Baking in the Kitchen.
- 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Warm up with Hot Chocolate and Apple Cider.
- 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Holiday Tales by the Fire.
- 2:30 - 4 p.m. - A Visit from Santa.

All activities are included in Homeplace 1850s Working Farm special events fees, which are \$9 for ages 18 and up; \$7 for ages 5-17; and free for ages 4 and under. For more details, call the Homeplace at 931.232.6457 or visit www.landbetweenthe-lakes.us/homeplace.

BANK ROOFING HAS CARLISLE ST. CLOSED

About half of East Carlisle Street from Main Street to the Marion Baptist Church parking lot has been closed for about a week while crews using a large crane replace the roof on The Peoples Bank. Work should be done

by this weekend and the street should be reopened on Monday.

2ND IN NATIONAL EVENT

Livingston Central High School student Madison Anderson won second place in a national FCCLA competition. She and Holli Kerr and Gretchen Maze represented Livingston at the National Fall Conference by competing in the Creed Speaking and Interpretation Skill Demonstration Event. More than 375 students participated in the skill demonstration competitions. Other LCHS students participating in the FCCLA event were Molly Dunkerson, Hannah Fisher, Faith Jewell, Hailey Johnson, Ivy Sanchez, Briahna Harper, Taylor Morgan, Shayla Wallace, Allie Buijk, Isabella Coomer and Thomas Jackson. It was held in Columbus, Ohio on Nov. 11-13.



Anderson

KU EARNS CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AWARD

Business customers have once again ranked Kentucky Utilities first in electric business customer satisfaction among the utility's peers in the Midwest midsize region. The honor was awarded by J.D. Power, a global leader in consumer insights, advisory services and data and analytics, following the company's recently released 2022 Electric Utility Business Customer Satisfaction Study. This is the fourth consecutive year KU has ranked highest in its region. KU's sister utility, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, ranked fifth in the Midwest midsize region in this year's study. Combined, LG&E and KU have earned 29 J.D. Power awards since 1999.

Letters to the Editor

Dumpsters are not free

To the Editor: I would like to take the time to inform the good people of Marion about dumpsters.

Just because you see a dumpster or drive by one doesn't mean you can use it. There is a law called Theft of Services. It is punishable by law when you use someone's dumpster that you do not pay to use. I lease a dumpster for my tenants. I have a

camera pointed at my dumpster and fully intend to prosecute all that I catch on camera using my dumpster. Lease your own dumpster or take your trash to the convenience center on the edge of town. John L. Robertson Marion, Ky.



10 YEARS AGO

November 29, 2012
■ Crittenden County saluted patriotism by featuring veterans from five branches of the United States military during the annual Christmas Parade. Organizers said that the theme for the parade would be "A Patriotic Christmas." The five selected marshals were Dan Witherspoon representing the Army, Donald Orr for the Navy, James Williams for the Marine Corps, Ronald Hicklin for the Air Force and Wayne Howerton representing the National Guard. ■ Crittenden County's own legendary athlete and veteran, Carlisle Towery died at the age of 92. In his career, Towery was a two-time collegiate All-American, was the first Hilltopper to score 1,000 points in a career, scored over 2,000 points as a professional player and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service during World War II. ■ AT&T customers in Crittenden County were gifted a nice surprise when they awoke to an early Christmas present- 3G network service. Cathy Lewandowski, a spokesperson for AT&T, said the transition to the faster network will lay the groundwork for future development of 4G service in the area. ■ Both Crittenden County Rockets and Lady Rockets were successful in their season openers against Community Christian at Rocket Arena. The Rockets tripled the Warriors' scoring and dominated in every facet of the game as seniors Ethan Hill and Devin Clark scored 14 apiece to pace the lopsided victory. The Lady Rockets had a closer game winning only by 9 points in the 60-51 victory over the Lady Warriors. First-year point guard, Mallory McDowell

scored a team-high 18 points while Chelsea Oliver and Davana Head, two returning starters, paired for 25 points. ■ Marion Police Officer Jerry Parker was presented with a Five-Year Service Award by Marion Police Chief Ray O'Neal during the month's Marion City Council meeting.

25 YEARS AGO

December 4, 1997
■ Only six homes in Crittenden County were open to foster children. One of these included the home of Gary and Theresa Tabor, who in addition to being foster parents, had three boys of their own. The couple started their journey in foster care when they decided they wanted to add to their family. Theresa was unable to have another child and adoption was too expensive, so they turned to foster care. The Tabors have received children from two days old to teenagers. ■ The Crittenden County Library underwent an \$80,000 renovation. The library's facelift included three new windows, new carpet, paint, lighting and some furniture. ■ CCES students enjoyed a break from class to Christmas shop for their family and friends at CCES's annual Santa's Workshop. Megan Kirk, Jennifer James, Chris Gilland, Michael McNeely and many others reported having a great time finding just the right gifts for their loved ones, The shopping event is a fundraiser for the school's PTO. ■ Students of White Tiger Karate in Marion performed well in the Quad-State Karate Championship held in Calvert City. Three placed in the championship including Adam Chambliss, Chelsea Steele and Shawn Steele. ■ David Beverly and David "Bubba" Martin showed

college scouts exactly what they are made of in an East-West All-Star Game in Hopkinsville. The game was a showcase of the region's best senior football players. Although the East all-stars lost 10-3, Beverly and Martin put up good numbers in front of recruiters. Beverly rushed for 37 yards on 13 carries, more than any other member of the East all-star team.

50 YEARS AGO

November 30, 1972
■ The Crittenden County Rockets' basketball team was set to open its season at home against Cairo Camelot. On the roster were Skipper Stalion, David Turley, Steve Gilland, David Davis, Clark Towery, David Hamilton, James Willoughby, Mike Hunt, Eddie Perryman, Mike Stone, Ron Kelley, Lloyd Dunning, Jeff Shewcraft, Dave Kelly and Kent Sturgeon. ■ Fifteen farmers of Crittenden County were special guests of the Marion Rotary Club for their meeting at the Marion Café. The Rotarians sponsored the guests as part of their Farm-City Week observations. ■ Two city mail delivery men, John Watson and John Paul Hamilton, started using two compact cars on their delivery routes. By using the cars, the parcel service delivery was handled entirely by the walking carriers. ■ Billy Stallions, a junior at Crittenden County High School, was chosen as the Future Homemakers of America's 1972-23 Beau. Billy enjoys horseback riding and has devoted a lot of his time to playing on the CCHS Rocket football team.

Read Brenda Underdown's online *Forgotten Passages* column between issues.

COLD

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has until spring to complete the project or it will have to pay Crittenden County damages for failing to meet the construction deadline. Newcom still hopes county offices will be able to get into at least part of the building in Industrial Park South by Jan. 1. If there is further delay because of the concrete problem, Newcom said there might be a way to create temporary space for the sheriff and PVA offices in the renovated portion of the former Ed-Tech Center. The sheriff and PVA will eventually be in the new addition attached to the back of the building. Newcom expressed frustration over the delays. "I am out there every day. Some days nothing is going on," he said. "There has been a lot of miscommunication."

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Thankfulness and history

No one gets to choose their heritage. No one gets to choose the nation or tribe into which they are born. No one gets to choose the influences that form the way we first learn to view the world. No one gets to choose their history.

What we do get to choose is how we look at our heritage. We can decide to respect, disrespect, support, or undermine our nation or tribe. As we move into adulthood and mature as human beings, we can begin to change our view of the world by looking at it with critical and wisdom seeking eyes. Finally, we can choose which parts of our history to emphasize and which parts to suppress. None of these decisions change the facts or the past, but our heritage, nation, first influences and history certainly bend our view of them.

It is no surprise then, that people of different ethnicities born at the same time and in the same place have very different views of what happened in the past. It is that history that led to our arrival here with so much difference built into us. It is that same history that gives us much in common and, in our case, makes the emphasizing of differences not only possible (as opposed to Russia or China), but turns it into a strength.

According to some there is much to criticize about the early English settlers

in North America. What we cannot escape is the influence that they had on the development of thought that led to our founding documents about 150 years later.

In 1609 a group of Puritans left England and settled in Leybierj, Holland to escape religious persecution. Ten years later they received a charter to settle in Virginia. Before they left in 1620, John Robinson, one of their leaders who stayed behind, wrote them a letter of advice. One can see in the last paragraph of this letter the seeds of the Mayflower Compact of a few years later. There is also here some words that resonate today concerning how we choose our civil leadership and the qualities we should look for in them.

“Lastly, whereas you are to become a body politic, using among yourselves civil government, and are not furnished with any persons of special eminence above the rest, to be chosen by you into office of government, let your wisdom and godliness appear, not only in choosing such persons as do entirely love, and will diligently promote, the common

good, but also yielding unto them the ordinances of their persons, but God’s ordinance for your good; nor being like unto the foolish multitude, who more honor the gay coat than either the virtuous mind of the man or glorious ordinance of the Lord. But you know better things; that the image of the Lord’s power and authority which the magistrate bears is honorable in all persons, be they ever so mean [average].”

We can see here the roots of some of the important features of American society: Self-determination of leaders (as opposed to inherited rights of leadership), equality, none are above the law, and seeking the good of the nation rather than only its leaders.

There has been, of late, some movement away from studying these early documents because their worldview has come under criticism. Some of them have been reinterpreted and viewed in the harshest of light, which is our prerogative. But that does not change their massive influence on the identity of this nation. Some choose to ignore them.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

- Community Events & News
- There will be a special called Extension District Board meeting at noon Monday, Dec. 12 at the Extension Office Annex to discuss employee options with Kentucky State University.
 - Sturgis General Baptist Church will be giving out Christmas baskets for those in need. Anyone who needs one can call Debbie (270) 285-3886 or Joyce (270) 704-5152 by Dec. 1. A service to hand out baskets will be held at a date yet to be determined.
 - The VFW in Marion has Bingo starting at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.
 - Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.
 - The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
 - Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
 - First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
 - The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
 - Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

Does your group have something planned? Let us know. We post church notes here at no charge. Email to thepress@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191.

Thanksgiving grows out of gratitude

Question: My employer has down sized and recently I am only getting two to three days of work. My family is getting farther and farther behind with our bills. My kids always need something for school. Christmas is going to be thin this year. I know this week is Thanksgiving week, but I don’t have a lot to be thankful for. What can I do to raise my spirits?

Answer: First of all, you need to find another job. Changing jobs can be scary and depressing, but it also can be a blessing in disguise. You may find a job better suited to your abilities and interests that pays the bills. Ask God to guide you and help you to boldly search for your next employment.

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

I know it isn’t easy to be grateful for what you have when things aren’t going your way. To change your perspective on life, look at what you do have: health and a mental capacity to work, children eager to learn, and a great country with many freedoms.

Thanksgiving grows out of gratitude. Start and end your day by pausing to give thanks for small blessings—a cup of coffee, an evening of laughing with friends, a walk in the evening coolness, a crisp sun-

rise or a beautiful sunset. We are to “give thanks in all circumstances, for this is

God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thess. 5:18).

As you count your blessings, take an extra moment to thank God for them. “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights” (James 1:17).

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Pastor: Tim Burdon
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Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Thanksgiving celebrated in its own special way

As a child growing up, Thanksgiving was a much anticipated holiday. Thanksgiving and Christmas were the only times of the year that we had turkey and dressing, giblet gravy and cooked cranberries. There were other good foods also, but turkey and dressing meant Thanksgiving.

In those days, Christmas wasn't thought of just yet. Thanksgiving came first and it was special in its own right, not like today, where it sometimes even seems to be pushed aside as Christmas decorations and toys have already been thrown in our faces before Halloween is even over.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, let's take a look back on those Thanksgiving times of years ago, where it was celebrated in its own special way by the good folks of Marion and the surrounding county and was a special time to give thanks.

Drug stores and department stores ran ads in The Press telling of their items for that special day. There were fruits and candies available from the drug stores, the department stores had many new clothing items for that trip to the Thanksgiving services or for visiting with families for that special meal.

One of the churches in Marion always had a special service on Thanksgiving Day with a Union Service for everyone to attend. Many of the county churches and schools also had a special Thanksgiving Day service.

Nov. 26, 1920- Thanksgiving Proclamation

Believing in the spirit of thanksgiving as fostered and practiced by our forefathers and realizing that much good has come from this annual observance of a day of rejoicing for the many blessings which the Almighty has bestowed upon our land and upon the individual homes of the land, and believing too that a continuance of this custom would be pleasing in the sight of Him, who has made our manifold blessings possible, I, the mayor of the City of Marion, the county of Crittenden, the State of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim Thursday, November, twenty-fifty, in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty as a day of Thanksgiving in the city of Marion.

Furthermore, I earnestly request that the citizens of our town observe in a fitting and appropriate way this day of thanksgiving by assembling themselves together for a short service of prayer and praise to Him who has so abundantly blessed us, during the year which is closing.

I also very sincerely implore the businessmen of the city of Marion to close their respective places of business from ten o'clock on the morning of the above mentioned day until two o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, as a mark of sincere gratitude for the blessings which we have enjoyed.

Witness my hand and seal, this the 23 day of November 1920, Signed: J. W. Blue,

Mayor

November 30, 1928 - Thanksgiving Proclamation

Marion has passed thru another year of progress. We have, as a community and as individual citizens, been blessed in many ways. Therefore we should not forget the gratitude we owe our heavenly father for the prosperity and happiness we have enjoyed. At the same time we should not be forgetful of those less fortunate, but by deeds of charity we should make our acknowledgment of our blessings more acceptable.

Whereas Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States, has set apart Tuesday, the twenty-ninth day of November as a day of general Thanksgiving and prayer, and the governor of the Kentucky a Thanksgiving proclamation, and believing the Spokesmen of this great nation and this great commonwealth, in conforming to one of our most worthy traditions have voiced the spirit of reverence and worship which still sways the hearts of the American people.

Therefore I, J. V. Threlkeld, mayor of the city of Marion, Ky., hereby recommend that on that day our citizens shall cease from their daily work, at least from 10:30 a.m., during the time of the Thanksgiving service, and either in their home or place of worship give thanks to the Supreme Ruler for the blessings of the past year.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of November 1928. J. V. Threlkeld, Mayor.

The Union Services
The annual Union Thanksgiving sermon was delivered at 10:30 a.m., Thursday morning at the Main Street Presbyterian Church by Rev. A. R. Kasey of Bowling Green, who has been conducting a revival meeting at the Methodist church.

Most of the Marion churches cooperated in the services in which several of the pastors assisted.

Among the ministers assisting were the Rev. F. L. McDowell of the Cumberland Presbyterian, the Rev. B. M. Currie, of the Methodist church, and the Rev. J. W. Flynn of the Christian Church. Music was furnished by musicians from all the Marion churches.

Nov. 1931 - Thanksgiving Day Is Observed By Entire Town

Community service held at Southern Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. Thursday morning Rev. J. M. Dameron delivered the annual Thanksgiving sermon to a packed house at the Southern Presbyterian Church. Assisting pastors were Rev. Charles A. Humphrey, pastor of the Marion Methodist Church and Rev. J. W. Flynn of the Christian Church.

At noon, the Parent Teachers Association served a Thanksgiving dinner at the Woman's



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County Historian

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Club building, and before the big Thanksgiving Day football game between Marion Terrors and the Caldwell County Tigers, there would be a parade through town with both Marion and Princeton's bands performing for the crowds. This yearly Thanksgiving Day event is one of the oldest in the history of athletics in the state and bid fair to be the outstanding event of the year for both schools. The big game starts at 2:30 p.m., and in the evening after the game the ladies will serve another meal. At this evening meal members of the Marion and Princeton football teams were guests.

Marion Schools Ready For Thanksgiving

All rooms in the graded school are attractively decorated for the Thanksgiving holiday and in the lower rooms, many unique features significant of the season are being introduced into the routine school work.

In the second grade, under the direction of Miss Naomi Asher, the children are "Playing at History," constructing a pioneer settlement at the sand table.

In the third grade, of which Miss Nannie Miller is teacher, pictorial

health books have just been completed and the children are keeping "Thanksgiving Books" and are telling the story of the first Thanksgiving in pictures.

Thanksgiving Meeting at Weston in 1907

It was an all day meeting. People from Sturgis, Bells Mines and Hill's Chapel were present to help in the meeting and to enjoy the good dinner the people had prepared.

The service opened up with some stirring songs by the Weston choir. Rev. W. T. Oakley preached like an old time Methodist preacher. The truth is he was born into this world a Methodist and is living with the only daughter of a Methodist and of course he can preach with the best of them.

Uncle King Hughes and wife were there with their fine fat turkey, Uncle Martin Gahagan and wife were there with lots of good things to eat, and a host of others with well-filled baskets.

A long table was set and loaded down with all these good things to eat, too numerous to mention. Everybody was invited to take out and help themselves.

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versation after which the religious services were held. Following the service, a praise service was held and many took part, thanking God for the many blessings of the year now closing and also for the privileges of this day.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at [OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com](#)).

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Kentucky’s Homestead Exemption goes up to \$46,350 max next year

Kentucky Department of Revenue (DOR) has set the maximum homestead exemption at \$46,350 for the 2023 and 2024 tax periods.

By statute, the amount of the homestead exemption is recalculated every two years to adjust for inflation. The 2023-2024 exemption reflects a \$5,850 increase over the 2021–2022 exemption of \$40,500.

To qualify for the homestead exemption, a person must be at least 65 years old during the tax period or classified as totally disabled by any public or private retirement system. The property must also be owned, occupied and maintained as the taxpayer’s personal residence on the Jan. 1 assessment date to be eligible for this exemption.

“The last two years have presented many challenges, as together we have faced a worldwide health pandemic and endured two major natural disasters,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “The tax savings available through the homestead exemption is an important way we can help protect the homes of our seniors and other vulnerable Kentuckians.”

The amount of the homestead exemption is adjusted every two years in

accordance with KRS 132.810 to compensate for changes in the purchasing power of the dollar. During the 2022 tax year, the exemption provided state and local property tax savings of approximately \$258 million for more than 468,000 elderly or disabled Kentuckians.

“Through the homestead exemption, eligible Kentucky homeowners can deduct a portion of their property’s assessed value,” said DOR Commissioner Thomas B. Miller. “As a result, property taxes are assessed upon the reduced amount, saving eligible Kentucky homeowners hundreds of dollars in property taxes.”

An application for the homestead exemption is available on DOR’s website. This application must be completed and submitted to the property owner’s local Property Valuation Administrator’s (PVA) office no later than Dec. 31 of the eligible tax year.

The completed application can be submitted online, by mail or in person. Eligible property owners should contact their PVA’s office to learn the best method to use for local application submission.

Make your holidays green!

Often, we associate environmental topics with springtime, but you can be environmentally friendly any time of the year. Between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day, United States household waste increases by about 25%. This amounts to approximately 25 million tons of garbage.

The holidays are a great time to reduce your waste and get young people interested in the environment. Here are some ways you and your children can reduce your impact on the environment while still enjoying the season and showing loved ones that you care.

Donate to a charity the person cares about rather than giving a traditional gift. Not only does it not produce waste, but the money will go toward a good cause.

When giving gifts, encourage your children to



offer their time. This could look like your child doing chores or errands, such as babysitting, instead of giving a tangible gift. Quality time such as movie nights or cooking together also makes a great gift, especially for seniors who are looking to socialize.

Encourage your children to get creative and make gifts like scrapbooks or cookbooks with favorite family recipes to give to others as gifts.

Bake items with your child to give away as gifts.

Bring your reusable shopping bags when you go shopping for gifts or holiday dinner supplies.

Ask your child to package items and wrap gifts using reusable materials such as dish towels, beach towels, backpacks or reusable bags.

Have your child collect pinecones, branches and other natural items from your backyard as these can become holiday decorations that are attractive and fun to make, and they can be composted once the holiday celebrations are over.

For more information on greening up your holidays, contact the Crittenden County Extension Service.

Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Source: Ashley Osborne, UK extension specialist for 4-H youth development.

Thanksgiving message from Sen. Howell

As the 2022 Interim draws to a close, the Kentucky General Assembly is preparing for the upcoming 2023 Regular Session, a short, 30-day session scheduled to begin Tuesday, Jan 3.

Fortunately, election season is in the rearview mirror and your attention is likely now fully on what makes the holiday season so special — family, friends and the people who make our local communities so special. Each Thanksgiving, I enjoy being home in my district, hearing from constituents, and creating memories with those I love.

In the spirit of the season of giving, let’s remember those most in need as we prepare our Thanksgiving meals. Consider reaching out to a community food bank or other organization to help feed the hungry, especially during cold fall and winter months. As Americans and Kentucky

residents, we have so much to be thankful for, and volunteering time and resources can make an incredible difference in our less fortunate neighbors’ lives.

Remember our service members, many of whom will be apart from their families this Thanksgiving, as they are away serving our country. The unique freedoms we enjoy in the United States are because of their sacrifices.

This time of year also presents an excellent opportunity to support local businesses. Please consider your locally-owned stores as you check gifts off your list; small businesses remain the heart-



Jason HOWELL
KENTUCKY STATE SENATOR
FROM FRANKFORT

beat of our economy.

This Thanksgiving, I am incredibly proud of the Republican-led legislature and the many successes we have had over the last several years. We in the Senate majority are pleased to welcome new members to our caucus. They are:

- Senator-Elect Lindsay Tichenor, Senate District 6.
- Senator-Elect Gary Boswell, Senate District 8.
- Senator-Elect Matthew Deneen, Senate District 10
- Senator-Elect Amanda Mays Bledsoe, Senate District 12.
- Senator-Elect Gex “Jay” Williams, Senate District 20.
- Senator-Elect Shelley Funke Frommeyer, Senate District 24.

Whether it is with food, football, family, or a combination of all of these, have a blessed Thanksgiving.

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Governor order legalizes med marijuana

Last week, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear announced that he has issued an executive order to legalize medical marijuana beginning next year.

People with certain medical conditions will be eligible to obtain it. The governor outlined a list of 21 medical conditions that will be eligible to possess and use legally purchased medical marijuana. The order goes into effect on Jan. 1.

Applicants will be required to obtain certification from a medical provider that states an individual is eligible. The marijuana must be purchased in a state where its sale is legal and regulated. Kentucky residents

also must not possess more than eight ounces.

Here is a list of the 21 conditions that could qualify a Kentuckian for medical marijuana possession and use:

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BASKETBALL

CCHS opens seasons

Crittenden County's girls' basketball team opens play at Graves County Monday night in a game rescheduled from a different date. The Lady Rockets open district play next Friday, Dec. 2 at home. Meanwhile, the Rockets open at Marshall County Tuesday and then will host Livingston Dec. 2 in the doubleheader.

Middle school summaries

- GIRLS**

7th Grade Crittenden 32, Trigg 21
Abigail Champion 5, Jordyn Hodge 16, Sarah Grau 3, Lex Smith 4, Brodi Rich 2, Caroline Martin 2.

8th Grade Crittenden 47, Trigg 33
Charlee Munday 6, Morgan Stewart 20, Jordyn Hodge 12, Abigail Champion 5, Sarah Grew 2, Brodi Rich 2.

7th Grade CCMS 38, John Paul II 21
Jordyn Hodge 17, Abigail Champion 12, Sarah Grau 3, Lex Smith 4, Kylie Hunt 2.

8th Grade John Paul II 34, CCMS 32
Jordyn Hodge 5, Abigail Champion 9, Morgan Stewart 14, Charlie Munday 4.
- BOYS**

7th Grade Crittenden 48, Caldwell 14
Coby Larue 20, Colt Bailey 2, Jack Porter 5, Hudson Stokes 2, Drake Young 17, Jordan Jones 2.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

- Here are some of the key hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up:
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| Deer Archery | Sept. 3 - Jan. 16 |
| Turkey Archery | Sept. 3 - Jan. 16 |
| Deer Crossbow | Sept. 17 - Jan. 16 |
| Raccoon Hunting | Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 |
| Deer Gun | Nov. 12 - Nov. 27 |
| Turkey Crossbow | Nov. 12 - Dec. 31 |
| Fall Squirrel | Nov. 14 - Feb. 28 |
| Raccoon Trapping | Nov. 14 - Feb. 28 |
| Quail, Rabbit | Nov. 14 - Feb. 10 |
| Bobcat | Nov. 19 - Feb. 28 |
| Duck | Nov 24 - Nov. 27 |
| Canada Goose | Nov. 24 - Feb. 15 |
| Turkey Shotgun | Dec. 3-9 |
| Duck | Dec. 7 - Jan. 31 |
| Deer Muzzleloader | Dec. 10-18 |

Crittenden deer harvest

A little over halfway through the rifle deer season earlier this week, hunters in Crittenden County had taken about 1,500 deer. That's slightly ahead of last year's rate through the first two weekends, but still a bit behind the historic average. The season's total harvest from all weapon types was 1,937 as of Monday, which ranks No. 8 in Kentucky. Crittenden is typically among the top three harvest counties in Kentucky, but the last couple of years has seen its status decline, a trend that should prompt some questions among outdoors enthusiasts. Pictured here is Charlie Loftis with a nice Crittenden County 11-point buck. Loftis is from Ohio, but has relatives here and has been coming to Kentucky to hunt for 40 years.



Emotions were strong and heavy after Friday's football loss at Louisville in the state quarterfinal round. Pictured at left is senior lineman Zach Counts, who overcame injury and returned to the lineup during the playoffs. Above is senior Preston Morgeson, who had 40 yards receiving against Holy Cross on four catches.

STATE QUARTERFINAL I HOLY CROSS 24, ROCKETS 12

Too little, too late for advancement

STAFF REPORT

In the state quarterfinals where many Rocket football teams had gone to die over the decades, Crittenden County found late life against Holy Cross. Yet it was far too little, too late as echoes of the past came calling.

The Class A regional championship was largely decided in the second period when two big plays and too much of Cougar Jayse Hardesty left Crittenden trailing 17-0. It would have taken the largest comeback in history – literally – for the Rockets to find victory in the Final 8 this time. It simply wasn't to be as Holy Cross wrapped up a comfortable early lead with a 24-12 victory.

Two long plays, both involving Hardesty, put Crittenden in near insurmountable position in the first half. History tells us that it was more than the Rockets could overcome. Only once ever – earlier this year in fact at Liberty Creek – had CCHS overcome a two-possession deficit, much less 17 points.

Hardesty caught a 65-yard scoring strike, ran for a 74-yard touchdown and kicked a 38-yard field goal to put his Cougars ahead 17-0 at the break. He finished with 105 yards receiving and was a big part of Holy Cross's ability to move the chains consistently for the first three quarters while it built a 24-0 advantage. Senior Cougar quarterback Chris Perry and senior running back Tyler Ballard did the rest of the damage.

Meanwhile, the Rockets struggled up front to slow the unrelenting pressure from the Holy Cross defense. CCHS junior quarterback Micah Newcom had scarcely little time to get into a passing rhythm, but still managed to complete 15-of-25 for 203 yards, mostly on quick, short gainers. He was sacked six times and intercepted twice. A fumble in the third quarter hung a third turnover around the Rockets' neck. The troubles were just too great.

Although there was clearly too little time for a comeback, Crittenden never threw in the towel late in the second half and scored the game's final two touchdowns. Newcom ran for one and senior Case Gobin connected on a double-pass play with freshman Caden Howard for 62 yards to cap the contest.

Ten times the Rockets have been to the Class A state quarterfinals, only three times have they broken the tape – in 1963 over Murray when the playoff system was different, 1985 during a state championship run and in 2008



Crittenden linebackers Briley Berry and Gattin Travis stop Holy Cross running back Tyler Ballard on a first-half play. The Rockets were playing in the regional championship game for the 10th time in school history.

when CCHS head coach Gaige Courtney was a senior linebacker. That team beat Mayfield to hoist the regional hardware, but lost in the semifinals to Beechwood.

"I am just proud of the guys like I always say," Courtney said after the game. "They've been a joy to coach. They did a lot of things, went a lot farther than anyone thought they would."

The Rockets were unranked all season.

Courtney said Holy Cross was a physical football team and its hardness wore on his squad, particularly in the second half. But the Rockets still managed to put a finish on it.

"We've been down in games, but they never let it stop them. We were down tonight, but kept fighting back," he said. "I am sad for them right now, but myself I'm proud of them. I'm as proud as I could be to be their coach."

Holy Cross, ranked No. 9 in Class A, will play this week in the state semifinal round at No. 2 Raceland. No. 1 Pikeville will host No. 3 Newport Central Catholic.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Crittenden	0	0	0	12
Holy Cross	0	17	7	0

SCORING PLAYS

HC-Jayse Hardesty 65 pass from Chris Perry (Hardesty Kick) 11:05, 2nd
HC-Hardesty 74 run (Hardesty kick) 7:36, 2nd
HC-Hardesty 38 field goal, 0:00, 2nd
HC-Perry 1 run (Hardesty kick) 6:11, 3rd
CC-Newcom 4 run (pass failed) 4:29, 4th

CC-Caden Howard 62 pass from Case Gobin (pass failed) 1:05, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: CCHS 11, HCHS 14
Penalties: CCHS 3-15, HCHS 11-94
Rushing: CCHS 20-30, HCHS 32-224
Passing: CCHS 16-26-2, 203; HCHS 8-14-1, 169
Total Yards: 233, HCHS 393
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 2-1, HCHS 1-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing
CCHS: Newcom 14-2, Tyler Belt 2-14, Gattin Travis 3-7, Kaleb Nesbitt 1-7. HCHS: Perry 17-76, Tyler Ballard 13-61, Jamari Pennebaker 4-14, Hardesty 1-74.

Passing
CCHS: Newcom 15-25-2, 141, Gobin 1-1-0, 62. HCHS: Perry 8-14-1, 169.

Receiving
CCHS: Preston Morgeson 4-40, Howard 5-85, Rowen Perkins 3-35, T.Belt 1-05, Kaleb Nesbitt 3-38. HCHS: Hardesty 4-105, Joey Foushee 3-55, Rolen Royse 1-9.

Defense
Sam Impastato solo; Case Gobin 5 solos, 6 assists; Kaleb Nesbitt 8 solos, 3 assists, TFL; Rowen Perkins 2 solos; Briley Berry 9 solos, 6 assists; Preston Morgeson solo; Seth Guess 3 solos, 3 assists; Gabe Keller assist, interception; Gattin Travis 2 solos, assist; Bennett McDaniel 2 solos, TFL; Tyler Belt 4 solos, assist; Grayson James solo, assist.




Players of the Game: Offense Micah Newcom, Defense Briley Berry, Lineman Zach Counts, Special Teams Rowen Perkins.

Records: Crittenden 8-5, Holy Cross 10-3

PLAYER & COACH OF YEAR

DISTRICT 1 CLASS A





Pictured with the team award are Rocket football coach Gaige Courtney, CCHS Principal Dr. Melissa Quertermous and CCHS Athletic Director Bryan Qualls.

Crittenden County wins individual, team awards

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County has swept the district football awards and picked up another from the Second Region referees.

Junior quarterback Micah Newcom has been named Player of the Year by the Class A First District. The honoree is chosen by coaches in the district.

Second-year head coach Gaige Courtney was named Coach of the Year in the Class A First District.

Crittenden County has also received the School of the Year Award presented by the Second Region Football Officials Association.

"I am proud of our team, our students and our community.

Our fans come to football games with enthusiasm and they support our student-athletes in a positive way," said CCHS Principal Melissa Quertermous about the award presented last weekend in Princeton to the school by the referees.

The recognition is for the way game officials are treated

before, during and after games. Courtney said this is a significant honor in a climate where games are being postponed and rescheduled because there are not enough referees to handle all of the games on Friday nights in the fall.

Courtney, who played football at Crittenden County and has great pride in the program

and the way its perceived, said that when coaches treat officials with respect, players and fans generally follow suit.

Newcom has become one of the top quarterbacks in CCHS history. He set a record this year for most touchdowns in a season via pass and rush and he's among the top 5 in many all-time passing categories.

Man who allegedly brandished weapons among 7 indicted

STAFF REPORT

A Marion man faces multiple felonies and other charges for allegedly threatening to kill his wife and others on three different confrontations in October.

Rocky Walker, 43, of Marion was one of six men and one woman indicted this month by the Crittenden County Grand Jury. Walker is facing six counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, four misdemeanor counts of violating a EPO/DVO, two misdemeanor counts of terroristic threatening and a felony first-degree burglary charge from three incidents on two different days, Oct. 3 and Oct. 9, both at a home on Cherry Street.

In one of the three alleged confrontations, Walker fought with a man and a shot was al-



Walker

legedly fired from a sawed-off shotgun. No one was injured by the blast. Another time, Walker is alleged to have brandished a 9mm handgun.

Court records indicate that the victim had sought and received a court-ordered protective order against Walker in September. Victim and witness statements, along with video surveillance provided evidence to investigators that Walker had violated the court order and perhaps committed other crimes. He is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Dec. 8 in Crittenden Circuit Court.

Other individuals indicted by the grand jury were:

- Jonathan Haynes, 43, of Ashland, Ky., was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree promoting contraband. Court records indicate that Haynes was an inmate at the Crittenden County Detention Center in March when he was allegedly found in possession of Suboxone, a drug commonly

Grand Jury

given to individuals to decrease the severity of withdrawal symptoms or reduce dependence on opioids in the long term.

- Michael Martin, 28, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree promoting contraband. Court records indicate that Martin was an inmate at the Crittenden County Detention Center in March when he was allegedly found in possession of a cell phone.
- Nicholas Crosby, 31, of Kut-tawa was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree promoting contraband. Court records indicate that Crosby was an inmate at the Crittenden County Detention Center in March when he was allegedly found in possession of a cell phone and mail matter containing the drug Suboxone.
- Kenneth Brian Fitzgerald, 35, of Marion was indicted on felony charges of first-degree promoting contraband and being a first-degree persistent felony offender. Court records indicate that Fitzgerald was an inmate at the Crittenden County Detention Center in March when he was allegedly found in possession of a cell phone. Court records also indicate that Fitzgerald is charged with being a persistent felony offender because of his previous felony convictions in Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and Henderson counties.
- Timothy S. Sheffer, 55, of Eddyville, was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), third offense; misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and operating on a suspended or revoked driver's license and a speeding violation. A police citation indicates that Sheffer was pulled over by Marion Patrol-

man James Duncan after 9 p.m., on Sept. 23 after the policemen, running a traffic radar, observed the vehicle Sheffer was driving to be going 55 mph in a 35 mph zone on Sturgis Road. The police report indicted that Sheffer was also wanted on a warrant from Lyon County. A subsequent search of his person is alleged to have found a pipe with meth residue.

- Kristen Spainhoward, 32, of Spottsville, Ky., was indicted on two felony charges of second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and theft of identity of another without consent; and a misdemeanor charge of theft by deception (cold check). Marion police were contacted to help solve a case of missing checks out of Henderson. Video surveillance at Food Giant is alleged to have shown Spainhoward buying more than \$200 in groceries and getting \$50 cash back.

Chamber President Shanna West presents Leadership Breakfast guest speaker Denis Hodge with a gift.



Hodge stresses time managment to Chamber

It was no surprise that longtime teacher and coach and former Army Ranger Denis Hodge used military and athletic analogies to motivate Chamber of Commerce members.

Hodge was the keynote speaker at last week's Leadership Breakfast presented by the Chamber of Commerce and catered by Hometown Foods.

He's coached football, basketball and baseball over the past 25-plus years at Crittenden County High School. Hodge played collegiate baseball and graduated from Eastern Kentucky University. He served in Somalia with the United States Army.

Vitamin D, finding healthy fats like probiotics and fiber and exercise.

"We have to take care of ourselves," Hodge said talking about his military days when he was caught with a dirty M-16 because he was worrying too much about being in charge of the men in his patrol unit.

"Don't chase dreams, follow your plan," Hodge

said and that begins with never hitting the snooze button, making your bed in the morning, exercise, prayer and meditation and eating foods because they're good for you, not because they taste good.

He finished by telling those in the room that the school district is here to serve the community, so if anyone has ideas, there are ears are open and ready to listen.

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