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## Auditions in December for CAF youth musical

Auditions for the Community Arts Foundation's 2024 youth musical will be held Thursday, Dec. 14. The show will be chosen after directors Corey and Michelle Crider determine the number, gender and vocal range from auditions. Youth in grades 5-12 are welcome to audition at a time of their choosing by visiting the Community Arts Foundation's Facebook page and following the link to signup.com. Auditions will be held at the Crider's music studio, located at 111 W. Bellville St., in Marion. Individuals auditioning should be prepared to sing a song or two to showcase their voice. Performance dates for the spring musical are April 26, April 27, May 3 and May 4. Participants are required to pay a \$50 fee that covers individual and group music and theater training, a shirt and meals during dress rehearsal week.

## Get Your Christmas On!

- Akridge Farm Supply will be grand marshal of Fredonia Christmas Parade at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1.
- Community Arts Foundation is hosting "The Night Before Christmas" reading along with other activities from 10 a.m., to noon, Saturday, Dec. 2 at Fohs Hall. More details on page 4.
- "A Country Christmas" parade will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 in Marion. Chris Cook is grand marshal.
- Supper with Santa will be held at the Lions Club Agriculture Building at the fairgrounds following Marion Christmas parade.
- Christmas Jubilee at Fohs Hall featuring Cutter and Cash and the Kentucky Grass performing holiday and bluegrass music will start at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2. Doors open at 5:45. Admission is free and will include holiday nostalgia, vintage decorations, toys and games that will foster Christmas memories.
- Breakfast with Grinch will be at 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 9 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab Center.

## Bridge drop is Thursday

After a couple of delays, it appears that the stay of execution is over for the Smithland Bridge. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials have announced that explosive demolition of the Lucy Jefferson Memorial Bridge over the Cumberland River will begin at 9 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 30. Traffic will be halted on the new bridge starting promptly at 8:30 a.m., the day of the blast. A barge-mounted crane required to retrieve sections of the steel truss from the river after the blast will be on site by Wednesday.

The demolition contractor has cut key locations on the 92-year-old main span and started placing charges on truss and approach spans. Placement of explosives on the approach spans is complete. All prep work is expected to be complete by noon Wednesday.

## Court special meeting

Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 3:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8. Magistrates will consider property to be declared surplus and hear a first reading of a budget amendment.



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Together, Billy Joe May (left) and William Ralph Paris (right) have more than a century's worth of land surveying experience. May has a transit in his hand and Paris displays an early measuring instrument called a Gunter's Chain used to survey land.



# Measuring Up

## Like Many Professions, Land Surveying Devoid of Future Replacements

BY CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

Land surveying and the surveyor himself are stitched conspicuously into the fabric of time. Part of our American history – our human history really – is the surveyor's time stamp and label. They are profoundly part of the unabridged formal public document that archives the story of America, how she was settled, how she was measured and who certified those official mathematic triangulations that designed and defined our place for the common record.

Even as settlers were just beginning to tame the unbro-

ken landscape of Kentucky, it was being measured by colonial surveyors in the mid 1700s. It's a trade and art somewhat romanticized by written history with stories of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln among early surveyors who laid out property lines and plotted specific measurements for roads and towns.

Putting rule and figure to Crittenden County began after Kentucky County, Va., was split into three. Crittenden was originally part of one of those three – Lincoln County – and later Livingston County. Local deeds date back further than April 1842,

when Crittenden County was formally founded.

Two men who know a great deal about the history of this county's landscape are William Ralph Paris and Billy Joe May. Together, they have well over 100 years experience retracing and subdividing the original deeds that formed Crittenden County as we know it.

Paris, 81, is still working as much as he can, but admits that age and difficulties finding and keeping help has slowed his completion of assignments. He has about a year's worth of jobs on the schedule and accepts no new customers, only fulfilling request from past clients.

May, 92, has hung onto some of his surveying equipment, but is past the point of working. Although he moves around with a cane, May remains sharp in mind and spirit.

Both men are widowed and don't mind to spend a little time discussing the evolution of their profession.

Measuring the terrestrial world around us has changed a great deal over the past 50 or 60 years, and these days you're lucky to find someone nearby who qualifies to do it.

Yes, land surveying is a much finer science today

See SURVEY/page 8



# Holiday weekend crash claims 2 lives

## ■ 2023 deadliest in 16 years on local roads.

STAFF REPORT

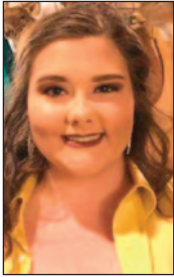
A young Marion mother and a Tiline man died from injuries sustained in a tragic Thanksgiving weekend automobile crash on US 60 West.

The wreck involved three vehicles and happened shortly after 3 p.m., Saturday at the bottom of Moore Hill near the intersection of KY 297 and KY 2132. That same stretch of highway has produced serious crashes multiple times over the decades.

Jesika E. Duncan, 21, of Marion and Harold G. Glendening, 59, of Tiline were both drivers. Duncan was taken to Crittenden Hospital and Glendening to Livingston Hospital where Kentucky State Police say they succumbed to their injuries.

Three children and another man were also involved in the crash. The seven year old was a passenger in a 2007 Dodge 3500 pickup operated by Charles H. Blankenship, 28, of Tiline.

The highway was closed for almost six hours as first responders and state police accident reconstruction crews worked the scene and investigated its causes. A preliminary investigation, state police said in a news release, indicates that Duncan was operating a 2014 Subaru Forester eastbound. Blankenship, operating the Dodge pickup, was west-



Duncan

bound. Additionally, Glendening was traveling westbound, operating a 2021 Kia Telluride.

The police report says Duncan's Subaru crossed the center line and entered the westbound lane, striking the rear side of the Dodge. It then struck the Kia head-on.

Duncan's two-year-old son, Nox, was a passenger in the Subaru. He was transported to Crittenden Community Hospital and life-flighted via AirEvac to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. He has since been released.

The seven-year-old passenger in the Kia Telluride was transported to Livingston Hospital and then life-flighted to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.

A three-year-old passenger in the Dodge truck was not injured.

At the scene, Kentucky

State Police were assisted by Kentucky Highway Department, Crittenden EMS, Livingston EMS, Crittenden County coroner, Livingston County coroner, Marion Police Department, Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, and Trice Hughes towing. An investigation is ongoing by Accident Reconstructionist Detective Jacob Stephens.

There have now been five traffic accident deaths in the county this year. That is the most in any year since five in 2010. There were no traffic-related deaths in the county last year.

A couple of support funds have been established to provide assistance to the Duncan family. More information can be found on social media.

See obituaries on page 2 of this issue.



Dr. Tyler Hamilton and his wife Kim are native Kentuckians who have been living and working in Florida. Last week, the couple was introduced to healthcare leaders from Livingston Hospital.

# Livingston introduces new family physician

STAFF REPORT

Dr. Tyler Hamilton is pretty certain he will be a good fit for Livingston Hospital and its patients. So are others at the hospital.

The eastern Kentucky native spent a few months at the healthcare facility in Salem during clinical rotations while training to be a physician.

Now, he's coming back as the hospital's family practice doctor.

Hamilton also worked at the hospital in Mayfield

where he met his wife Kim, a nurse. She's from far western Kentucky, the tiny town of Hickman, on the Mississippi River in Fulton County.

Dr. Hamilton earned his medical degree from the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine at Pikeville University. He grew up in nearby Paintsville and graduated from Lawrence County High School.

He's licensed to practice medicine in Kentucky, Ohio,

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## Deaths

### Glendening

Harold Glendening, 59, of Tiline, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services. (see related story, page 1.)

He waws employed by Boyd Caterpillar for over 30 years as a heavy equipment mechanic and was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are two brothers, Alan (Misha) Glendening of Tiline and Wayne Glendening of Tatumsville; a sister, Becky Glendening of Smithland; several nieces and nephews and one great-niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Ginger Ann (Driskill) Glendening; and half-brother, Michael Glendening.

Services are at noon, Thursday, Nov. 30 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow at Tiline Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 29 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Masonic Services will be conducted at 7 p.m.

### Skoog

Brenda Joyce Skoog, 82, of Marion, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2023 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a home-maker and h a d worked at the cafeteria of Crittenden County Schools. She attended Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Gordon Skoog of Marion; a daughter, Vicki (Bruce) Von Dwingelo of Marion; two sons, Roy Gaskill of Michigan and Michael Zamesnick of California; five grandchil-

dren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Basil and Lena Barrett; and three brothers.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

### Phillips

Kendra Phillips, 71, of Ledbetter, died Friday, Nov. 24, 2023 at Oakview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Calvert City.

She retired from Western Baptist Hospital as an emergency room intake receptionist. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Kentucky Wildcats fan, attending numerous games over the past 50 years. She was a member of North Livingston Baptist Church.

Surviving are an aunt, Carolyn Brasher of Paducah; one uncle, Vernon “Bud” Roberts of Evansville; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roger Wayne and Mayme Roberts Phillips; her grandparents, Roger and Jewell Phillips of Hampton and James and Myrtie Roberts of Hampton.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Andy Bryan officiating. Burial was in Hampton Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staffs of both The Neighborhood of Paducah Assisted Living and Oakview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Calvert City for their care and compassion over the past 18 months.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hampton Cemetery Fund, c/o Boyd Funeral Directors, PO Box 26, Salem, KY 42078; or Gideon Bibles, PO Box 304, Salem, KY 42078.

*Paid obituary*

### Duncan

Jesika Duncan, 21, of Marion, died Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023 at Crittenden Community Hospital. (see related story, page 1.)

Surviving are a son, Nox; her parents, Debbie and Junior Duncan; a brother, Nic (Lacie) Duncan; two grandmothers, Agnes Duncan and Ina Williams; a grandfather, Dwight Williams; three u n c l e s , Kevin Duncan, Darrin Turner and Dave Morris; an a u n t , D e a n a ( J a s o n ) Jones; a special friend, Samuel Frazer; a niece, Jayden Duncan; a nephew, Colton Duncan; and many cousins who were more like siblings.

She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Donald Keith Duncan; and an aunt, Tammy Williams Morris.

She was employed by Carhart and Gameday Pizza & Wings. She was a 2020 Crittenden County High School graduate who always knew how to brighten someone’s day, and she was and a huge supporter of her friends and loved ones. She was a great friend to many, an amazing mother, a beautiful daughter, a wonderful sister and a truly beautiful soul. She was a light that always shined, was always making someone laugh and smile, and had a huge heart full of compassion and love. To know her was to love her.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in Tyner’s Chapel Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1 at the funeral home.

*Paid obituary*

## Deadline nears for leadership program

The deadline to apply for Leadership West Kentucky, a program of the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance, is Friday, Dec. 8.

The regional program is designed to help build a network of informed citizens connected across community lines. Curriculum includes leadership development, education on issues facing the region, relationship-building and awareness of uniqueness of each county. Its goal also is to instill pride in the region and focus on encouraging participants to be active in their region/community in western Kentucky and help make positive change and “be a changemaker in their community,” according to the program’s website.

Crittenden County participants in the 2023 inaugural class were D’Anna Browning, Tonya Driver and Tyler Coleman.

Applicants must either work or live in a county represented by the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance, including Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken and Trigg.

Participants are chosen by a selection committee seeking a diverse class professionally, geographically, ethnically and gender-wise. The goal is to have representation from all 14 counties.

The program will begin with a mandatory orientation to kick off the program on Jan. 17-18 and will meet for a full day’s session monthly February-June. Class

members will travel each month to the featured area with a focus on that community as well as regional topics such as transportation, education, economic development, quality of life, advocacy, agriculture and tourism. Topics are covered by knowledgeable speakers and panels and include tours, interactive exercises and class discussions.

Class members must attend a minimum of 80 percent of all sessions.

Any participant missing more than two regular full day sessions, in half-day increments, will not be eligible to graduate from the program. No refunds will be given.

Tuition for Leadership West Kentucky is \$800, and partial scholarships are available.

Apply online at [wkrca.org](http://wkrca.org).

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# Charitable event short on cash

STAFF REPORT  
Gifts for teens are among the greatest needs for this year's Community Christmas event. Four dozen teens are included in the annual charitable holiday project to distribute food and gifts throughout Crittenden County. Ideal gifts for teens in-

clude bath and shower products, ear buds and age-appropriate gift sets. To date, just \$1,000 has been raised toward a \$10,000 goal which will supply gift and food vouchers to 56 families and five senior adults who applied for assistance in 2023. All 97 children ages

12-under have been sponsored. Crystal Wesmoland, Crittenden County Schools' family resource center coordinator, said anyone who would like to make a financial contribution do so at any Farmers Bank location, where it will be deposited into the Community

Christmas account. All gifts should be dropped off at Marion Baptist Church between 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14. Families will pick up Community Christmas gifts between 9 a.m.-noon, Friday, Dec. 15.



# Nearing 500k, Hill's Cavi going strong

Anyone who's been behind the wheel for long should know the importance of an oil change and tune-up every 3,000-6,000 miles. I've heard it my whole life, and the demise of my first car was truly proof enough when I blew the motor up due

to a lack of common sense, a lack of cash and just pure laziness.



**Kayla MAXFIELD**  
Press Columnist  
**MAX-ED OUT**

A few weeks ago, a guy I've known my whole life through the General Baptist grapevine made me even more of a true believer in moderate automotive TLC. I was sitting at Duncan's Service Center in Marion after my "low-tire" sensor flashed alerting me to the latest piece of metal I was carrying around in one of my tires. Minding my own business, Adam Hill walks in with keys to what Lacie,

the desk clerk and brains of the outfit of Duncan's, identifies as a "bionic car." "Bionic Car, eh? Show me. I gotta see it" I spat out. My bosses have trained me pretty well the last few years in recognizing any time there's a random \$100 phrase thrown out - like bionic car - there's bound to be a story not too far behind it. Adam laughed at me as we walked out the door and said "Don't get your hopes up, she ain't much to look at but she runs like a dream." Much to my delight, a 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier sat in the parking lot, stickers all over the back and side windows like it was owned by a NASCAR driver who's been sponsored by every single company that had ever



contributed. It had a couple good dents on the sides from some four-legged friends with a death wish, but Adam told me she still gets him exactly where he needs to go. The real surprise? Tagged as "The Cavi," the silver two-door coupe is just 20,000 miles short of hitting half a million. "Best car I've ever owned. The thing's gonna make it to 500,000," he said. Bought in 2006 at an auction, Adam talked them down \$500, because it needed a new set of tires. Turns out the car would be well worth that

\$500 time and time again, 'cause it's kept him on the road back and forth to Evansville for almost two decades and passed the average Cavalier lifespan of 250,000 by a long shot. Every oil change it's had in his care, minus one, has been done right there on the Marion corner of South Main and Gum streets. We requested a little Facebook research and found there are a couple vehicles out there with more than 500,000 miles on them - safe to say they've been well maintained as well. Adam's Cavi has only been towed once, and that was because the shifter got stuck in third gear. So, if you see a little banged-up Caviler rolling down U.S. 60 toward Evansville, it's Adam's Cavi, and it's proof you should never judge a book by its cover. It's also proof that if it's been 6,000 miles since your last oil change, you're due.



## Top scoring speakers

Six Crittenden County Middle and High school speech team members were finalists at the Calloway County Laker Invitational Speech Competition earlier this month. In top photo, CCMS competitors Samuel Powell and Alana West earned fifth in Improvisational Duo and Brinley Tramble and Daisy Mireles earned fifth in Duo Acting. Directly above, high school student Jaisen Lineberry placed fifth in Declamation and Chloe Rushing fifth in Dramatic Interpretation.



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## Positive action

Crittenden County Middle School received a banner Nov. 16 for bronze-level achievement in Kentucky's Safe and Supportive Schools' Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program from Cristy Tomes (right), consultant. Accepting the presentation is public relations director Tiffany Blazina. PBIS recognized 141 schools in 2023 signifying efforts to create a school culture focused on positive behaviors.



Office Staff: Krystal Weatherly, Daelynn Hardin, APRN Kristen Bannister, APRN Beverly Jones, Barb Arflack

Kristen Bannister, APRN FNP-BC knew she wanted to make a difference in people's lives one day, just like her mother, an RN. She brings compassion and experience in a multitude of medical areas including ER, surgery, orthopedics and rehabilitation to her new position at Fredonia Family Care. Bannister holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Nursing-Family Practice Nurse Practitioner from Northern Kentucky University. She is a graduate of Lyon County High School and has been practicing medicine since 2017. She sees patients of all ages and all aspects of care.





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# Highfil leaves elections board, vacancy will be filled by local GOP chair

An opening exists on the Crittenden County Board of Elections. The opening has occurred due to the resignation of longtime board representative Hugh Highfil.

Highfil, a retired school teacher and former coach, had served 20 years on the local elections board.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor said Highfil represents the Republican Party on the board. Local GOP Chairperson Tracy Newcom has been notified of the vacancy, the clerk said. The local party is responsible for making an appointment to the board.

The next local election will be the primary on May 21, 2024. Next November will be the general election which includes election of a U.S. President.

# Riverview Park camping slowing in late season

Deer hunters have continued to use Riverview Park on the Ohio River as fall turns toward winter, but traffic there is starting to slow, say county officials.

Crittenden County's only overnight camping facility drew 2 overnight tent campers, down from a dozen a month earlier, and 122 nights of RV camping during October, that's down about 25 charged nights from the previous three-month average.

The park collected about \$1,800 during October.

There are seven concrete RV pads with power, water and wastewater available. The campground includes a dock, restrooms, park, basketball



goal, pavilion and primitive camping. Tent camping is \$5 per night and RV camping is \$20 with amenities. Fees go toward maintenance and upkeep of the park, formerly known as Dam 50. Reservations can be made online at CrittendenCountyKy.org

# New practitioner joins Fredonia Family Care Clinic

A new nurse practitioner has joined Beverly Jones, APRN at Fredonia Family Care, a Crittenden Community Hospital clinic.

Kristen Bannister, APRN FNP-BC watched her mother, an RN, during her younger years and wanted to make a difference in people's lives one day.



Bannister

She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Nursing-Family Practice Nurse Practitioner from Northern Kentucky University, the latter of which she completed in May 2023.

Bannister, 27, is a 2014 graduate of Lyon County High School, and began working as an RN at Mercy Health Paducah in 2017.

She completed clinical rotations in Marion and in Fredonia with nurse practitioners Marcie Ellington and Beverly Jones, respectively, and began her new position in Fredonia

Nov. 15.

She sees patients of all ages and treats all aspects of care.

# County loaning Sheridan \$6K to help buy fire truck

Crittenden County magistrates last week approved a \$6,000 loan to Sheridan Fire Department to help pay a matching portion of a large grant it received to buy a \$254,000 new pumper truck.

Sheridan fireman Logan Nassari asked the fiscal court during its regular meeting last Thursday for a six-year term on the loan. He said the department's match to receive the grant is \$12,133. If it uses agency cash reserves to pay the match, it will almost completely deplete its savings, which he says is needed for general maintenance and repairs.

Magistrates approved the no-interest loan.

# Potter, Collins picked for service on Extension board

Brandi Potter and Stuart Collins have been appointed to serve on the Crittenden County Extension District Board for three-year terms beginning in January. The two were named during a meeting last week by county magistrates. Nominations are made to the fiscal court, which makes selections to the Extension board. Potter and Collins have previously served on the Extension board.

# Step back in time at Fohs for traditional holiday, reading of popular story

Step back in time with the Community Arts Foundation from 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Dec. 2 at Fohs Hall for a Christmas classic.

The literary treasure, "The Night Before Christmas," will be read and additional activities will include Christmas traditions, decorations and trimmings for a vintage holiday.

Admission is free.

# County complex open house

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

the building with addresses from local leaders and state dignitaries.

An open house will follow with refreshments.

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

# Guill files to seek re-election

Crittenden County Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill has filed to run for re-election.

Guill is currently serving in her second term as clerk after being chief deputy clerk prior to being elected circuit clerk in 2012.

Candidates for circuit clerk must first pass an exam which is given in December by the Division of Court Services. Deadline to apply for the test was earlier this month. Sitting clerks seeking re-election do not have to take the exam again.

# Reminder: Clerk closing

Crittenden County Clerk's office will be unable to process any motor vehicle, boat or trailer transactions the first eight days of 2024 due to a statewide shutdown to upgrade the computerized vehicle registration system. This also affects the point-of-sale system for the county clerk; therefore, the office will be closed to all business during this period.

Tuesday, Jan. 9 will be the first day the clerk's office can be open in 2024.

# Thursday tax deadline for county's discount

Thursday is the last chance to pay your 2023 Crittenden County property taxes and earn the early-payment discount. Taxpayers can get the 2% discount through Nov. 30. Starting Friday, and continuing throughout December, the face amount will be due. Beginning Jan. 1, there will be a 5% penalty. The penalty goes up to 21% in February.

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# 50 YEARS AGO

**November 29, 1973**

■ When girls basketball was the up and coming thing, as several area coaches suggested at the Three Rivers Conference meeting, Crittenden County was a leader in the sport's revival. The high school sponsored its first girls basketball team in the country for many years, that year. Miss Cindy Almedinger, the team's coach, reported that 15 girls had tried out for both the junior varsity and varsity teams. And both divisions won their season openers against Providence.

■ Three daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Smith were honored. Mrs. Ada Brown and Mrs. Anna Collins was commissioned Kentucky Colonels by Governor Wendell H. Ford. Mrs. Brown taught at Crittenden County Schools for 25 years. Mrs. Collins was also a teacher in the Crittenden County school system and was the first full time supervisor of instruction appointed by the Board of Education. The third sister, Miss Pearl O. Smith, received the Distinguished Service Award, the highest award given by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

■ With an attendance record of 99.9 percent, Mrs. Mary Chandler's 5th and 6th grades at Mattoon were tops in the county for the third school month. There were 34 students in the combined classes and only six absences were recorded.

■ Members of the Rotary Club committee heading the drive to raise money to buy a heart care unit for Crittenden County Hospital were shown as they map out their plans to get the money. Members of the committee were Dr. Wes Creager, C. Dexter Marsh, Alton Dykes, Rev. Harold Person, Jim Fred Mills, John Ramsey and Charles Talley.

hold classes in the new annex. Finishing touches were being made and completed before the holiday break. However, school officials felt as though moving teachers just days before the break would be more of a burden, so plans were to wait until after the Christmas holiday.

■ Two former Crittenden County Rockets got the exposure to post-high school hoops they had hoped for in their freshman years of college. Chad Kemper and Allie Turley, both standouts on the 1997-1998 Rocket basketball team, took their games to another level the following season, though they were not exactly on the same path. Turley, who averaged 8.9 points per game his senior year in this school, earned a spot as a Falcon at Southeastern Illinois College. Kemper, however, had a slightly more unique story to earning a spot on the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers basketball team. He tried out for the team as a walk on, but the Hilltoppers didn't take any of the players who walked on that season. Instead, they offered Kemper a spot as a team manager.

■ Marion native Reggie Hart made it big in the auto racing industry. He tested engines for performance and made adjustments before they were installed under the hoods for some of NASCAR's biggest names.

# 10 YEARS AGO

**December 5, 2013**

■ The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce selected Wayne Crider as the grand marshal of its 2013 Christmas Parade. Those who really know him say he has a heart of gold and doesn't mind sharing it. Crider has spent the vast majority of his life working construction six or more days a week and at 77 he saw no end in sight.

■ Members of the Crittenden County High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America attended the 2013 FCCLA National Cluster Meeting in Charlotte, N.C. Three local students brought home trophies from the event. Freshman Hannah Hardin took third place in Impromptu Speaking; freshman Audrey Smith took first place in Creed Speaking and Interpretation; and senior Amber Wright took first place in Impromptu speaking.

■ Barbara Myers began painting in May of 2012 and in a year's time had created over 60 individual pieces of art ranging from nature to wildlife scenes. She believes the key for any beginning artist is to paint subjects they enjoy.

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

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# Grand events at Olive Branch, Pleasant Hill

With the help of the archives of The Crittenden Press, let’s visit two of our one-room county schools from yesteryear and enjoy some of their activities and learn of their achievements. The first school we will visit is Olive Branch.

## Olive Branch School

Olive Branch School was located about nine miles east of Marion. To get there, you would take KY 120, turn onto Earl Hurst Road and then onto Olive Branch Rd. The name Olive Branch came from the Olive Branch Church that was once located not too far from the school. The creek nearby is also known as Olive Branch.

October 23, 1931.  
Hurrah for our ball team! Proud of them? You bet! And why shouldn’t we be. They’re all Drennan first cousins, and that’s not all, they are ball players as well. Just ask any of the schools around here or anyone who was at Field Day at Shady Grove, if they don’t pile up scores. Fairly, too. We got the championship last year for town ball and we haven’t discredited the title yet.

But to begin with, V. L. Drennan furnished a truck to take the school to Hoods in July. There we played two games and won both. The ball team went to Pleasant Hill Oct. 2. The first game played there was with Piney Fork, and the score stood 27-11 in our favor at the end of the game. The next was an easy victory over Pleasant Hill.

October 6 we played Crider at their school, and won two easy victories, the score being 15-0 and 27-0 for the two games.

We were expecting great things of our boys’ field day and we were not disappointed. We were matched with Piney Fork and with a fresh team won the game 24-5.

We admire the pluck of the Crider team for being willing to play us with a team of only 4 after losing so greatly to us before.

We must say this for them, they play a fair, straight game and scored against our “Drennans” twice during the game. The score was 18-2 in our favor. The final game we entered tired but determined, fighting for victory over Hoods. The game ended with a score of 18-17 in our favor.

On our Drennan team is Kenneth, Pete, R. D., Winifred, Hinkle and Curtis Drennan. And believe we are proud of them. (R. D. and Curtis Drennan years later would be KIA in World War II)

So much for our ball games, but wait! That’s not all. We carried off 5 blue ribbons and 3 red ones and \$2.50 for winning the most ribbons.

Here’s how we did it: Kenneth Drennan, our red-headed pitcher entered and won the following: second place in standing broad jump;

first place running high jump; second place high jump; first place 50 yards dash, 6th and 8th grade boys.

We entered the girls race and lost. We also lost the sack race. R. D. Drennan won second place in the donkey race and R. D. and Wendell Drennan won first place in the elephant race. Pete Drennan won first place in chinning the bar, chinning it 15 times.

If any of you schools want a game with us, either send us an invitation or come down. We have a good diamond and would be glad to have you come.

Olive Branch School closed its doors in the mid 1940s. Students were sent to other nearby schools, and later the building was dismantled and the lumber sold and the land reverted to the heirs of Frank Lamb who had given it for a school to be built on.

## Pleasant Hill School

Pleasant Hill School was located on what today is the Hunt Road, which is a branch off of the Pleasant Hill Road. The school sat in the edge of the woods with creeks and fields nearby.

The school building is gone now, as most all the old wooden school structures are, but there are many good memories made here and remembered by former students who attended Pleasant Hill School.

From The Crittenden Press, Sept. 25, 1931 the school news from Pleasant Hill was as follows:

Much interest and enthusiasm is being shown by the patrons and pupils at Pleasant Hill school this year.

The school grounds have been cleaned off and stone walks have been constructed. A gigantic slide and chinning bars have been added to the playground equipment. The classroom and cloak rooms have been redecorated with wallpaper. Full length window curtains and shades have been added.

A new chart and reading material has been added to the library and the pupils are leaning to use them wisely and well.

A town ball team has been organized and is in training daily for the divisional fair, which is to be held at Shady Grove in October. The school is planning an entertainment soon.

Nov. 6, 1931 -

A large crowd attended the Halloween festival and programs which was given at the schoolhouse on Wednesday night, Oct. 28. The school realized a nice profit on the sale of hot coffee, candy, cake and popcorn balls.

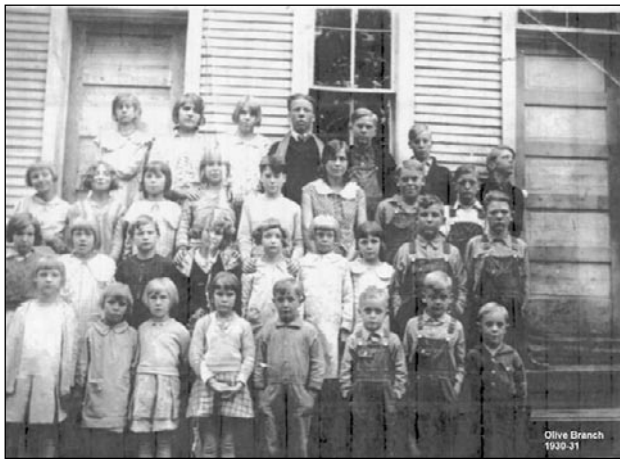
A program consisted of songs, readings, dialogs and declamation given by the pupils and teacher. Every number on the program seemed to be greatly



There were many memories made at Pleasant Hill School before it was torn down.



The Olive Branch School shown in the 1950s before it was torn down.



The Olive Branch students from 1930 are 1st row (from left) Edwina Pickens, unknown, Blandell Sigler, Beulah Sigler, Wendell Drennan, Richard Walker, Bruce Roberts, Ray Drennan, Jr., (second row) Margretta Drennan, Pansy Morrow, Helen Drennan, Mary Martha Walker, Sarah Walker, Lucille Roberts, Anna Lou Hurst, Hinkle Drennan, Winfred Drennan, (third row) Lucy Pritchett, Roberts Wilson, Sybil Morrow, Myrtle Wilson, Ave Rae Lamb, Rebecca Stewart-Teacher, Carlos Hodge, Curtis Drennan, (fourth row) Mildred Sigler, Mildred Pritchett, Macey Hodge, Kenneth Drennan, Clinton “Pete Drennan, William Mullenax, R.D. Drennan.

enjoyed by the audience. One number of special interest was a little French musical drama presented by Madeline and Elmer Rice, children of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rice. Mr. Rice was a French woman. The children gave the entire drama in the French language.

A five-piece string band furnished the music. Messrs. Barney Gass, Hubert Hillyard, Earl James, Lacy Orr and Vernon Fralick played in the band. Their music was greatly appreciated.

The house was decorated with Halloween colors, black cats, and jack-o-lanterns. There were so many witches, ghosts and fortune tellers present that no one attempted to count them.

The school is making a splendid record of attendance this month.

Mr. Hadden visited us last week and brought with him Mr. H. R. Jackson, the new county agent. Mr. Jackson made a talk regarding 4-H work in the county.

Feb. 5, 1932 – Rural Schools Close

The 50 county educational institutions completed a seven-months term and observed the occasion with special closing day programs.

A large crowd attended the closing program at Pleasant Hill School. Braxton McDonald was the teacher. During the morning, an old fashioned spelling match be-

tween the students and the patrons was held. The score was 27 to 24 in favor of the students.

During the noon hour, a basket dinner was served to the assembled crowd. After lunch several town ball games were played.

Students of the Pleasant Hill School made splendid attendance records during the past seven months. Nine pupils out of the 22 enrolled did not miss a single day. They were Dorothy Hunt, Carlos Baker, Clifton Hunt, Arnold Hunt, Elizabeth Hunt, Elmer Rice, Jr., Madeline Rice, Bertha Rice and Lillie Mae Rice.

Pleasant Hill School closed its doors in the year 1953 and students were bused to other schools.

These memories of our one-room schools are fun to read and enjoyable to remember. These county schools held the communities and families together.

(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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## Community Events & News

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■ Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

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Arguments worth having

I am not an expert in American history, but I do enjoy reading presidential speeches and documents written by those who had a hand in forming the ideals that framed our constitution. It took over 150 years for the British American Colonies to formulate enough of a national vision to rebel. It was almost another century before the strength of a federal government prevailed (and it almost didn't). It took another 80 or so years for the United States to emerge as a military and economic power. And here we are in 2023, still fussing with each other to determine just what we are going to be when we grow up.

The arguments that we have differ in the details but tend to revolve around how our government functions and who leads it. Our federalist structure has caused us to continually tug at each other over the power the central government has over the states. We are still trying to figure out how to have fair and free elections that consider both the majority and the minority. Religion, and particularly Calvinist religion and reactions to it, has had a deep and lasting impact on our identity and

our education system. The headlines may change but the basic debates are consistent. How do we pay for things we all need (taxes)? What do we do about those who need extra help (poverty)? How do we defend ourselves (foreign policy and military action)? How do we insure equality in the courts? Who gets to vote? What role does religion play where there is separation of church and state? What do we do about immigration?

None of these are new issues. None of them are worse today than they were in the past. Hyperbolic headlines and histrionic editorialists would have us think otherwise. It means that they are either unstudied in history or are genuinely deceptive. I am not suggesting that we should not be concerned. I am suggesting that we draw on the wisdom (or foolishness) of the past so that we can continue to improve as a nation and houses of religion.

I am often amazed at the writings of those who lived in the tumultuous times of the 17th Century. This was the age of the King James Bible, the thirty years' war between the Catholics and Protestants

in Europe (1618 – 1648), the civil war in England (1640s), the establishment of American Colonies which had their own religious conflicts and began what would become the near extinction of those who were already here. There was the bubonic plague, the growth of the slave trade, and the Salem witch trials.

There was so much (presumably) free land for the taking that those who did not wish to conform could simply pack up and head for the wilderness. There was a great fear that the colonies would slip out of the hands of the conservative religious leaders, and they would cease to be "Christian." The "culture wars" of recent concern have been going on since the 1600s – nothing new here.

Occasionally I will read something that I disagree with and yet find remarkably prescient. In 1676, William Hubbard delivered an election day sermon outlining his concern that political power might soon slip away from the hands of the "elect saints." He argued from the Bible that only a few select men of wisdom were equipped to rule. Here is his opening statement.

"I will not here engage in any dispute as to whether it is necessary or convenient for a free people to use their liberty in often changing their magistrates or chief rulers. Concerning inferior officers, such as are fiscals and treasurers,

who places (by reason of the profit they are usually attended with) are more liable to temptations and corruption, there is no matter of danger in their change...

"But the supreme rulers, being as the heart and vitals of the commonwealth, it is not expedient to run a hazard in often changing them. Another speaks to the same purpose, that unless a country is very full of skillful and expert men, by often changing their rulers, the government will fall into the hands of rude and ignorant mechanics...It cannot but be dangerous to put the helm into the hands of an inexperienced pilot in a tempestuous or stormy season."

I believe that people of faith should have the freedom to choose whether to vote or not. I believe that those who choose should, with integrity, enter public service. I believe that all of us should continually pray for our leaders, our nation and our world as we continue our discussions.

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Mentors should help you grow with Christ

**Question:** I've recently recommitted my life as a follower of Christ. I desire to become more Christlike. I'm told there is no better way to grow in Christlikeness than having a mature Christian mentor. Why is one-on-one learning so important in growing one's faith?

**Answer:** Mentoring is biblical. The Apostle Paul encouraged young Timothy, "You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others" (2 Tim. 2:1, 2). Paul taught Timothy by his personal example and by helping him learn the Scriptures.

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

As Paul mentored his disciple, Timothy could see and mimic Paul's actions by serving and telling others about Jesus. Paul walked beside Timothy and intentionally helped him stay connected to Christ daily. A mentor can help you develop in the areas you need to grow in and then you grow into a more Christlike character. When you stumble, your mentor can help you get refocused and get back to walking with Christ daily, serving in your

church and sharing the gospel with others.

While connecting with a mature Christian mentor, I give you one word of caution. Pastors, teachers, and mature Christian friends can fail you. All are sinners. Ultimately, you should look to Jesus Christ as your example. People can disappoint you, but Jesus never will. He's "the author and perfecter of our faith" (Heb. 12:2).

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SCOTT GETZ  
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CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY  
NOTICE OF SALE, DEFENDANTS

Pursuant of an Amended Judgment and Order of Sale and of satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:20 a.m., December 5, 2023, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Kentucky, the following described property: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 116 Carr Street Marion, Kentucky, 42064 1972 VILL 68x12 mobile home, Vin No. 3239; Sequence No. 990; Title No. 071380280004 MAP NO.: 070-40-06-001.02 FOR COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION SEE THE JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF SALE. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above:

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# SURVEY

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than it once was; and while it's hardly a lost art, you can scarcely get one, certainly not at a moment's notice.

Voters may have noticed on this month's general election ballot an empty slot for County Surveyor. Not surprising, no one ran for the public post. In fact, as far as anyone knows, there is no one in the county qualified to even seek the office.

May is the only certified surveyor who resides here and he's certainly not interested. In fact, he gave up the job once before after holding it for only a few days. May says being the county surveyor was never what it was cracked up to be. He once won a one-man race as a write-in candidate, collecting seven votes. A few days after being duly elected, May resigned because he found out there was really no significance to the job. It's just one of those early constitutional quirks that remains among modern statutory law.

Nothing about contemporary surveying remains musty and archaic; well, perhaps nothing other than those centuries old deeds that provide a foundation for locating original boundaries.

Today's surveys are done with computer-aided technology and satellite assistance. It is a job that over centuries morphed from a man pulling a 100-link, 66-foot long chain or a smaller pole across hills and through brambles to what is nowadays a certifiable, licensed profession that requires a skillset that many appear disinterested in developing. Gunter's Chain was a literal measuring stick used to exact a plot of land. Early deeds are written on a metes and bounds system using measurements such as pole, rod or perch (16.5 feet). For instance, four poles equal the length of a Gunter's Chain. These were standard units of measurement deployed by the earliest surveyors in this county and others.

Like many professions, land surveying is experiencing a great shortage, which is likely due to a combination of factors. Among those is an aging workforce, some of whom were able to begin working in the trade well before today's parameters were in place for certification. Kentucky only began licensing surveyors in 1966. The average age of surveyors in America today is 57.

A lack of young people entering the field is expressly responsible for the overall shortage in surveyors. And there is increasing complexity of the technology used by its practitioners.

Paris says surveying is a great place for a young person. There's a good bit of independence to working as a surveyor. Besides the intrinsic benefits to the job, which includes a split between office and field work, the pay is pretty good. Paris, who is past president of the Kentucky Association of Professional Surveyors, explains that a six-figure income is achievable, even in rural areas like Crittenden County.

Becoming a surveyor was a natural progression for Paris. He'd grown up the son of a surveyor, and although he first went to Centre College to study law, a stint in the U.S. Navy and a tour in Vietnam led to a civilian job with the U.S. Corps of Engineers. He parlayed that experience and further education at Purdue University into a lifetime occupation that has allowed him to raise four children, become professionally successful and acquire and maintain his family's generational farms in eastern Crittenden County where his office remains to this day.

May took a slightly different path. As a young man in the late 1940s, he landed a job working for the highway department's surveying crew. On the weekends, his boss would allow him to take the instruments home, and he practiced by doing surveys of lots and small farms around the county.

"Later on, I bought my own transit. I still have it," May said. "The first job I did by myself was Junior Brown's place in Mexico."

He continued to practice the trade and in 1966 went to Frankfort and took an oral exam before a board of engineers and surveyors to get his license. As part of the interview process, he also provided the board with samples of his previous work.

"I had been doing surveys since the 1950s," May said. "Back then there were no minimum standards."

Just about anyone could write a deed and get it recorded if they knew



**William Ralph Paris works out of a rustic office inside a home on KY 506 that once belonged to his grandfather. Nearby is the Paris Cemetery, the final resting place of his ancestors dating back to mid 1800s.**

enough to tip toe through the system, May explains.

"It was pretty haphazard. Someone could go step off or measure a property and write out a deed, which was terrible," he said.

May and Paris both say that deed research is the devil's detail of surveying. "Research is the big thing. If you don't do your research, you can get in big trouble," May explains.

Paris is emphatic about inspection of original documents to draw an accurate new deed. Finding the original corner or boundary line, which might have been an oak tree or bend in a creek, can be challenging.

"I have found root holes," Paris says, where boundary defining oak trees once stood. To mark what he calls a "monument to history" Paris has built a pile of large stones in place of those long-since rotted oaks and marked original corners to deeds with a metal stake in the center of such a monument.

"Honestly, it takes years and years for trees to live and die and rot down," Paris says, defending Kentucky's system of metes and bounds.

Yet when it fails against time, Paris and others dedicated to the task of preserving original colonial boundary lines have proven their worthiness.

Preserving the integrity of Kentucky's land measurement system and recording accurate deeds today based on the original foundation are keys to trustworthiness in the idea of private ownership and title to what we call real estate. In many cases, banks and other lending institutions require a new survey before financing a land acquisition.

"They want to know what's there, what's being bought," May said.

Based on his findings, the earliest property description in what is today Crittenden County was drawn in 1784, Paris said. Those original deeds were actually land grants to pay military personnel for their service. Oftentimes, Paris explains, the soldier never occupied the land because speculators bought it from them and resold it to pioneers interested in living on the frontier.

Math, history, geometry and outdoors skills are necessary to be a good surveyor, say Paris and May. Nowadays, a four-year degree is required to attain a license. However, there are other jobs in the industry that do not require a degree, such as party chief, instrument operator or CAD operator. A technical or community college can provide training and internship opportunities, allowing new graduates to get a job right away.

Paris would like to see greater awareness of the need for surveyors. High school programs and more degree opportunities would be a good start. There are only a handful of colleges in Kentucky that offer a program for aspiring surveyors. Most are in the far eastern part of the state.

Since 1977, Paris has been measuring properties and drawing deeds in this area. He would like to help someone younger to get started.

"I remember when there was about one surveyor for every county," he said.

Nowadays, there's about one for every two or three, at least in the more rural areas. Paris plans to continue working as long as health allows, and he is willing to train or mentor a young person interested in surveying. It's one of the oldest professions in the world, dating back to ancient Egyptians about 2,700 years ago. It's a noble science, Paris says, one that in the most simplistic terms preserves our original lines of pioneer settlement from becoming fuzzy over time.

# DOCTOR

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Virginia and Florida. For the last few years, he has practiced in Pensacola, Fla.

"We wanted to live on the beach," he said, getting an affirmative nod from his wife, Kim.

"The beach ran its course, and we were down to just work and home life," said the father of two young boys.

Back in the commonwealth, Hamilton is interested in having some acreage, a place to raise horses, hunt whitetail deer and enjoy the serenity that Kentucky offers.

"We want to get to a place where the boys can skin up their knees," he said.

The couple lived for a time in Murray, so Dr. Hamilton feels like this is coming home.

"I was (at Livingston Hospital) four or five times during 2011 and 2012 working under Dr. (William) Barnes and Dr. (Ghassan) Yazigi," said.

Both of those veteran doctors were among members of the hospital's board of directors and other healthcare professionals who were on hand last week for a reception to allow Dr. Hamilton and his wife to meet hospital leaders.

"It's actually miraculous because he worked for us as a student," said Dr. Barnes. "He knows exactly what we do. He cares about people and I think he's really going to fit in. He's from (Ken-

# Gas prices falling fast

Average gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 10.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.95 per gallon early this week, according to Gas-Buddy's survey of 2,623 stations in Kentucky.

Prices in the commonwealth are 20.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 30.4 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has fallen 5.2 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.23 per gallon. According to Gas-Buddy price reports, prices varied greatly across the state with some stations as low as \$2.54 per gallon on Sunday to \$4.09.

tucky) He talks like local people. We're going to support him in every way we can. He's going to take over when I am gone and when Dr. Yazigi is gone, and he will still be here taking care of people."


Hamilton completed his Family Medicine internship at Southern Ohio Medical Center in Portsmouth, Ohio and the Ballad Health Family Medicine Residency in Big Stone, Va. He is a board certified family medicine physician with experience in outpatient medicine, in-patient medicine/hospitalist, wound care, urgent care and nursing home patients.

Shane Whittington, CEO of Livingston Hospital, said Dr. Hamilton specializes in preventive medicine, the diagnosis and treatment of chronic and acute illnesses and has a special interest in general psychiatric conditions and wound care.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Hamilton to the Livingston Hospital community," Whittington added. "Family medicine physicians play a critical role in the well-being of a community, and we look forward to watching the strong relationships Dr. Hamilton will develop with his patients, their families and our community."

Hamilton will begin in Livingston on Jan. 2. He is currently at White Wilson Medical Center in the Fort Walton Beach area where his practice includes family medicine and urgent care. He also has experience at Santa Rosa Medical Center at Milton, Fla., and Paintsville ARH Hospital in eastern Kentucky.

Livingston Hospital last spring announced its affiliation with Deaconess and a plan to renovate and expand the hospital at Salem. Whittington said those plans are moving along.




**OCTOBER 2023**


# Activity Report

Here is Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head's monthly activity report for his department.

	October	2023 Avg Monthly
Collisions Investigated	5	6.22
Complaints	44	57.78
Papers Served	27	33.78
Failed Service Attempts	18	15.78
Total Service Attempts	91	84.00
Transports	4	4.78
Special Detail	28	45.11
Training Hours	0	18.00
Verbal Warning	10	11.89
Criminal Citation	4	7.56
Officer Assist	8	5.33
Building Checks	49	64.13
Total Manhours	499	578.6
Bailiff Court Hours	24.5	9
Cases Opened	3	58.28
DUIs	0	5.89
Felony Arrests	2	0.56
Misdemeanor Arrests	4	4.56
Motorist Assists	11	8.56
Traffic Citations	4	7.00
General Policing	27	6.50
Followup Investigations	10	88.44
Call for Service	30	8.11
Meeting w/school staff	0	22.25



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Crittenden County Detention Center				
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	State Inmates	98	99	91.7
	Federal Inmates	60	57	63.9
	Other County Inmates	10	18	25.3
	Critenden County Inmates	11	12	13.5
	<b>TOTAL INMATES</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>194.3</b>
	Weekenders	1	6	3.3
	Work release	0	0	0
	Out to Court	2	0	0
	<b>Actual Inmate Bed Count</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>197.7</b>
	<b>Last Month</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>October 2023</b>	<b>October 2022</b>
	State Housing Payments	110932.26	\$105,454.56	\$88,791.89
	Federal Housing Payments	83055	\$84,525.00	\$106,020.43
	Federal Transport Payments	7881.78	\$7,193.25	\$7,738.28
	Lyon Co. Housing Payments	13500	\$24,588.00	\$26,106.00
	Other County Housing Payments	0	\$2,432.00	\$2,856.00
	Weekend/Work Release	0	\$224.00	\$498.67
	<b>TOTAL HOUSING</b>	<b>\$215,369.04</b>	<b>\$217,223.56</b>	<b>\$224,272.99</b>
	<b>Last Month</b>	<b>ANALYSIS</b>		
	Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$11,680.00	\$15,648.00	\$13,221.33
	Numbers of Co. Housing Days	\$365.00	489	413.17
	County Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	\$32.00	32
	Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	11.78	15.77	13.64



**FOOTBALL**  
**Class 2A Playoffs**  
**Last week's playoff results**  
1A Pikeville 28, Campbellsville 21  
1A Raceland 42, Kentucky Country Day 6  
2A Mayfield 31, Beechwood 28  
2A Owensboro Catholic 44, Somerset 15  
3A Bell County 30, Hart County 28  
3A Lou. Christian Aca. 43, Lex. Catholic 8  
4A Covington Catholic 22, Tilghman 14  
4A Boyle County 41, Franklin County 14  
5A Cooper 17, Highlands 15  
5A Bowling Green 38, Owensboro 6  
6A Bryan Station 42, Ballard 21  
6A Lou. Trinity 14, Frederick Douglass 7  
**State Championship Pairings**  
**Friday at Kroger Field, Lexington**  
1A Raceland vs Pikeville,  
2A Mayfield vs Owensboro Catholic  
4A Covington Catholic vs Boyle County  
**Saturday at Kroger Field, Lexington**  
Louisville Christian Academy vs Bell County  
Cooper vs Bowling Green  
Louisville Trinity vs Lexington Bryan Station

**BASKETBALL**  
**CCMS scoring summaries**  
**7th Grade Girls**  
**Crittenden 28, Livingston12**  
Abigail Champion 10, Sarah Grau 3, Brodi Rich 2, Alexis Mattingly 4, Caroline Martin 2, Brooklyn Lovell 2, Addie Nelson 2, Olivia Mattingly 3.  
**8th Grade Girls**  
**Crittenden 29, Livingston 28**  
Jordyn Hodge 9, Lex Smith 1, Abigail Champion 12, Sarah Grau 4, Brodi Rich 3.  
**8th Grade Boys**  
**Lyon County 44, Crittenden 12**  
Jack Porter 5, Drake young 3, Eli Lovell 2, Junior Cowser 2.  
**Crittenden 37, John Paul 35**  
Hudson Stokes 2, Porter 9, Young 12, Lovell 4, Dawson Johnson 6, Cowser 4.

**No JV for right now**  
Due to participation numbers and injuries, CCHS Lady Rockets will play no junior varsity games until after Christmas.

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

Deer archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Turkey archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Deer crossbow	Sept 16 - Jan 15
Raccoon hunting	Oct 1 - Feb 29
Turkey crossbow	Nov 11 - Dec 31
Squirrel	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Quail	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Rabbit	Nov 13 - Feb 10
Raccoon trapping	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Gray or red fox	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Beaver	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Bobcat	Nov 18 - Feb 29
Dove	Nov 23 - Dec 3
Canada goose	Nov 23 - Feb 15
Turkey shotgun	Dec 2-8
Deer late muzzleloader	Dec 9-17
Dove	Dec 23 - Jan 14
Deer free youth hunt	Dec 30-31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round

**Deer take trends down**  
Crittenden County is ranked No. 5 in Kentucky deer harvest following the 16-day modern rifle whitetail season, which ended on Sunday. Most of the deer taken during an entire deer season that runs from September to January are harvested during the period when hunters can shoot them with high-powered rifles.  
Archers and blackpowder weapons are never as successful at taking a high volume. Rifle hunters managed to take down 1,886 deer during the modern gun seasons (which includes 45 deer taken during the two-day youth hunt). That figure is slightly shy of last year's gun total of 1,999. Crittenden County has given up 2,364 whitetail by all weapon methods this fall. The overall harvest last year was 2,707.  
There is a one-week muzzleloader season in December and archers will have several more weeks to hunt, but the totals may not reach last year's harvest. Youth hunters also get a couple of more days in late December to rifle hunt, but the harvest during that free weekend is never significant.



Gavin Grigsby harvested a very nice 12-point buck during the rifle season.



Hunter Grigsby took a spike buck during the rifle season.

# Lady Rockets weather Storm

**STAFF REPORT**  
In a game that was nip and tuck the whole way, Crittenden County exploded in the final minute and a half to beat Hopkins Central's Lady Storm 59-51 in the season opener.  
It was a rematch of last year's Second Region Tournament semifinal that CCHS won by 18. Crittenden has now beaten Hopkins Central six of their last nine meetings.  
Lady Rocket sophomore Anna Boone finished with 24 points and classmate Andrea Federico scored 14.  
Elliot Evans was fouled driving to the basket for a left-handed layup with 1:36 to go. She punctuated the three-point play with a foul shot to break a tie and give CCHS its biggest lead of the second half, 52-49.  
From there, the Lady Rockets outscored the

Storm 7-2 down the final stretch, largely from the foul line. However, Boone's three-pointer on an inbounds play with 51 seconds to go was the fatal dagger.  
Coach Shannon Hodge, now in her 31st season with the Rocket girls, said Morton's Gap is a tough place to play.  
"I am proud to come away with a win," she said. "We did a good job of taking care of the ball in the last minute."  
Crittenden will play at Livingston Central on Friday to open Fifth District action.

Crittenden	15	24	39	59
HopCentral	13	28	42	51

**CRITTENDEN** – Boone 24, Evans 5, Holeman 2, Federico 14, Rushing 7, Stewart, Hodge 6. FG 22. 3-pointers 5 (Boone 3, Federico 2). FT 7-13.  
**HOPKINS CENTRAL** – Cotton, White 17, Harrison 8, Tori, Marsh 5, Mason 21. FG 21. 3-pointers 4 (Harrison 2, Mash, Mason). FT 5-8.



Lady Rocket basketball coach Shannon Hodge, now in her 31st season, was proud to get a win on the road at Hopkins Central to open the season. It was close the whole way.



Rocket senior Travis Champion opened the season with a 30-point performance against Marshall County at Draffenville. The Rockets, however, were unable to overcome the Marshals' explosive offense.

# CCHS falls at Marshall; key district showdown is Friday at Livingston

**STAFF REPORT**  
Eleven three-pointers right out of the chute was a nice way to frame the start of the Rocket season. However, it wasn't enough to beat home-standing Marshall County.  
The Marshals turned back Crittenden County 85-55 in both teams' season opener.  
Rocket senior Travis Champion dropped 30 points to lead all scorers. Sophomore Bryson Walker gave the Rockets 18. Champion scored six treys and Walker had four. Jaxon Hatfield had the other long-ranger.

The Rockets trailed by just 10 at the half, but Marshall piled it on in the last two periods to win going away.  
Crittenden will open Fifth District play Friday at Livingston Central.

Crittenden	14	35	45	55
Marshall	26	45	66	85

**CRITTENDEN** – Champion 30, Belcher, Walker 18, Hatfield 3, Sharp 2, Keller, Travis 2, Reddick. FG 17. 3-pointers 11 (Champion 6, Walker 4, Hatfield). FT 12-16.  
**MARSHALL** – Phelps 2, Henson 10, Parker 6, Staples 18, Stokes 2, Phillips 10, Robertson 12, Linsin 3, Langhi 22. FG 32. 3-pointers 8. FT 11-14.



Members of the Crittenden County Middle School basketball team are (front from left) Emmitt Ellington, Cameron Nesbitt, Eli Herrin, Jayden Jones, Junior Cowser, Dawson Johnson, Kasyn Drury, Tucker Hardin (back) Jett Champion, Matthew Counts, Caden Hutchison, Coby LaRue, Drake Young, Jack Porter, Roane Topp, Brayden Duncan, Hayden Hughes, Hunter Collins and assistant coach Jody Porter. Not pictured are head coach Bryce Winders and players Joel Bumpus, Conner Poindexter, Hudson Stokes, Eli Lovell, Charlie Hardin and Shane Fricke.

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# Fitzgerald formally indicted by Feds

**STAFF REPORT**

A federal grand jury in Paducah has handed down an indictment against Kenneth Brian Fitzgerald, 35, of Marion, stemming from a local drug-related investigation and manhunt that ended in Muhlenberg County last summer.

On Nov. 14, the U.S. District Court Grand Jury formally charged Fitzgerald with two counts of Felon in Possession of a Firearm and two counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine.

The indictment alleges that the defendant was in possession on July 15 and July 26 a CZ Scorpion Evo 3 S1 9mm semiautomatic handgun and 500 or more grams of methamphetamine. It also alleges that on Aug. 21 and Aug. 22, Fitzgerald was in possession of a Heritage Rough Rider .22 revolver with an obliterated serial number, ammunition and 500 grams or more of methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Further, the indictment says that the weapons shall be forfeited and “all property consisting or derived from proceeds the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly as a result of said offenses and any and all of the defendant’s property used, or intended be used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of the violations alleged in drug charges,” including \$1,480 in currency.

The indictment also provides a list of possible penalties if a conviction is reached. Sentencing guidelines range from not less than 10 years to a possibility of 25 years to life, depending on whether certain criteria is proven.

Fitzgerald has previously been convicted of state felony charges in Kentucky. His previous criminal record will play a key role in sentencing.

Arraignment is scheduled for 2 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 19 in U.S. District Court of Paducah. Court documents indicated that he is to remain in federal custody until final resolution of the case. He is currently being held without bond at the Muhlenberg County Detention Center.



Despite a cool afternoon last week, AirEvac pilot supervisor Jeff Stiner took some time to clean up the air ambulance helicopter that is stationed at Crittenden Community Hospital. The Air Evac base has four pilots and four nurse paramedics that stand ready round the clock to respond to medical emergencies in the region.

## Dumping Fees

Description	No Change	
Each bag up to 13 gal.	\$1	
Each bag 13-35 gal.	\$2	
Each bag over 35 gal.	\$5	
Bag/Can/Barrel 55 gal./up	\$7	
Other Material	Old	NEW
Household Waste Load	30¢ cf	40¢ cf
Mixed Load	45¢ cf	55¢ cf
Construction Debris	50¢ cf	60¢ cf
Asphalt Roofing	\$1	\$1.25
Recliners/Chairs	\$8	\$10
Loveseat	\$12	\$12
Sofa	\$12	\$14
Mattress	-	\$15
Box Spring	-	\$5
Bedding set	-	\$20

cf = cubic feet LxWxH

## Hailstorm damage prompts increase in dumping price

**STAFF REPORT**

Hailstorms are largely to blame for what county leaders say is a necessary increase in dumping fees to cover unanticipated costs at the Crittenden County Convenience Center.

“No one counted on everyone in Marion needing a new roof,” Magistrate Scott Belt said during discussion of the matter at last week’s meeting of Crittenden County Fiscal Court.

County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said there has been a major inrush of roofing materials, largely from contractors repairing damaged homes in the city. A couple of storms that produced large hail damaged hundreds of homes, buildings and other structures. The City of Marion has almost \$240,000 in damage to its municipal buildings, according to a recent insurance claim.

“It’s a reflection of shingle work,” Newcom said. “The weight of those containers going out has kicked us up into a higher cost category.”

The county’s contract with Impact Waste Service is based on tonnage of trash removed from the county’s convenience center on U.S. 60 East near the county maintenance garage. The dump closed many years ago and the convenience center opened as a place where locals can dispose of household trash and more.

Household garbage in bags will not see a price increase as part of the hike that magistrates approved last Thursday. Increases affect trash and construction debris measured in cubic feet and large household items.

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