



Veterans are invited

Crittenden County Schools will host its annual Veterans Day program at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Rocket Arena. The public is invited to attend. Guests should enter through the main entrance, with handicap-accessible entry available at the lower level of the arena.



Nelson

Veterans Day, first observed in 1919 as Armistice Day, marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. The holiday was renamed in 1954 to honor all American veterans who have served in the nation's armed forces. Following the ceremony, Marion Baptist Church will provide a free lunch reception for veterans and their families from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the church.

This year's featured speaker will be Chad Nelson, a U.S. Army veteran and First Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for the 56th Judicial Circuit. Nelson was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 2007. He completed Armor School at Fort Knox and was stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., with the 5th Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division. He served two deployments to Baghdad, Iraq, from 2008-09 and again from 2010-11. His military decorations include two Bronze Star Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal with three campaign stars.

Fredonia will also host a Veterans Day Service, see page 4 for details.

Before & After School Childcare on campus

Crittenden County parents still have time to enroll their children in Champions, a new before- and after-school program offering flexible childcare at Crittenden County Elementary School. The program serves students in pre-school through fifth grade, providing a structured environment with STEM activities, indoor and outdoor play, and homework assistance. It operates weekdays from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and until 6:30 p.m., after school. On Fridays, preschoolers can attend from 6:30 a.m., to 6:30 p.m. Site Director Essance McGuire said several financial aid options are available, with some families paying as little as \$20 per week. For more information, parents can call 1-800-246-2154.

New Energy for Spar



Canadian buying options on local fluorspar leases

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Interest in fluorspar and possibly other strategic minerals beneath Crittenden and Livingston counties is heating up again as global supply chains tilt and U.S.-China trade talks put rare earths back in the headlines. At stake is whether tariffs or other policy changes make it economical to restart mining in the Illinois-Kentucky Fluorspar District, once a bedrock of the local economy but practically dormant for decades.

A Canadian firm, CleanTech Vanadium Mining Corp., has moved to option a large package of mineral prospects across the district, including significant acreage in Crittenden and Livingston counties. In an announcement a few weeks ago, the company said it secured option-to-purchase agreements totaling about 7,180 acres, with staged payments through 2029. A July deal covers its Campbell-Crotser project in Livingston County, which the company describes as hosting historic, non-compliant estimates of fluorite with accessory zinc and lead. CleanTech has since said its holdings have expanded further as it layers on additional agreements.

Local attorney Bart Frazer, whose late father, Bill, his grandfather and other associates helped assemble a sizable block of

Global market and policy are driving a renewed interest in strategic minerals and local fluorspar is drawing millions of dollars worth of attention

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Local core drilling veteran Buddy Davidson (right) sprays water on a spar core sample to illuminate it for Dr. Gina Lukoczki, a research geologist with the Kentucky Geological Survey, and KGS technician Paul Puckett last week inside Davidson's shop on Maple Street in Marion.

Ambulance service wants out; county will rebid immediately

STAFF REPORT

Already facing financial strain on several fronts, Crittenden County Fiscal Court has another major challenge ahead as its contract with ComCare for ambulance service nears expiration.

The county's current agreement with ComCare runs through Dec. 31, and Judge-Executive Perry Newcom confirmed at a Monday special meeting of the fiscal court that the provider had exercised its option to notify the court of potential termination back in the summer, as required 180 days in advance.

The five-year contract, which is Crittenden's third with ComCare since 2015, is renewable annually. The county currently supplements the service with \$382,000 per

year, yet ComCare reportedly lost more than \$100,000 during its last fiscal year.

Newcom said EMS averages about 1,097 runs per year, roughly 110 per month, but only two runs per day are typically reimbursed by private insurance. Most are Medicare or Medicaid, with Medicaid paying \$65 per trip regardless of distance. Roughly 50 calls per month are low- or non-paying, the judge said.

Timing of the rebid is difficult, Newcom said, since any added expense was not included in the current budget, and the court last spring chose not to create a taxing ambulance district, which could have levied up to 10 cents per \$100 valuation to fund the

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Hayride has mystery star

A television and film actor will headline the next Old Kentucky Hayride at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15 at Fohs Hall, but organizers are keeping the guest's identity secret for now.

Cutter Singleton, a local entertainer and executive producer of the Hayride, said the performer has appeared in hundreds of TV episodes, recently starred in a hit movie and is traveling from North Carolina to take part in the show. The comedic character may even appear in "black and white," Singleton said.

Tickets are \$5.

Deaths

Mitchell

Mr. Robert Darold Mitchell, 89, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025, at his home in Burna.

He was an Air Force veteran and a member of Old Salem Baptist Church and the American Legion Post 217.

Surviving are a daughter, Felicia Renee Belcher of Henderson; stepdaughters, Teresa (Steve) Ford of Orlando, Fla., and Deborah (Ken) Suits of Burna; stepsons, Randy (Margaret) Martin of New Johnsonville, Tenn., and Robby (Michelle) Martin of Talbot, Tenn.; sister, Vivian Monroe; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hattie Pearl Mitchell; parents, George Clinton and Lela Eline (Ramage) Mitchell; and brother, William H. Mitchell.

Funeral services were Saturday, Nov. 1 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Danny Starrick and Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating. Burial was at Old Salem Cemetery.

Peek

Todd Stephen Peek, 56, of Mattoon, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025 at Tristar Skyline Medical Center in Nashville.

He was born in Salem May 5, 1969 to his mother, Norma Holder Peek, and late-father, Stephen Edward Peek. He worked in maintenance at Walmart in Princeton for over 20 years. He was a devoted father, deeply proud of his two girls, and was loved for his big heart and playful sense of humor. Always willing to lend a hand, he would give you the shirt off his back. He enjoyed tinkering with tractors, guns and being outdoors.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of over 18 years, Ginny Beth Peek; two daughters, Hadley Beth Peek and Hannah Faith Peek; a sister, Stephanie Jo Peek Williams (Kevin Hamby), all of Mattoon.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his infant son, Hunter Stephen Peek; and his faithful, furry companion, Izzy.

Services were Tuesday,

Nov. 4 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Burial was in Dycusburg Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Paid Obituary

Donohue

Gladys Lois Donohue, 74, of Marion passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2025, surrounded by her loving and caring family, as well as Jesus.

She was the best "Mammy" to her precious grandchildren and loved spending time with them. Her two granddaughters live in South Dakota, but she enjoyed chatting with them any time she could. She loved them dearly.

She cherished her Starbucks coffee dates with her daughter, Christina, and granddaughter, Lourdes-Love, while enjoying donuts, shopping and simply spending quality time together.

Queenie Lourdes-Love was the sparkle and glitter in Mammy's life. Queenie always enjoyed her morning coffee and chats with her Mammy. Queenie blessed her Mammy with joy every day.

Any time Mammy could spend with her grandbabies made her happiest and filled her heart with love.

Gladys loved ministering through music alongside her daughter, Christina, and together they prayed, encouraged others and shared Jesus through their online ministry.

She loved her son, Daniel, more than words can describe and couldn't wait to hear from him daily. He would call her every evening just to chat and talk about life. She was so proud of him, and those phone calls filled her heart with immense joy.

Survivors include her children, Daniel Lee (Vickey) Miller of Rapid City, S.D., and Christina Donohue of Marion; brothers, Arthur Ray Kinnis and Barney John Kinnis; grandchildren, Cayden Joseph Lee Coria, Lourdes-Love Augusta Lee Donohue, Morgan Lee Miller and Rylee Lane Miller; great-grandchildren, Maverick Townsend and Cruise Barnum; loving best friend of 43 years, Lois Blankenship; and loving niece, Rhonda Harris.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald Lee Donohue; parents Thomas Liner and Mattie Augusta Kinnis; and six brothers and

three sisters.

The family sends a heartfelt thank-you to her only grandson, Cayden, for being one of the greatest joys and blessings of her and Papa's lives. When Cayden played those black and white piano keys and sang, he brought tears to their eyes and made their hearts smile. Cayden brought them unconditional love and joy every day, just when they needed it most. Forever loved.

Paid Obituary

Gray

Betty Ann Miller Gray, 67, of Fredonia, passed away Oct. 30, 2025, at her home.

She enjoyed crafting, finding a good sale, helping others, traveling, gardening and sunning on the beach with a totty. Some of her other favorite things included sitting in her garage gossiping and cruising around town on her golf cart or cruising in the Caribbean. Betty could be described as witty, adventurous, opinionated, stubborn but, most importantly, selfless. She was a one-of-a-kind woman who will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

She is survived by her daughter, Brandi (Lyndsey) Gray Johnson of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; grandson, James Michael (Tabitha) Mullins of Draffenville; granddaughter, Kailey Duncan of Fredonia; sister, Donna White of Fredonia; and nieces, nephews and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, James E. Miller; mother, Marion "Sue" Miller; brother, James Edward "Jimmy" Miller Jr.; best friend and sister, Carolyn Sue Miller Scott; daughter, Angela Gray Mullins; and veteran husband, Simon P. Sharp.

There will be no public services at this time. Morgan's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made in Betty's name to The Asher House, a non-profit sanctuary for rescued animals at www.theasherhouse.com/pages/donate. The family requests privacy as they grieve the loss of a loving and dedicated mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and cousin.

Paid Obituary

Bebout

Robert Eugene "Bobby" Bebout, 91 of Lola died Monday, Nov. 3, 2025 at his home.

A faithful member of Lola Pentecostal Church, Carrsville Lodge #812 and Laborers Union #1214, Bebout cherished

the simple pleasures of life, especially time outdoors and the work of farming.

He is survived by; three sons, Danny (Rosanne) Bebout of Buffington, Ind., Ronnie (Denise) Bebout of Salem, and Michael (Melissa Reed) Bebout of Crayne; a sister, Doris Avery of Tennessee; three brothers, Donald Wayne Bebout of Salem, Johnny Bebout of Tennessee, and Bill Bebout of Rosiclare, Ill.; seven grandchildren, Todd Bebout, Kayla Bebout, Tommy Harris, Stephanie Thurman, Eli Bebout, Katelyn Wright and Braxton Bebout; and eight great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife; Wanda Tharp Bebout; brothers, Doug and Jimmy Bebout; parents, William Ford and Amy Kimsey Bebout.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8, at Lola Pentecostal Church with Bro. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial will follow at Lola Pentecostal Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until 12:30 p.m., at Lola Pentecostal Church. Masonic services will be conducted at 12:30 p.m. Condolences may be left online at boydfuneraldirectors.com



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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Nov. 6

• Line dancing will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Crittenden County Senior Center.

Friday, Nov. 7

• Laugh & Learn will start at 10:30 a.m. at the Crittenden County Public Library.

• Community Christmas sign up at the Crittenden County Extension Annex starting at 9 a.m.

• Community Christmas class will begin at 9 a.m. at the Crittenden County Extension Office.

Saturday, Nov. 8

• Time Well Spent is at 9 a.m. at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

• Veterans Day Soup Supper will be from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Marion Baptist Church.

• Hooks and Needles meet at noon at the Crittenden County Public Library.

•After Hours starts at 5:30 p.m. at teh Crittenden County Extension Office.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

• Walk in the Park will start at 3 p.m. at the City-County Park.

Thursday, Nov. 13

• The Virgil Jones VFW will be having a meeting in VFW building on North College St., at 5 p.m. We will have the Thanksgiving meal first.

Sunday, Nov. 16

• Tolu Methodist Church will be having a Thanksgiving meal at 1 p.m. in the Tolu Community Center. The meal is free and everyone is invited.

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Track scholarship fund raising in Nov.

The Marty McKenney Memorial Scholarship, which supports Crittenden County track and field athletes, is hosting a new virtual walk or run challenge in place of its annual 5K this year. Participants can still register for the November challenge by choosing between two levels: \$15 for a scripture journal or \$30 for a scripture journal and T-shirt. The event encourages participants to either walk one mile each day throughout the month or set their own weekly or monthly mileage goal. Alongside the physical activity, participants are asked to read one chapter of Proverbs each day.

Supporters may also make a donation without participating in the virtual challenge. The challenge is being held during November in recognition of Lung Cancer Awareness Month, a cause especially meaningful to organizers, as Marty McKenney passed away from lung cancer. The scholarship honors McKenney’s legacy by assisting area student-athletes. The 2025 recipient was Asa McCord, and the 2024 recipient was Karsyn Potter.

Find a registration form at the group’s Facebook page or in the article at The-Press.com

I-24 bridge back to one lane on Monday

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will resume a daytime lane restriction on the Interstate 24 Tennessee River Bridge at the Marshall-Livingston County line, beginning Monday, Nov. 10. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in the direction where painting and corrective work are taking place. Crews plan to start on the eastbound side before moving to the westbound. The project is expected to take approximately two weeks, weather permitting. Motorists should stay alert for signage



and message boards directing traffic in the work zone. Please use caution.

County shuts down for Veterans Day

In observance of the Veterans Day holiday, the offices at Crittenden County Office Complex (Judge-Executive Office, County Clerk, PVA and Sheriff Office), Crittenden County Road Department, Marion Convenience Center and Crittenden County Animal Shelter, will be closed Tuesday Nov. 11.

Fredonia planning for Veterans Day event

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society and Fredonia American Legion Post 103 will host a Veterans Day service at 11:11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 11, at the Veterans Memorial. All veterans in attendance will be recognized, with special honors planned for Charlie Company, the former Princeton Army Reserve unit, and the Kentucky Army National Guard unit from Marion. The guest speaker will be veteran Mike Boyd, and new Post Commander Joe White will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fredonia American Legion Color Guard will raise a new U.S. flag and flags representing each branch of the military. Everyone is invited to attend and should bring their own chairs. Lunch for veterans will follow at the Fredonia Lions Club Building. Engraved bricks may be ordered anytime to honor or memorialize veterans, first responders or correctional officers from any era. Order forms are available in the mailbox at the memorial.

Burna Legion will host Thanksgiving

Logan E. Clark American Legion Post 217 will host its annual Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16. The Auxiliary organizes the yearly event as a community fundraiser. The dinner will be held at the post, located at 1360 U.S. 60 West in Burna. There will be no breakfast at the post in November. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14.

Pharmacies holding Turkey Art Contest

Glenn’s Pharmacies is inviting children ages 5-12 to participate in its annual Disguise a Turkey Art Contest. Young artists are encouraged to use their creativity to help a paper turkey “escape Thanksgiving dinner” by turning it into anything imaginable, a superhero, ballerina, robot or rock star. Entries will be accepted through Nov. 21 at either Glenn’s Apothecary, 520 W. Gum St. in Marion, or Glenn’s Prescription Center, 119 E. Main St. in Salem. Participants may use crayons, markers, paint, fabric, glitter and other materials. Each entry must include the artist’s name, age and phone number. Prizes will be awarded for creativity and effort, and winners will be announced Nov. 26 on the Glenn’s Pharmacies Facebook page.

Children’s Chrismas choir open to singers

Rehearsals for the Community Arts Foundation’s Children’s Christmas Choir begin this week at Fohs Hall. Directed by Michelle Crider, the choir is open to children ages 8-13, both beginner and experienced singers. Rehearsals are scheduled this month and next, through Dec. 14.

A month for counting lifetime of blessings

As we turn our calendars to November, we are reminded that this is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, one of my favorite holidays. Over the past month, I’ve been thinking quite a bit about some of the wonderful blessings and opportunities I have experienced in my life. Most of these have direct connections to Livingston County, although some are uniquely tied to Crittenden County. Let’s reflect together in the spirit of Thanksgiving and “counting our blessings.”

What a blessing it was to have been born into the home of J.W. and Marca Lee Clarke and raised to know and follow Jesus. I’m so thankful for that loving home and family in which I was encouraged (along with my three siblings) to not simply grow, but to flourish – soaring on the backs of hard work, dedication, commitment and paying meticulous attention to detail. “Mediocre” was never tolerated. I will always be thankful for the wonderful start I was given in the Clarke home.

While in high school, I met my first love – farming. I had some amazing farming opportunities, thanks in large part to Mr. L.M. “Chicken” Rudolph of Salem. He had been my Sunday school teacher in the Junior Boys class at Salem Baptist Church. I went to work for him during the week of spring break in April 1972. After that week, I farmed on Saturdays until school was out for the summer, then I farmed six

days each week until classes resumed in late August. I absolutely loved it. A year later we became partners when we bought a farm together. By November 1974, during my senior year of high school, I had made enough off our farm to purchase Mr. Rudolph’s half of it. Now I was farming on my own and loving it. I will always be thankful to Mr. Rudolph for his assistance in helping me get started. By the spring of 1977, I still loved farming, but I had a new “first love” – the former Shelia McDowell, oldest daughter of Hubert and Ann McDowell. Shelia grew up in the McMurray Chapel area of Livingston County, across the road from Jimmy and Wanda McGrew’s shop, just north of River Road between Birdsville and Bayou. I have no doubt that God put us together – literally. We met one Friday night in early August 1975 at Catilla’s Restaurant in Salem. I had sung that night with our Salem Baptist Men’s Quartet at the Pinckneyville Baptist Church revival. Several folks from Salem Baptist came to Pinckneyville that night. We were still enjoying our fellowship after the service as the custodian waited on us to leave so he could turn out the lights and lock up. I suggested that we go out to Catilla’s for pie and coffee and continue our time of fellowship. A few others agreed to meet me at the restaurant. When we walked in, Shelia and her family were in the restaurant’s dining room singing and playing country music. The more I watched Shelia and listened to her angelic voice, the more smitten I became. When I met her dad during a break and

mentioned that I had bought a bass guitar a couple of weeks earlier, he suggested that I bring my bass guitar and amp down to their house and play some music with Shelia and her brother, Barry. Of course, I jumped at the chance to spend more time with this “angel.” God put us together, and over time, the dominoes began to fall, leading us to repeat our wedding vows together on April 24, 1977. What a tremendous blessing. The next big blessing came in October 1979 when our first child was born. This changed everything in our lives. Our next bundle of joy arrived in June 1984 while we lived in Campbellsville, followed by our third child, who was born in March 1990 at Crittenden Hospital. Our first grandchild arrived in 2005, followed by others in 2008, 2011, 2014 and 2019. Our children and grandchildren have been the greatest blessings of our lives. Regarding my 44 years of ministry, I’ve had the amazing opportunity to serve four wonderful churches, one of which was Marion Baptist Church (Aug. 1999–Dec. 2003). I’m so thankful for the four-plus years I had the privilege of serving the fine folks at Marion Baptist. I’m also in my 22nd year of full-time equestrian ministry. What an amazing blessing. I’m already out of room, and I’m just getting started. What about you? Have you counted your blessings lately? Let me encourage you to do so once again. You’ll be amazed as you “name them one by one.” In the words of a familiar song, “Thank you, Lord, for your blessings on me.”



From the Press Archives – 50 Years Ago
Members of the Crittenden County High School FFA soil judging team posed for a photo 50 years ago after competing at the University of Kentucky’s experiment farm in Princeton. Representing the school were (from left) Kenneth Jackson, Billy McConnell, Charles Knight and Claud Brantley. Students judged land based on slope, erosion, texture, drainage and other factors that affect productivity.

10 YEARS AGO

November 5, 2015

■ Crittenden County was poised replace its last wooden bridge, which was on White Road. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom mentioned this type of bridge has a three-ton limit. Danny Fowler, a magistrate, acknowledged the unique craftsmanship of the bridge. The replacement was scheduled for December.
■ Crittenden County students participated in Color Runs at Marion-Crittenden County Park to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage activity. The events, designed to be untimed, involving students from the three county schools, with superintendent Vince Clark and principal Curtis Brown, an avid runner, joining in the fun.
■ Barrett Belt and Chris Cooksey, volunteers from Marion Fire Department, made a special visit to Crittenden County Elementary School. They spoke to the preschool students about vital fire safety topics, making sure the young ones learned valuable lessons. Teacher Angel McDonald was thrilled to see the shiny red fire truck captivate the 3-and-four-year-olds.

25 YEARS AGO

November 9, 2000

■ The annual 4-H Awards Banquet recognized local 4-H members and leaders for their participation. The Blast off Blues 4-H Club received the Outstanding 4-H Club Award, with leaders Vicki Collins and Kim McDonald accepting the recognition. Joseph Fowler and Kristina Wallace were recognized as Outstanding Senior 4-H members. Jackie Robertson received the I Dare You Award, and Elizabeth Stevens received an Outstanding 4-H Leader Award.
■ Crittenden County won the third and fourth-grade little league football championship with a nail-biting 2-0 victory over Caldwell County. Dylan Clark and Gaige Courtney made a game-winning tackle for Crittenden. Rodney Robertson led the Rockets’ offense with 36 rushing yards. Crittenden’s defense was also strong, with Courtney leading in tackles.
■ Buddy Nicholas, the former Lyon Country High School administrator from 1971-1994, stepped into the role of interim principal at Crittenden County Middle School. He filled the position left vacant since the beginning of the school year. Nicholas replaced J.D. Whitehead, and he planned to oversee the day-to-day operations.

50 YEARS AGO

November 6, 1975

■ The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of the Halloween Window Painting Contest. Each winning window received \$5, with \$3 for second place. More than 300 students participated. First place winners included Michael Coleman, Billy McDaniel, Eddie Rozwalka, Cindy Hendricks, Melissa Jones, Paula Holloman, Reshelle Fletcher, Steve Chandler and Keith Price
■ Rocket coach Roy Cherry praised Greg Brantley’s performance as his best game of the year, following Crittenden’s victory over Ballard County. Brantley’s impressive performance earned him the player of the week title, with Coach Cherry highlighting Brantley’s three sacks of the quarterback.
■ The Crittenden County High School Student Council visited each freshman English class to offer help, advice, and encouragement. Mrs. Mary Rohrer, freshman English teacher, and Mrs. Ruth Hill, guidance counselor, were also present. Terry Wright, Billy Turley, Pam Beavers and Rhonda Kirk were among the students who participated.

EMS

Continued from page 1 service. To ensure continuous coverage, the court voted to advertise immediately for bids for an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance service. The new contract will run five years beginning Jan. 1, 2026, with an annual review each April. Either party may terminate with 180 days written notice.

Bid options include three staffing alternatives: Two units 10 hours per day (8 a.m.–6 p.m.) and one unit 14 hours (6 p.m.–8 a.m.) with one on-call unit; or two units 8 hours per day (8 a.m.–4 p.m.) and one unit 16 hours (4 p.m.–8 a.m.) with one on-call unit; or one unit 24 hours per day with an on-call backup for each active unit. Bids are due Thursday, Nov. 20 and will be opened during the regular fiscal court meeting that morning. Newcom says ComCare has ex-

pressed some interest in participating in the bid process. Each bidder must be a Kentucky-certified paramedic provider and include a plan of operation for countywide ALS coverage. County officials wouldn’t speculate on price bids might be for operating the service, but they are quite certain they will be as much or more than the current contract and could depend on how much interest in generated by the request for bids.

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The gentle voice of God in turbulent times

In my experience, mature adults do not shout or blame or refuse to take responsibility. The best of us can see how we may have contributed to a situation that led to someone else making a bad decision. The worst of us contribute to situations in an intentional, manipulative way and lead others to do or say exactly what we want.

The first will take responsibility and work toward a solution beneficial to the greatest number of people. The latter will continue to use empty language of morality to continue coercing their followers into fracturing the very society they claim they are trying to save.

The history of how our nation arrived at this point is long and complex. It has roots in directions taken because of the Reformation and Enlightenment. Both of which I think were

good things that also unleashed some dangerous tendencies toward, “everyone doing what is right in their own eyes.” (See Judges 17:6, 18:1, 19:1, 21:25).

The American Civil War was fought with both sides justifying their position with the Bible. The argument was not about the authority but how to interpret it. We fought a bloody war over it. Today’s fracturing is of a different nature. For various reasons, we no longer agree on a common source of morality. In the past, even those who rejected it could not escape it because it was in the thinking of the time.

Our current fracturing is over the authority we will choose. We may still use the language of morality, but it is no longer attached to its source. It has become attached to a cause, a political party, or

simply one’s own personal preferences. We still use words like “love,” “peace,” “faith,” “sin,” “faithfulness” but only in reference to our chosen groups.

This time the violence is showing up at seemingly random times and places. We keep blaming it on mental health or gun laws or racism or bullying; all of which play a role but is not the root. We cannot solve our challenges with coercion or manipulation or blaming others.

Most of us have the solution right in front of us. Most of us get through our days by giving others the benefit of doubt. We use common courtesy. We listen when others speak. We keep focused on the work or task at hand rather than what the other person thinks. We help each other through the day, quietly and without much thought.

The story of humanity is full of drama – heroes and villains. It is full of injustice and war. It is rife with wretched laws and policies that justified all sorts of cruelty. The worst of these times remind us, eventually, that we have lost our

way. For those who believe in God, we know that he sees. We know that he often leaves us to our own devices while still caring for those who are faithful. He is...quiet. Not silent... quiet.

We live in a world so full of light pollution that most of us cannot walk outside on a clear, moonless night and see the Milky Way. We live in a world so noisy that even when all else is quiet in the woods, I can hear a motor running or tire noise from a highway. We are so inundated with information – like never before in the history of mankind – that it is difficult to still the mind. There is static and noise everywhere.

Then there is God – quietly watching and waiting

for us to stop – just for a moment and listen. God is quite capable of speaking from the fire. He is capable of violent destruction. He once led with a pillar of smoke and fire in the wilderness. There was certainly a racket on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. I have come to believe, however, that the noise is the exception.

When Adam and Eve broke faith with God in the garden we find Him walking in the cool of the evening. He did not shout He asked, “Where are you?” Psalm 42 includes the lines, “We will not fear though all the earth should change, though the waters (of the sea) roar and foam. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter.” He concludes

with “Be still, and know that I am God.”

Habakkuk 2 rehearses a litany of injustice and violence. The last verse reverses everything, “But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.” Isaiah tells of his servant who does not shout or lift up his voice but is instead a gentle healer. Jesus did not lash out on the cross but forgave.

Don’t chase the noise. Don’t be afraid of it. Don’t believe it. There is a quiet God that will guide us... listen.

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.

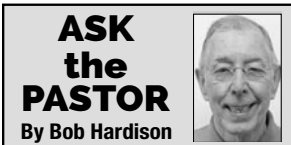


Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

God keeps his children securely in His hands

Question: An attractive woman at work and I have been spending time together after work. I arranged for her to accompany me on a business trip. I betrayed my wife. I’m filled with guilt. I’m questioning my relationship to God. Have I lost my salvation?

Answer: What you did is wrong! King David committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband, Uriah, killed. Psalm 51 is his prayer of repentance. God forgave him and restored his closeness with Him but he had to suffer the consequences of his action. If you’ll con-



fess your sin to God, He’ll certainly forgive you and cleanse you, but you’ll have to suffer the consequences for your actions.

Have you lost your salvation, your relationship with God? No! God holds His children securely. Jesus affirms, “I give (my sheep) eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given

them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. I and my Father are one” (Jn. 10:28-30).

The Father and Jesus have His children in their hands and nothing can remove them from their protective care. Our conversion, and the continuation of our relationship with Him, are both by His power—not ours. We may struggle to live out our faith, but we do not lose our salvation when we sin. Our relationship to God is secure in His power.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Religious Outreach

- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.

- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 4-5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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Sunday, Nov. 9-Wednesday, Nov. 11

Sunday Service @ 10:45 a.m.
Sunday-Wednesday
Evening @ 6 p.m.

with Guest Evangelist:
Rev. Billy R. Carter
from Leitchfield, KY

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“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”
— Proverbs 29:18

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and come praying!

**First Cumberland
Presbyterian Church**

224 West Bellville Street, Marion, Ky.
Services: 10:45 a.m. Sunday

WORSHIP

with us this week

Visit one of our area churches for worship and fellowship

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315 Emmaus Church Rd., Salem, Ky.
Rodney Phelps, Pastor
(270) 704-2400
emmausbaptistsalem@outlook.com
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**St. William
Catholic Church**
Sunday Mass 11 a.m.
Father Joji Joseph
860 S. Main St.
Marion, Ky.
(270) 965-2477

Mexico Baptist Church
Minister of Music Mike Crabtree
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.
175 Mexico Rd.
(270) 965-4059
MexicoBaptist.org

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

Emmanuel Baptist Church
108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.
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Tolu Methodist Church
Pastor: David Brown
We invite you to be our guest
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m.
Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.
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Freedom General Baptist Church
Pastor: Ross Atwell
87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion
(about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)
CHURCH TIMES:
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

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

Crooked Creek Baptist Church
261 Crooked Creek Church Rd.,
P.O. Box 442, Marion, Ky. • (270) 704-0914
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor, Hank Cayce “Come and Worship with Us”

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

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

growing in grace
2 Peter 3:18
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Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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Worship 10:45 p.m.
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Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee
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Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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

Marion Church of Christ
546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
- The end of your search for a friendly church -

Wartime letters from Crittenden County soldiers

In honor of Veterans Day on Tuesday, Nov. 11, let us remember our veterans who are still alive and always thank them for their service to our county. It's also a good time to remember veterans of the past and their service that they freely gave to make our county free.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press we find letters home from the soldiers shared by family and friends and printed so everyone could share some of the events that were happening overseas with our young men. In these letters you can sense some of their feelings about being in the war.

Because of the Office of Censorship regulations, the printing of the full addresses of men overseas were not given, neither were their service organization numbers, names or the names of ships.

**From Sam Railey
On Luzon,
Feb. 21, 1945**
Teddy Hinchee,
Repton, Ky.

Dear Ted:
Will drop you a few lines while I have a little spare time. We have been busy ever since we landed on Luzon. I guess you saw in the paper about us being here.

Saw some clippings out of the paper back there, and it told about our being here. I sure did hate to hear about Marvin Hughes being dead for he was a real pal, I also heard about Pig (Forrest) Brantley getting killed.

We heard Tom Hinchee was back home now. So I guess he has told you a lot about what he has gone through. These Japs sure have burned up these towns over here and done the Filipino people awful.

Ted, I really had a close call but I come out all right. Did you get to see George Travis while he was at home? I heard they had gotten word about John McKinney. That sure was bad. They say Willie Wyatt is back in the States now. I sure will be glad when we get the hell whipped out of these damned Japs, so all of us boys can be back home for good. I got a letter from home saying they were taking a lot of the boys from there in the Army.

I have been sleeping in a hole every night since we got here and that sure does get old.

I must close for now. I would have written sooner but haven't had time.

With best of luck, Your Pal, Sam. L. Railey.
(A treasured letter, I'm sure, by his friend Ted

Hinchee. For Sam was Killed In Action just the next month on March 23, 1945. He was a member of the Co. I 149th Inf., 38th Division, as were the others he mentioned that had gotten killed). After the war his body was sent home and he is buried in the Rosebud Cemetery with other members of his family.

Brenda Underdown
County Historian
Forgotten Passages

From Louis Myers
In France,
February, 1945.
Miss Kathryn Myers, Marion Ky.

Dear Kathryn:
Will answer your letter I just received a few minutes ago. Was glad to hear from you, but sorry you had been ill. I hope this will find all of you well. As for myself, I'm o.k., except I still have a very bad cold.

Kathryn, did you spank Willie on his birthday for me? My birthday will be next Friday and then yours won't be long off. This is a day I'll remember.

Well, one year ago today I arrived home on my last furlough. Boy, it sure seems like a lot longer than just one year.

You tell Willie that I guess I won't kill any more Jerries for him. I can't say that I have killed any at all, but I can say I did plenty of shooting.

You may see a German fall after shooting at him, but you aren't sure you are the one that got him or not. But the most important thing is for you to keep him from getting you. I didn't duck in time to feel safe a lot of times, but I'm still alive with only a small part missing.

I wish I could tell you more about my experiences over here and all, but that's against army rules. And the less I talk about it the sooner I hope to forget about it.

So for now I guess all that will have to wait. There are three of us brothers in this thing together. And it's only going to be God alone that is going to take us all very often. When there are three mixed up in something, I honestly hope I'm all wrong, but some how I have that feeling all the time. Anyone just can't go on without stopping or do as they please forever. So I guess we all have our time.

Well, I guess I'll sign off here and write my wife and baby. I just came off duty and I am very sleepy. So answer real soon and tell all the folks hello for me.

Love, Louis Myers.
(Louis got to come home to his family. He died Aug. 29, 1975 and is buried at Freedom Cemetery.



A World War II souvenir silk pillow cover, a favorite item for soldiers overseas to send to a loved one at home as a special reminder of a loved one overseas.

From Harland Doom
March 16, 1945
Seven Springs Church,
Dycusburg, Ky.

Hello Everybody:
As my letters are read to all. I do think of you very often and wonder how you are getting along these days. It's been almost three years since I saw most of you and guess quite a few have grown up until I wouldn't know you, but any way it's just about the same with the exception of being a little older. Sometimes I feel very old, but most of the time it's just a skip at heart.

Very often I get letters telling me of the boys that won't be coming back and it does make me very sad for I know what they mean to mothers, fathers, wives, and sweethearts. I know they have not died in vain for it's for people like you all over the world they have died and surely God will see them safely through.

I know we are forgotten by lots of people but it's not people like you and mothers and fathers but people that just like to have a good time and think of nothing but themselves.

I would like to make one request if it's not too much I would like a snapshot of the young peol's class if you can get the film and it is not too much trouble. You may be sure the other boys overseas would be just as glad to have one as I would.

Well, it's bye for now and hope we will be seeing each other before too long.

Yours Always, Harland Doom. (Harland did get to come home to his family in Dycusburg. He died in 1990 and is buried in Dycusburg Cemetery.)

From Orville C. Hall
March 3, 1945
M. W. Hall,
Dycusburg, Ky.

My dear Friend:
Will write you a few words in answer to your letter and I was surprised to hear from you but was proud too that you wrote to me.

Well, I am fine and I sure thank God for that. I am sure you have had a wonderful time with the good people around Seven Springs. I have got loved ones and friends around there, and I would give a lot just to be

with them right now.
The weather sure is hot here. It is almost too hot to work at times. I sure will be glad when this cruel war is ended. Well, I don't know much to write, so I will say good night for now, wishing you good luck in your work for God.
Yours, Orville C. Hall
(Orville made it home safely to his family and died in 1985, buried at Tyner's Chapel Cemetery.

History of Veterans Day – A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.
(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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NEW! Crittenden County, KY – 13.99 Acres - \$124,900

This 13+/- acres includes a 3BR, 2BA home in Crittenden County, quiet rural setting with outbuildings, yard, food plot areas, timbered ridges, and deer and turkey hunting opportunities.

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This 16.41+/- acres near Marion features a 3 bed/2 bath, 1,760 sq. ft. home with new metal roof, open concept, stainless steel appliances, partial covered deck, 3-car garage, two ponds, and pasture and woods mix.

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Livingston County, KY – 159 Acres - \$520,725

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bid notice

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tendencountyky.org. Bids will be opened at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Fiscal Court which begins at 8:30 a.m., November 20, 2025. The contract will be in effect for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2026, running through December 31, 2030, with an annual intent to continue due by April 1st of each year as agreeable by each party. Crittenden County Fiscal Court or the awarded bidder may terminate contract with an 180-day written notice by either party. Bids submitted shall be for the following alternatives: Alternate 1) operating two units 10 hours per day, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and one unit 14 hours per day from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., with one on-call unit during this 14-hour period. Alternate 2) operating two units 8 hours per day, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and one unit 16 hours per day, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. with one on-call unit during this 16-hour period. Alternate 3) operating one unit 24 hours per day with one on-call unit to cover each active unit. All bidders shall be Kentucky Certified Paramedic and shall submit a personal resume including his/her professional experience and the experience of other personnel who will be involved in the operations of the service. Each bidder shall include their proposed plan of operation providing the advanced life support ambulance service to the citizens of Crittenden County, KY. Additional questions may be directed to the Crittenden County Judge Executive, Crittenden County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Dr., Ste. A, Marion, KY 42064 or by calling (270) 965-5251 or email at perry.newcom@crittendencountyky.org. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS 45-A. (1t-44-c)

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Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission Member Nomination Meeting

A meeting to nominate candidates for the 4th District representative on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission will be held Nov. 20 at Rough River State Resort Park, 450 Lodge Road, Falls of Rough, Ky. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. (Central time). Doors open at 6 p.m.

The commission provides oversight of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and guides development of the state's regulations on hunting, fishing, boating and related matters.

Resident hunters or anglers of the 4th District who, for the past 2 consecutive years, have held a Kentucky hunting or fishing license or hunted or fished in Kentucky while license-exempt under KRS 150.170, may participate in the nomination meeting. The 4th Wildlife District includes Adair, Barren, Cumberland, Edmonson, Grayson, Green, Hardin, Hart, Larue, Marion, Metcalfe, Monroe, Nelson, Taylor and Washington counties.

Nominees must: be a current resident of the district; not be a convicted felon; have held hunting and fishing licenses for at least the previous 5 consecutive years or hunted and fished in Kentucky while license-exempt under KRS 150.170; and be well informed about wildlife conservation and restoration. The names of nominees chosen at the meeting will be submitted to the governor, who will appoint one of the nominees, subject to Kentucky Senate confirmation.

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §90.05 KEEPING HOGS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular called meeting held on October 20, 2025, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a regular called meeting of the City Council held on September 15, 2025, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance amends §90.05 Keeping Hogs to read Stockyards/ Barns/Pens for Livestock or exotic animals and shall make it unlawful for any person to operate a stockyard, barn or enclosure for the purpose of keeping animals within the limits of the City. Animals are defined horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, oxen, ponies, ratites, poultry, and others as set forth.

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

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Middle School Results

7th Grade Boys
Crittenden 44, Caldwell 36
Moss 25, Martin 2, Merrill 2, Topp 2, Polk 1, Taylor 11, Martin 1.
Crittenden 32, Caldwell 24
M. Penn 10, Nelson 4, Hearell 3, Mattingly 5, Binkley 10.

8th Grade Boys
Caldwell 51, Crittenden 11
Myers 5, Sherrer 3, Brown 3
Caldwell 42, Crittenden 16
Louden 3, M. Penn 7, Nelson 1, Hearell 5.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Coyote night, no lights	July 1 - Nov 30
Squirrel	Aug 16 - Nov 7
Crow	Sep 1 - Nov 9
Deer archery	Sept 6 - Jan 19
Turkey archery	Sept 6 - Jan 19
Deer crossbow	Sept 20 - Jan 19
Raccoon	Oct 1 - Feb 28
Woodcock	Oct 25 - Nov 7
Deer gun	Nov 8-23
Turkey crossbow	Nov 8 - Dec 31
Bobcat trapping	Nov 10 - Feb 28
Squirrel	Nov 10 - Feb 28
Quail	Nov 10 - Feb 10
Rabbit	Nov 10 - Feb 10
Raccoon trapping	Nov 10 - Feb 28
Woodcock	Nov 10 - Dec 10
Coyote trapping	Nov 10 - Feb 28
Bobcat	Nov 15 - Feb 28
Youth waterfowl	Nov 22
Duck	Nov 27 - Nov 30
Canada goose	Nov 27 - Feb 15
Snow Ross goose	Nov 27 - Feb 15
White-fronted goose	Nov 27 - Feb 15
Dove	Nov 27 - Dec 7
Coyote night, lights	Dec 1 - March 31
Turkey shotgun	Dec 6 - Dec 12
Duck	Dec 7 - Jan 31
Deer muzzleloader	Dec 13-21
Dove	Dec 20 - Jan 11
Deer Free Youth	Dec 27-28
Crow	Jan 4 - Feb 28
Youth waterfowl	Feb 14
Coyote daytime	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round

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SOCCER Geary finishes No. 3

Crittenden County senior soccer player Ella Geary finished her career this fall with 76 goals and 36 as-sists. Her career scoring ranks No. 3 all-time for the Lady Rockets high school soccer program. Geary was chosen all-district this season for the fourth straight time and all-region for the second straight season.



VOLLEYBALL Sherer Play of the Year

Crittenden County senior Lilah Sherer has been named the Second Region Volley-ball Player of the Year. The Lady Rocket setter led her team in as-sists this season with 474, averaging 7.18 per set, and she also contributed 110 digs, 18 service aces and 60 kills. Sherer, a four-year varsity player, was a key leader for Crittenden, helping guide the Lady Rockets to their eighth straight district championship.



Rockets blast Storm; playoffs Friday

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County enters the post-season on a five-game winning streak and plenty of momentum after blasting Hopkins County Central 56-21 to close the regular season.
The Rockets (7-3) will host McLean County (5-5) Friday in the opening round of the Class 2A Playoffs. The Cougars finished third in District 2 and were ranked No. 12 in the Courier Journal's preseason 2A poll.
Crittenden's offense has been red hot down the stretch, averaging more than 45 points per game during its current win streak. Senior quarterback Quinn Summers fueled the regular-season finale, accounting for six first-half touchdowns – three passing and three rushing – as the Rockets exploded for 42 first-half points and never looked back.
Summers completed 13-of-21 passes for 240 yards and ran for 48 more. Caden Howard caught four passes for 115 yards, including a 75-yard score late in the second quarter, while Eli Lovell added a pair of touchdowns, one on a 3-yard reception and another by falling on a fumbled punt snap in the end zone.
Defensively, the Rockets forced five turnovers. Joel Bumpus, Davis Perryman, and Trae Taylor each had interceptions, with Perryman also recovering a fumble. Bumpus added a short rushing touchdown in the third quarter.
Taylor led Crittenden's rushing attack with 66 yards on five carries, while Lovell and Perryman combined for 87 receiving yards and three total scores. The Rockets outgained Hopkins Central 384-151 and limited the Storm to just one first down after halftime.
Friday's playoff matchup at Rocket Stadium kicks off at 7 p.m. The winner will advance to face the survivor between Hancock County and Caldwell County in the second round.

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Crittenden County	15	27	14	0
Hopkins Central	0	21	0	0
SCORING PLAYS				
C-Quinn Summers	12	run	(Brayden Poindexter pass from Summers)	11:33, 1st
C-Davis Perryman	25	pass from Summers	(Mitchell Brown kick)	5:37, 1st
H-Kamron Harrison	41	run	(Kaijain Hayes pass from Syllas Gunn)	11:07, 2nd
H-Isac Earl	55	interception return	(Jude Mitchell kick)	10:22, 2nd
C-Eli Lovell	3	pass from Summers	(Brown kick fail)	7:26, 2nd
C-Summers	6	run	(Summers run)	4:21, 2nd
H-Gunn	67	run	(kick blocked)	3:58, 2nd
C-Caden Howard	75	pass from Summers	(Brown kick)	3:37, 2nd
C-Summers	20	run	(run failed)	:36, 2nd
C-Joel Bumpus	5	run	(Brown kick)	9:18, 3rd
C-Lovell		recovered fumble in end zone	(Brown kick)	7:20, 3rd
TEAM TOTALS				
First Downs:	CCHS 16,	HCHS 6		
Penalties:	CCHS 4-40,	HCHS 9-70		



The Rocket defense buttoned things up in the second half to win going away at Hopkins Central on Friday. At top, Crittenden defenders Joel Bumpus (3) and Eli Lovell make a tackle. Directly above, Noah Byford and Lovell team up on a Storm runner.

Rushing: CCHS 24-143, HCHS 22-115
Passing: CCHS 14-22-1, 241; HCHS 6-18-3, 36
Total Yards: CCHS 384, HCHS 151
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 1-1, HCHS 5-2
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing
CCHS: Trae Taylor 5-66, Summers 5-48, Bumpus 5-30, Azariah Rich 3-7, Logan Nolan 2-4, Kaden Harrington 2-2, Conner Poindexter 2-(-14). HCHS: Harrison 13-77, Gunn 9-38.
Passing
CCHS: Summers 13-21-1, 240; C.Poindexter 1-1-0, 1. HCHS: Gunn 6-18-3, 36.
Receiving
CCHS: Howard 4-115, Lovell 5-55, Dokota

Sosh 2-38, Perryman 2-32, Noah Byford 1-1.
Defense
Brandsasse solo, assist, sack; Howard solo; Pierson 3 solos, 2 assists, 2 TFLs; Poindexter 7 solos, 3 assists, 2 TFLs; D.Sosh solo; Taylor assist, interception; Byford 2 assists; Nolan 4 assists, sack; Perryman 2 solos, assist, fumble recovery, interception; Lovell 3 solos, 3 assists, interception; A.Rich 3 solos, 2 assists; Bumpus 5 solos, 6 assists, TFL, interception.
Players of the Game: Offense Quinn Summers, Defense Joey Bumpus; Lineman Braydin Brandsasse, Special Teams Trae Taylor and Caden Howard.
Records: Crittenden 7-3, Hopkins Central 2-7

Rockets finish season with 1A state race

STAFF REPORT
A pair of Crittenden County Lady Rockets wrapped up their cross country seasons on Saturday and marked their fifth trip to the state meet.
Lady Rocket distance runner senior Ella Geary closed her high school career with a 153rd-place finish in the Kentucky Beef Council Class 1A State Championships at the Kentucky Horse Park, completing the 5,000-meter course in 25:58.09. Junior Presley Potter, also a five-time state qualifier, finished 168th in 26:34.14.
Beechwood's Lily Parke repeated as the Class 1A individual champion with a time of 18:55.64, while Lexington Christian claimed the team title with 57 points.
In the boys' race, Crittenden County placed 28th overall with 661 points. River Rogers led the Rockets in 89th place (19:26.70), followed by Noah Martinez (101st, 19:37.71), C.J. Nelson (113th, 19:48.09), Gaige Markham (227th, 22:15.32), Miles Yates (239th, 22:54.81), Landon Starkey (244th, 23:13.10) and Aiden Musser (247th, 23:46.78).
Louisville Collegiate captured the boys' team championship with 69 points, and James Gurvey of Collegiate won the individual title in 15:51.44.



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Crittenden County Middle School beat Caldwell County in a seventh-grade game last week. Pictured here are Tripp Martin (11) and Bode Merrill (14) with the perimeter defense while Noah Moss settles into the post area.

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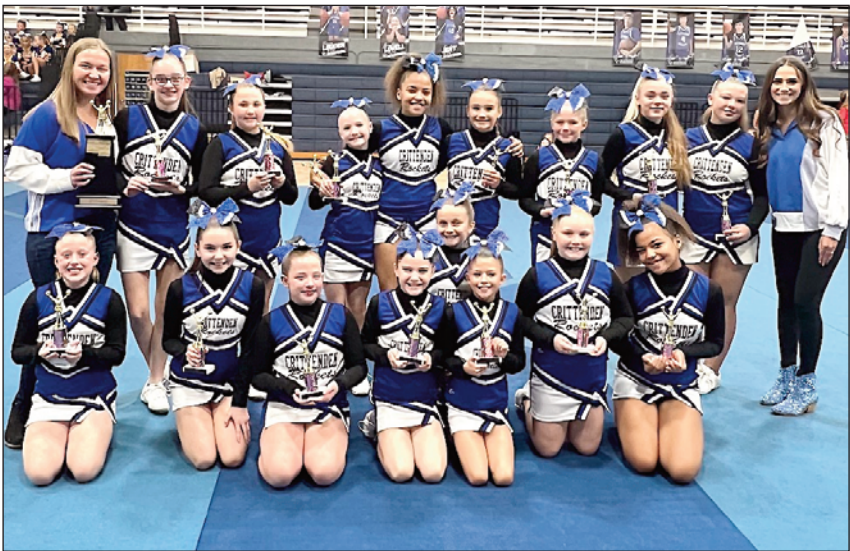
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Crittenden County's third- and fourth-grade cheer squad won the West Kentucky Junior Pro competitive cheerleading contest for the second straight year last weekend. Pictured are (front from left) Kendall Buell-Belt, Evelyn James, Allie Kirk, Alanna McLean, Faith Crotty, Lynleigh Hubbard, Audrey Smiley, Beckett Bebout, Adalynn Stone, Haisley Matthews, Lyliah Householder, (back) coach Nicole Bebout, Karlie Hewitt, McKinna Antikowiak, Miya West, Caleigh Maddux, Bella Pierson, coach Brittney Buell-Schneider, Blayze Moss, Zaylie Tinsley, Kailea Mason, Fiona Ritchie, Lauren Boone, Ari Conner, Kynzleigh Meeks, Jentry Wright and Kaelyn Omer.

Crittenden County's fifth- and sixth-grade cheer squad won the West Kentucky Junior Pro competitive cheerleading contest last weekend as part of the football jamboree at Rocket Stadium. Pictured are (front from left) Jayleigh Tinsley, Jasely Guess, Audrina Rich, Jordyn Champion, Ellie Stokes, Carley Montalta, Ava Crisp, Caitlyn McElroy, (back) coach Whitney Williams, Catelynn Maddux, Khloe Walters, Trinity Clifford, Addison McElroy, Brilee Gardner, Karsin Gardner, Aria Lily-McKenah Ford, Rylann Thomas and coach Makensie Wurtman.



Deer Rifle Season Opens

Another CWD case found in Kentucky; drones are now regulated by KDFWR

STAFF REPORT
Deer rifle season opens Saturday across Kentucky and it will run for 16 days through Nov. 23.

Locally, Hunters for the Hungry will be accepting donated deer. The dropoff location is Family Butcher Shop on Rooster Lane northwest of Mattoon off of KY 654. Herman Yoder at the butcher shop started processing deer in 1989 with about 75 the first fall deer season. Now, the shop sometimes handles 1,000 or more. Last year, numbers were down a bit. Hunters for the Hungry typically accepts the first 80 deer without a charge to the hunter. After that quota is reached, the hunter can pay for basic processing and donate the meat.

More CWD found in KY
A wild deer in Pulaski County has tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), marking Kentucky's second confirmed case of the fatal neurological disease in wild deer, the state Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources announced last week.

The infected animal, a 2½-year-old male white-tailed deer, was harvested earlier this hunting season. Two independent laboratory tests confirmed the presence of abnormal proteins, or prions, that cause the disease.

CWD was previously detected in a wild deer in Ballard County in Dec. 2023 and in nine captive deer in Breckinridge County, one in Oct. 2024 and eight in Aug. 2025.



Crittenden County deer hunters have already taken 333 deer this fall, 167 by archery means.

Fish and Wildlife officials said the disease, which affects deer, elk and other cervids, has no cure or vaccine and is always fatal. While it is not known to spread to humans, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises against eating meat from infected animals.

Since 2002, the department has tested more than 70,000 deer and elk statewide. Wildlife Division Director Ben Robinson said regular testing has been key to monitoring herd health and that officials will work closely with hunters and partners "to try to contain it."

Counties in western Kentucky – including Union, Webster and Henderson – remain under carcass transportation and baiting restrictions as part of the CWD Surveillance Zone established after earlier detections.

Mast Crop Stronger
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' 2025 Mast Sur-

vey came out last month, showing an overall improvement in acorn and nut production statewide – a positive sign for deer and other wildlife this fall – but Livingston County's mast crop is below average. Livingston is one of the points for data gathering for the project.

Survey details from Livingston County showed failure for both white and red oaks and poor for hickories, indicating light acorn and nut production in the area's hardwood forests. That's in contrast to the overall good statewide ratings for both red and white oaks and average for hickories.

Observers in Crittenden County have also noted a strong crop of nuts this fall. Additionally, data across western Kentucky as a whole rated good for white and red oaks, average for hickories and average for beech. That suggests hunters in other parts of the region may find better acorn availability

than those in Livingston County.

Statewide, mast conditions improved notably from last year, with red oak crops rebounding sharply and beech mast reaching its highest level since 2019. Wildlife officials say deer, turkeys and squirrels will be drawn to the most productive trees and woodlots this fall.

New drone regs
New restrictions are now in place to prevent the use of aircraft and drone technologies in Kentucky's hunting and fishing activities.

The regulation will provide guidance regarding the use of aircraft, including drones, while hunting, fishing or participating in other outdoor activities. It will also provide a framework for our wardens to work within when investigating and enforcing potential violations.

Defined in 301 KAR 3:140, the new regs say that a person shall not use an aircraft or unmanned aircraft system to fish, hunt or take wildlife or to drive or herd any wildlife for the purpose of fishing, hunting or taking and shall not harass any wildlife.

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Broadband knocking on Crittenden’s northern doors

STAFF REPORT

Linda Boone, who lives along KY 365 between Mattoon and Sturgis, said she expects to be connected to the new Conexon Connect high-speed internet service this week. Crews have already hard-wired her home, running fiber from the utility pole where boxes have been installed to deliver service. A second crew is scheduled to complete the final hookup.

For more than four years, Boone said she's gone without a whole-house internet connection, relying only on her phone's weak hotspot.

"I look forward to being able to use my computer online," she said. "Nowadays almost everything you buy doesn't



come with instructions. You have to look them up online and that's hard to do on your phone.

"I try to do genealogy research, but after about an hour looking at that little screen, I get cross-eyed," she added.

Boone and her adult son, Lee, live together, and she said he's even more eager for the new service because he enjoys online gaming with family and friends. She subscribed to an upper-level package that offers

high speed with no data limit for under \$100 per month, and she'll receive a \$14 monthly discount during her first year.

She's noticed the new utility boxes extending along KY 365 and south on U.S. 60 nearly to Mattoon, a sign that most homes along those routes will soon have broadband available, too.

Residents in northern Crittenden County are indeed starting to notice these changes. Fiber lines and connection boxes are appearing along major routes, signaling that a long-awaited broadband expansion project is becoming a reality. The effort is part of Conexon Connect's ongoing partnership with Kenergy Elec-

tric Cooperative to deliver high-speed internet to rural parts of western Kentucky.

Conexon Connect began moving south from Union County into Crittenden County earlier this year. Once the project is complete, every Kenergy customer in the county will have access to reliable, affordable broadband, the same fiber service already in use across parts of Union, Henderson, and Daviess counties.

The project is one of the most significant local infrastructure developments in decades, fueled by a mix of federal and state funding and private investment. Kenergy's existing electric network provides the framework for the new fiber

system, allowing efficient installation and reducing costs.

Conexon Connect's map shows current service zones extending through communities along the U.S. 60 corridor and north into areas between Sturgis and Blackford, all in the rural northern area of Crittenden County. More phases will follow in coming months, reaching every Kenergy-served home. Company officials have also said they hope to expand further by partnering with other utilities – including Kentucky Utilities and municipal systems across western Kentucky – to make broadband accessible to even more customers.



Pictures are from Saturday's 5th-6th grade quarterfinal game and the 3rd-4th grade semifinal win against Hopkins County (clockwise from top left) cheerleader Haisley Matthews; tackle Scotty Crotty lines up on the ball while QB Ayden Oliver calls for the snap; Oliver (4) gains ground on a running play; Cam Cornwell (15) grabs a pass; and directly above are Gannon Taylor and RJ Harris slowing down a Webster ballcarrier while Ty Hardin heads him off.

League Champions Junior Pro Rockets' defense carries the day – and season

STAFF REPORT

Undefeated and unscored upon all season long, Crittenden County's third- and fourth-grade football team captured the West Kentucky Junior Pro Jamboree championship on Sunday, beating Caldwell County 6-0. Ayden Oliver scored the game's only touchdown on a 32-yard run. Defensive back Grayson Congenie intercepted a pass to stymie Caldwell's final drive.

In Saturday's rain-soaked semifinal, the young Rockets broke a scoreless tie when Oliver scored the go-ahead TD with 1:12 left in the game. Colton James intercepted a pass and went in for another touchdown in the final seconds as Crittenden won 13-0.

The team finished the season 8-0.

In a 5th-6th grade quarterfinal game Saturday, Webster County came from behind to beat Rockets 14-12. Crittenden held a 12-0 lead in the third quarter, but a turnover with 2:22 to play gave the Trojans great field position and they scored the winning touchdown with 19 seconds remaining.

Crittenden finished 1-6 on the season while Webster improved to 4-3.

Crittenden's cheerleading squads swept the jamboree's competitive cheer competition, see page 9 for photos.



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The City of Marion, KY is seeking an experienced, qualified applicant to fill the full-time position of City Administrator.

Marion has a population of about 3,100, an annual budget of approximately 4M+ and has 25+ f/t employees. The City Administrator is responsible for the efficient oversight, management, and day-to-day operation of the affairs of the City in accordance with Local, State, and Federal laws.

Demonstrated abilities include, but are not limited to, the exercise of mature judgment and the ability to resolve municipal issues related to continual quality public service and interdepartmental relations; strong financial management; project management; town-planning and land use skills, as well as significant knowledge of municipal law. The candidate of choice will be a proven team builder, will possess excellent leadership skills, be collaborative in nature, effectively communicate, possess the ability to cultivate relationships and advance the initiatives currently underway. The City Administrator is appointed by, and accountable to, the Mayor of Marion.

Requirements: The successful candidate must possess a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in a related field with a specialization in business or public administration, plus administrative/managerial experience in a public jurisdiction or private organization preferred. Salary range for this position is \$65,000 - \$75,000 annually depending on experience and qualifications.

A City Application is available on the City's website (www.marionky.gov).

Deadline for submission of applications is close of business, December 5, 2025, or until a suitable candidate is found. Interviews will be on-going throughout the recruitment process.

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