

KY 295 bridge likely out for another year

Motorists traveling between Lyon and Crittenden counties will more than likely continue to self detour around a bridge on KY 295 at the county line for at least another year.

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says that based on his conversations with officials with the Kentucky Department of Highways, bids will go out next month from the Transportation Cabinet to find a contractor.

Based on what the county judge understands from the highway department, it could be next fall before work is complete and the bridge is reopened.

The bridge across Livingston Creek has been closed since early March when a routine inspection found deterioration of structural beams underneath it. The bridge is located between Joe Peek Road in Lyon County and Millie Peek Road in Crittenden County. Signs and barricades are posted on either side. About 675 vehicles travel across that bridge on a given day, according to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet data.

4-H hosting veterans lunch

Crittenden County 4-H and its middle and high school leadership clubs will host a free "Veterans are Souper" lunch for all veterans and their families from 11 a.m., to 1 p.m., Monday, Nov. 11 at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Crittenden County Taxes

Crittenden County tax bills were mailed last week. They are payable at a two-percent discount during November and face value throughout December. In January, there is a 5% penalty. After Jan. 31, there is a 10% penalty and an additional add-on fee of 10% to the sheriff for late collection.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, Nov. 7 – Crittenden County Board of Education meets for a working session at 5:30 p.m. at Rocket Arena.
- Monday, Nov. 11 – Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 12 – Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m. at the courthouse.
- Thursday, Nov. 14 – Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., at Rocket Arena.
- Monday, Nov. 18 – Fredonia City Council meets at 7 p.m. at city hall.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission meets at 8:30 a.m. at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Tuesday, Nov. 19 – Salem City Council meets at 5 p.m. at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Thursday, Nov. 21 – Crittenden County Conservation District meets at 6:30 p.m. at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Monday, Nov. 25 – Crittenden-Livingston Water District meets at 4 p.m. at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Tuesday, Nov. 26 – Livingston Fiscal Court meets at 5 p.m. at the county office complex in Smithland.



Pictured at top are individual award winners Jesie Hill, Maddie Travis, Layla West, Alan Stout, Crystal Capps and Leslea Barnes. In bottom photograph are owners and staff from H&H Home & Hardware (from left) Kiefer Watson, Layla West, Alana West, Shanna West, David West, Alan Hunt, Stacy Hunt, Phillis Hardin, Kevin Tinsley, Dakota Peck and Calvin Starrett.

Chamber rolls out its finest for annual community awards gala

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual gala and awards night on Saturday, recognizing exceptional individuals, businesses and organizations for their contributions to the community. The evening was filled with fellowship and gratitude as community leaders and citizens gathered to celebrate those who have gone above and beyond in 2024.

The night's top honor, the Legacy Award, was presented to U.S. Bankruptcy Chief Judge Alan Stout. Known for his remarkable career and service, Stout's contributions to the community span decades. His work in the legal field as the the longest serving county attorney in history, dedication to public service and support of local initiatives like Fohs Hall's restoration and expansion have cemented his status as a pillar of Crittenden County.

Chris and Allison Evans of The Crittenden Press presided as masters of ceremony for the event where several other honors were bestowed upon community members:

Volunteer of the Year went to Leslea Barnes, Crittenden County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development. Known as a force behind youth programs, Barnes dedicates countless hours to enriching the lives of young people

through education and community engagement.

Young Professional of the Year: Maddie Travis, a rising star who began her journey with the Chamber as a high school student who helped develop the Junior Chamber or Jaycees program. Known for her initiative and drive, Travis is now pursuing her dreams at the University of Kentucky while continuing to serve as a role model for young professionals.

Up and Coming Business of the Year: Marion & Co., revitalized a commercial building in Marion, transforming the former Conrad's Food Store into a bustling marketplace for over 85 local vendors. Owners Kent and Mindy Withrow have turned Marion & Co. into a thriving hub for small businesses and artisans.

Excellence in Corporate/Individual Social Responsibility: Crittenden County Extension Service was honored for its tireless work in promoting sustainable practices, agricultural education and youth activities. Extension's impact is felt across many facets of the community, from 4-H programs to health and nutrition outreach.

Young Tradesperson of the Year: Awarded

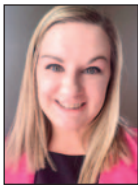
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TRUMP CARRIES COUNTY AND NATION

Cannabis passes; Conger elected

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council race drew considerable attention on Tuesday, as five incumbents were on the ballot alongside three registered write-in candidates.



Conger
On Council
as Write-In

With six council seats up for grabs, this was a closely watched race, even if it wasn't the tightest.

Write-in candidate



Nikki Conger, 30, a certified pharmacy technician at Glenn's Apothecary, will become the youngest member of the Marion City Council after winning 164 votes. She was the highest vote-getter of the three write-ins. All five incumbents were re-elected, led by

Bobby Belt with 657 votes. Also elected were Randy Dunn, Taylor Davis, Wanda Olson and Dwight Sherer.

"I just want to show everyone it doesn't matter how young you are or how new you are to anything that your voice matters," Conger said.

"And it is all of our responsibilities to step up and do something to help our city do better. We all live here, so we should all play a part in it."

Conger will take office in Janaury.

Elsewhere on the ballot, medical cannabis was approved in Marion, Salem, and in Crittenden and Livingston counties.

In countywide balloting, Amendment 1 "Yes" votes accounted for 65 percent of the

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Florida man faces various felonies from park assault

STAFF REPORT

A preliminary hearing was held last Wednesday, Oct. 30 in Crittenden District Court, where Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head provided testimony in the case against Davie Julian Rodriguez, 31, who faces numerous felony charges.

The hearing was presided over by Judge Ben Leonard, and Assistant County Attorney Cobie Evans presented a detailed account of events that led to Rodriguez's arrest a couple of weeks ago at Riverview Park in rural Crittenden County. He faces multiple charges, including felony first-degree wanton endangerment, domestic violence-related first-degree strangulation and unlawful imprisonment.



Rodriguez

Rodriguez is from around Ft. Myers, Fla., according to federal court records, but no address is listed on the citation here. He is currently being held on a \$10,000 cash bond. The charges against him include first-degree possession of controlled substances (opiates and fentanyl), four counts of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun, third-degree terroristic threatening and carrying a concealed deadly weapon. Additional charges include misdemeanor fourth-degree assault (dating violence), enhanced trafficking of marijuana under eight ounces, enhanced possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff Head testified last week that he responded to a domestic violence call at a campsite in Riverview Park on the Ohio River on Sunday, Oct. 20. The call involved a woman pleading for help and allegedly being beaten inside a camper. Upon arrival, the sheriff was flagged down by a witness that directed him to the camper. The sheriff was able to see through a window and observed Rodriguez sitting at a table with a loaded handgun magazine nearby. According to Sheriff Head's testimony, Rodriguez threatened to kill the victim, saying, "I will kill you. I will [expletive] kill you."

The woman was bleeding and begging to be let go, the sheriff testified.

The sheriff made entry into the camper with his service weapon drawn and ordered the female victim to leave. When Rodriguez refused to comply with orders to show his hands, Sheriff Head administered strikes with a flashlight before securing Rodriguez at gunpoint. Two firearms, including a loaded Glock with a round in the chamber and a .45 caliber Para 1911 handgun, were found

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Deaths

Farmer

Sharon Lee Farmer, 78, of Sturgis, died Thursday, October 31, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love and devotion. Sharon cherished her family and loved them fiercely. She eagerly did anything they asked of her. She was a proud mother and a devoted nana, often bragging about her grandchildren and their accomplishments. She found so much joy in sharing stories about them.

Sharon was an avid bridge player and enjoyed many hours playing with friends. She was also a devoted member of First Baptist Church in Sturgis.

She was born to the late Albert Lee and Eula Mae Myers on Dec. 31, 1945. She grew up in Henderson.

Surviving are her husband of 59 years, Maurice Farmer; two sons, Kevin (Lennie) Farmer of Sturgis and David (Brittany) Farmer of Vincennes, Ind. Her legacy continues through her beloved grandchildren: Bailee Farmer of Oxford, Miss., Peyton Farmer of Jackson, Tenn., Weston and Walker Farmer of Sturgis and Brooklyn, Madison and Preston Farmer of Vincennes, Ind.

She was also preceded in death by her siblings, Betty Sheffer and Tim Myers, both of Henderson.

Services were Monday, Nov. 4 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. Burial was in Maplevue Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Sturgis First Baptist Church and St. Anthony's Hospice.



Sliger

Our dad, James "Jim" Louis Sliger passed away peacefully Friday, Nov. 1, 2024. He was born on July 18, 1955 in Marion to Christine and Lewis Sliger.

His most cherished memories were spending time with his grandparents swimming, fishing and having fun on the banks of the Ohio River.

As a young child his family moved to northwest Indiana where he attended area schools and was a lifelong Hobart Brickies fan.

The late 1970s were defining years for our dad. This is when he got married, joined the U.S. Navy and became a proud father to three daughters.

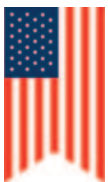
In 1975, Jim enlisted in the US Navy as a Boiler Tech. He was assigned to the USS Bigelow ported out of Mayport, Fla. He deployed twice to the Mediterranean, serving two tours of duty.

Later in life our dad reconnected with and married Becky Memering and they resided in St. John, Ind., with their beloved puppy "good boy" Jack Sliger.

Throughout his life he was a classic rocker to his core. He loved live music, vinyl records, guitars and sharing his love of music with his family.

Our dad was a True American Patriot. He loved our military and veterans, our country and the principles America was founded on.

Throughout the years our dad lived in many different parts of the country. However, in the last few years we have been abundantly blessed to have had him living



near us. Together, we were able to make new beautiful and meaningful memories as a family.

Surviving are three loving daughters, Jenifer Sliger-Cooper (John), Karen Sliger-Kuzelka (Robert) and Malinda Sliger-Ricchio (Achille); bonus Sons, Dan (Megan) Heintz and Jon (Kristine) Heintz; 12 grandchildren Lucas, Samantha, Delaina, Sarah, Seth, Liam, Donnie, Payton, Emma, Bryce, Sydney and Harper; two great-grandsons, Greyson and Beckham; two siblings, Robert (Peggy) Sliger and Teresa Sliger; and nieces and nephews, Deanna, Ivan and Kristy.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, Christine and Lewis; his loving wife Becky and his "good boy" Jack.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Maplevue Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Glenn

Annie Marie Glenn, 89, of Fredonia, died Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024 at Hendersonville Medical Center in Hendersonville.



She was a member of Caldwell Springs Baptist Church. Surviving are a daughter, Cindy (Jeff) Shewcraft; two grandchildren, Dustin (Angela) Shewcraft and Daniel (Lauren) Shewcraft; and five great-grandchildren, Macey, Maddox, Merrick, Easton and Molly Shewcraft.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest Gray Glenn; her parents, Vernie and Zadie Barnett; five brothers, Lloyd, Vernon, Joe, Jerry and Glen; and five sisters, Louise, Lois, Lucille, Loretta and Patty.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 2 at Caldwell

Springs Baptist Church with burial in Caldwell Springs Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Doom

Rayburn Dwayne "Petey" Doom, 66, of Marion, died Monday, Nov. 4, 2024 at his home in Marion.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanette Doom of Marion; three children, Rocky Doom, Jo (Eddie) McAlister and Chasity (Travis) Allcock, all of Marion; five grandchildren, Dane Allcock of Marion, Destiny (Drew) Pulley of Cadiz, Michaela Findley of Madisonville, Savannah McAlister of Cottonwood, Calif., and Mariah McAlister of Marion; a brother, Jerrold (Joy) Doom of Marion; five sisters, Wanda Berry of Marion, Gail (Ronnie) Hackney of Smithland, Eula Bates of Paducah, Darlene Bessler of Valparaiso, Ind., and Barbie (Mike) Eaton of Elkhart, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Bella Allcock; his parents, Rayburn and Lossie Mae Doom; his mother and father-in-law, Charles and Shirley Hackney; three brothers, Charles, Jimmy and Timmy Doom; three sisters, Marcena Chaney, Odie Huff and Hazel Freisner and four brothers-in-law, Jimmy Berry, James Bates, Tom Chaney and Ed Bessler.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Frances Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., Friday until service time at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to the Ronald McDonald House.



Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Nov. 7

- Line dancing begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Center.
- A new drug and alcohol prevention group comprised by high school students and led by Extension agent Leslea Barnes meets at 2 p.m., at Rocket Arena. Monthly meetings will be used to create and implement educational events related substance use and misuse prevention.

Saturday, Nov. 9

- Crittenden County Genealogy Society meets at 10 a.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library.
- A class titled Surviving the Holidays as a Caregiver begins at 1 p.m., at Crittenden County Extension Office.
- A parenting class begins at 4 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. Call (270) 965-5236 for more information.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

- A class on basket weaving begins at 9 a.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.
- Hooks and Needles Extension club meets at 1 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension annex.
- "Meat Your Farmer" begins at 4:30 p.m., at Marion & Co., with demonstrations from the University of Kentucky and samples from Crittenden County producers.
- After Hours Extension Homemakers met at the Crittenden County Extension Annex at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

- Crittenden County's Challengers Homemakers meet at noon at the Extension Annex.
- A Walk in the Park begins at 3 p.m., at Marion City-County Park.

Thursday, Nov. 14

- Virgil Jones VFW will meet at 6:30 p.m., at its building, located at 412 N. College St., in Marion. All veterans are welcome to attend.



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5% Penalty: 01/01 – 01/31/2025
21% Penalty: 02/01 – 04/15/2025

To try to offset some of the inconvenience of Holiday closures, our November schedule is as follows:

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
161 office hours offered for 2% Discount Period					1 7-5	2 8-4
3	4 8-4	5 6-6	6 8-4	7 8-4	8 8-4	9
10	11	12 8-4	13 8-4	14 8-4	15 8-4	16
17	18 8-4	19 8-4	20 8-4	21 8-5	22 8-4	23
24	25 8-4	26 8-6	27 8-4	28	29	30

Special November schedule

- Friday, Nov. 1: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 2: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 5: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 11: Closed for Veterans Day
- Thursday, Nov. 21: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 26: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday-Friday, Nov. 28-29: Closed fro Thanksgiving



Class of '66 has reunion

Members of the Crittenden County High School Class of 1966 held its 58th reunion Saturday, Sept. 28. Pictured (front from left) are Connie Hunt Bostick, Pam Gilland Orr, Ernestine Nelson Love, Bernice Robertson Tolbert, (second row) Donna Wheeler Browning, Peggy Campbell Ritch, Anna Jean Lynn Duncan, Linda Travis Owen, Linda Cook (class sponsor) Barbara Stalion Hunt, (third row) Donna Brantley Fortenberry, Dianne Abbott Lengerich, John A. Hunt, Percy Belt, John Walker, Paula McLaughlin Murray, Brenda Duval Hodges, Tina Frazer Jones, Patsy Hamilton Peek, Stephanie Paris Hayden, (back) Leroy Leet, Daryl Walker, Ronnie Riley, Sally Taylor Buie, Donnie Phillips, Marilyn Highfil Appleton, Ronnie Glore, Tommy Baird, Richard Brantley, Donnie Orr, Ed Peek, John W. Hunt and David LeNeave.

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Marion & Co., was named Up and Coming Business of the Year during the Chamber’s awards dinner and gala. Pictured are (from left) Aubrey Effer-son, Alicia Caudill, owners Kent Withrow and Mindy Withrow and Karen Nasser.



Farmers Bank and Trust of Marion was presented the Chamber Partner of the Year honor. Pictured are (from left) Chris Cook, Gavin Dickerson, Paja Crider, Stacy Hughes, Rose Dempsey, Cody Doom, Bank President Wade Berry, Tammy Wallace, Callie Courtney, Ashton Binkley, Kelsey Berry, Kiana Nesbitt and Barrett Belt.



Agents and staff with Crittenden County Extension Service were presented with the Chamber’s Excellence in Corporate/Individual Social Respon-sibility Award. Pictured are (from left) Rebecca Woodall, Becky Leppek, Dee Heimgartner and Leslea Barnes.



First United Bank received the Chamber’s Community Spirit Award. Pictured are (from left) Jack Wagoner, Jeffrey Wyatt, Bank President Jason Hawkins, Marion Branch Manager Charlie Day, Addy Kirby, Melissa Brown, Jessica Walker, Suzell LeGrand and Chuck Shockley.

CHAMBER

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was Layla West, the third-gen-eration leader at H&H Home & Hardware. West grew up in the hardware business and contin-ues to contribute her expertise and passion to one of Marion’s essential family-owned busi-nesses.

Community Spirit Award: First United Bank was recog-nized for its ongoing support of local schools, athletic pro-grams and community orga-nizations from the 4-H Council to the Jake Hodge Foundation. First United Bank’s dedication to community growth and en-richment is a testament to community values, the Cham-ber said in presenting the award.

Business of the Year recog-nition went to H&H Home &

Hardware, an enduring local business that expanded its of-ferings in 2024 and continues to be a community favorite. Known for its creative market-ing and special events, H&H keeps its focus on local trades and has become a centerpiece of Crittenden County’s busi-ness sector. The company was started in 2000 as H&H Supply by Alan Hunt and Phillis Hardin on the south side of Marion. It has evolved into a large home and hardware store on the north side of Marion.

Crittenden County Schools Person of the Year was Jessie Hill, a media specialist at Crit-tenden County High School. Hill’s work with dual-credit students and the Early College Academy has positively im-pacted countless young people, and her energy and compas-sion have made her a beloved

figure in the school commu-nity, the Chamber pointed out.

Woman in Business was Crystal Capps of Par 4 Plastics. Capps has played a crucial role in making Par 4 Plastics one of Marion’s largest and most suc-cessful manufacturing com-pa-nies, blending technical expertise with strategic lead-ership. She is the daughter of Joe McDaniel, one of the com-pa-ny’s founders. Par 4 was es-tablished here in 1990 by a small group of local individ-uals and it has become one of Marion’s largest manufactur-ing employers. It specializes in in-jection molding and makes a variety of products from laun-dry baskets for Walmart to au-tomobile parts and gun stocks.

Chamber Partner of the Year was Farmers Bank, an institu-tion that has served Marion since 1899. Farmers Bank

continues to support countless community programs and cham-ber initiatives, maintain-ing its reputation as a strong and reliable force in local eco-nomic development. Bank President Wade Berry was also among speakers on the evening’s itinerary, point-ing out that Farmers is celebrat-ing its 125th anniversary this year.

The evening included light-hearted moments, including some humorous references to local issues and a slide show.

Catering was by Sherry’s Custom Creations of Madis-onville and served by Critten-den County High School’s DECA Chapter, which is for students with interest in mar-keting and entrepreneurship.

Chamber Director Dana Hayes was the official award presenter for the formal event.

The Chamber of Commerce’s annual awards night high-lighted the importance of com-munity involvement, hard work, and dedication, said Chamber President Shana West. She also encourages every business and individual interesting the future of Mar-ion and Crittenden County to become involved with the Chamber. The greater the number of hands the stronger, the vision and push, Cham-bers leaders said.

“Let us all remember that bricks and mortar are not what makes this community stronger – our strength and fortitude come from its people,” said Chris Evans during clos-ing remarks, comparing the town to the fictitious city of Cicely, Alaska from the 1990s tel-evision series Northern Exposure.

OCTOBER 2024

Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp

32.4

Thurs., Oct. 17

Warmest Temp

87.2

Sun., Oct. 6

Wettest Day

0.47

Thurs., Oct. 31

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Average Temp	61.4	59.8	57.4	63.8	56.9	58.9
Coldest Temp	32.4	24.2	29.6	39.8	33.88	27.8
Hottest Temp	87.2	86.2	81.0	85.1	81.9	94.4
Precipitation	0.7	2.3	1.6	3.2	7.9	6.9
Wettest Day	0.47	1.08	0.93	1.06	2.7	2.44

■ A dry late summer and fall continued through October, which proved to be the driest in nine years and second driest in more than 15 years. The last time Crittenden County saw anything as drought-like was in 2016 when less than one-tenth of an inch of rain fell on the community. Measurable rainfall was received on just two of October’s 31 days in 2024. Average rainfall for October in Crittenden County is 3.5 inches over the past decade. Yet, across the past five years, October has averaged only 1.25 inches of rainfall. Had it not been for Hurricane Helene in September, the county would likely have not seen much more than a trace of precipitation since late July. Helene dumped about six inches of rain on the county.

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Gov. Beshear appoints Rich-Swinford to board

Gov. Beshear has appointed Tammy Rich-Swinford of Marion to the Kentucky Board for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (KBMIRT).

Rich-Swinford is the radiology director of Livingston Hospital and will represent medical imaging educators or administrators as a member of the board. She replaces Sharon Whitaker, whose term has expired. Rich-Swinford will serve for a term expiring Oct. 31, 2028.

KBMIRT regulates and licenses individuals who use radiation in Kentucky. The KBMIRT's purpose is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by ensuring that those who work with radiation are properly licensed.

Sheriff gets clear audit from state's '23 exam

State Auditor Allison Ball has released the 2023 financial audit of Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head. This annual audit, mandated by state law, reviews the sheriff's accounts, specifically focusing on the tax and fee accounts used to fund and oper-



ate the office.

The audit found that the sheriff's financial statement, while not presented under standard U.S. accounting principles, was compliant with the regulatory basis of accounting, a method approved for all Kentucky sheriff audits. No instances of noncompliance or material weaknesses in internal controls were identified in the report.

The Crittenden County Sheriff's Office, funded through statutory fees and commissions, is responsible for tax collection, law enforcement, and services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice. The full audit report is available on the state auditor's website.

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Dates: Things to Do

- The Living Christmas Tree will have shows at Fohs Hall on Dec. 7, 8, 13, 14 and 15.
- Veterans Day Celebration at Crittenden County Elementary School at 9 a.m., Monday, Nov. 11. Veterans are invited to attend. Caldwell County Elementary will have a similar event beginning at 7:40 a.m. Caldwell County High School is having a lunch for veterans related to high school students.
- Salem's Christmas Parade will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30. The theme will be Christmas Movies. Call 988-2600 for more information.
- Marion's Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 7. The nighttime parade's theme will be White Nights and Magical Lights. Call 270-965-2239 for information or to register a float.
- Cumberland River Homes in Salem is having a big celebration and fundraising event on Dec. 13 dubbed Christmas Laugh out Loud. It will be held at Salem Baptist Church and feature some big-name entertainers.

Couple indicted in child abuse claim

STAFF REPORT

A husband and wife, Brittany Pitre, 35, and Justin Pitre, 33, both of Marion were indicted last week by the Crittenden County Grand Jury on Class B felonies of first-degree criminal abuse of a child 12 or under.

Authorities were called to a residence on KY 365 on Sept. 28 following a request from the Department of Community Based Services (DCBS) in response to a child welfare complaint. Upon arrival, law enforcement made contact with the parents and their three young children. One of the children, an 11-year-old girl, was found with injuries on multiple areas of her body.

The child's bedroom was in an extremely unsanitary condition, the sheriff's report revealed. Investigators observed what appeared to be human feces on the floor, walls and window air conditioning unit. The room lacked proper lighting and contained only a bed, which had no covers or pillows. A toy box near the door was covered in what appeared to be human feces, court records say. Beneath the bed, dried decomposing feces were found, which the parents claimed was from a dog. The room had a strong odor of feces and urine, making it difficult to breathe inside, according to the police citation.

The door to the room was locked from the outside. The citation said evidence existed to suggest that the child may have been confined there for extended periods, such as scratch marks on and around the door. The citation says the marks may indicate that someone had attempted to escape the room.

GRAND JURY

Additionally, the window was secured with a locking device that required a key to open.

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

In other cases before the grand jury last week:

- William Hazel, 18, of Marion was indicted on two counts of felony first-degree wanton endangerment and third-degree burglary; and a violation for third-degree criminal trespassing.
- Hazel is alleged to have pushed his way into a locked residence on Oct. 6 after being told to stay away from the home. Once inside, court records, say he allegedly confronted two male residents with a pipe and started hitting them. Two victims were treated for injuries at the local hospital.
- Carla Belt, 51, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree wanton endangerment and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanors for third-degree terroristic threatening, resisting arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Court records indicate that on Oct. 6, Belt was charged with threatening to shoot responding lawmen during an incident in rural Crittenden County. The defendant is alleged to have pointed a shotgun at a man in the parking lot of Mexico Baptist Church. Authorities were summoned to the scene and Belt is alleged to have barricaded herself inside a nearby residence. According to

court records, Belt then allegedly made threats against law enforcement officers. Eventually, Belt was forcefully removed from inside the residence at which point a shotgun was discovered, according to police reports.

•Carl Belt, 52, of Marion was indicted on first-degree, third-or-subsequent-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Belt was taken into custody on Oct. 9 on multiple warrants. When officers made contact with him on that date, Belt is alleged to have had a clear baggie with white powder inside, which is believed to have been meth. Court records indicate that this is the third time Belt has faced such drug charges.

•Jerreld Ray Jones, 51, of Marion was indicted on felony count of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), second-degree disorderly conduct and misdemeanor charges of third-offense DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest; and traffic violations for reckless driving and possession of an open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle.

Court records show that on Aug. 25 just before 9 p.m., Sheriff Evan Head conducted a traffic stop on a 2002 Durango driven by Jones after the sheriff alleges that the vehicle swerved into his lane when they met on US 641. The traffic stop was made near the Dollar General Store on the south side of town where Jones was arrested. Inside the vehicle, the sheriff's report says a cooler of beer and bottle of whiskey were found

along with an alleged meth pipe, meth bong and suspected methamphetamine.

•Eddie Ricketts, 45, of Marion was indicted on two felony charges of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm and a misdemeanor charge of illegally taking or pursuing a deer. According to court records, at around 8 a.m., Oct. 8, Sheriff Evan Head and Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Officer Randy Conway observed Ricketts sitting in a vehicle with a loaded .30-06 rifle next to him. According to criminal records, Ricketts is a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing a weapon.

•Rashenna Trail, 40, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree, second-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and having a controlled substance prescription not in its original container.

•Rebecca Rednour, 36, of Hopkinsville, was indicted on three felony counts for first-degree possession of controlled substance (hydrocodone), first-degree promoting contraband and tampering with physical evidence; and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. She is accused of attempting to introduce contraband to the Crittenden County Detention Center on Sept. 17 by tossing drugs over a wall and into the recreation area.

•Travis Whitehair, 27, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree sexual abuse involving an alleged 12-year-old male victim.

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Continued from page 1 in the camper, along with marijuana, rolling papers, blood spatter on the walls and pools of blood on the floor, the sheriff said. A subsequent search of Rodriguez's truck uncovered additional firearms, pre-packaged marijuana, digital scales, baggies, and suspected fentanyl and oxycodone.

The victim, identified as a woman from Marion, told investigators that Rodriguez held her in the camper against her will, pressing a handgun to her head and threatening her life. Sheriff Head testified that the victim had marks consistent with strangulation and described how she told him in an interview that she feared for her life as Rodriguez allegedly assaulted her.

Public defender Rich Walls insinuated through a line of questioning that there were perhaps procedural issues with the search of Rodriguez's truck, noting that no body camera or dash camera footage was available and ques-

tioning the legality of the initial search of the Dodge pickup without a warrant.

The sheriff clarified that a search warrant was later obtained. The vehicle, he testified, was in a public area and scheduled to be towed, so he initially searched it as an inventory procedure. He said the keys were provided to him by the suspect, which the suspect denied during testimony in court.

The sheriff said the vehicle is part of an ongoing investigation, and there is some potential that it could be linked to jewelry theft in Florida where \$104,000 in valuables are missing.

The defense requested a reduction in Rodriguez's bond, asking for 10 percent of the bond to be paid and for the vehicle to be released. Prosecutor Evans strongly opposed any bond reduction, arguing that Rodriguez posed a significant danger to society, citing the multiple firearms involved, alleged physical violence against the victim and severity of the charges.

According to a press release issued days earlier by the sheriff's

department, Rodriguez has a lengthy criminal history in Florida. A review of Rodriguez's federal criminal court history shows that he is a convicted felon on multiple state charges, and has twice spent time in the federal corrections system on a weapons charge. State criminal history records, held here as part of the case file, indicates various felony-related charges over the past decade or more, including homicide and robbery, but those had been dismissed or no longer pursued by a Miami court. In federal court filings, Rodriguez is alleged to have been associated with a Florida gang known as 137th Avenue Boys.

Judge Leonard ultimately found probable cause for the charges and took the request for a bond reduction under advisement. Rodriguez's case will be presented to a grand jury on Dec. 14.

No contact with the victim was ordered as part of the conditions of Rodriguez's detention and/or possible bond release. For now, the truck will be kept in evidence.



50 YEARS AGO

November 7, 1974

- Lucinda Belt, Carolyn Herrin, Michael Tinsley and Glenn Conger were four Crittenden County High School seniors named to the Who's Who Among American High School Students.
- Basketball fans had a chance to get an early look at the Crittenden County High School cage team set to participate in the Three Rivers Basketball Jamboree in Lyon County. Coach Jack Keeney was going to send his players against Providence in the second quarter of the preseason game, which would see all eight conference schools playing. Coach Keeney had 43 youngsters practicing on the team and 24 were freshmen. Jimmy Croft and Keith Cosby were the only two starters from the previous year's squad practicing with the team.
- New births recorded at Crittenden County Hospital and the Salem Community Hospital were Scott Allen Bass, Carla Janise Crockett, Kristie Marie Perryman, David Jonathan Bennett, Heather Elana Kirk, Benjamin Bernhardt Johnson, Stacy Marie Davis, Sheri Jean Davidson, Jamie Lee Curtis and Donald Eugene Knight.
- The Kentucky Theatre in Marion was showing the Walt Disney production The Castaway Cowboy, starring James Garner, Vera Miles and Robert Culp.

25 YEARS AGO

November 11, 1999

- The Crittenden County Middle School speech team placed second at the Calloway County High School Tournament of Champions. Earning trophies were Savannah Faer, Jeanne Johnson, Michael Hamilton, Meg Brock, Melissa Cook, Nikki McDaniel, Tyler Etheridge, Shanna Hunt, Morgan Dooks, Abby Adams, Elizabeth Guess, Staci Belt and Olivia Hall.
- Rockets advanced to the regional semifinals in a first-round playoff rematch against Fulton County Pilots. Rocket coach Al Starnes was surprised that the first round victory came so easily. Starting fullback Steve Thompson had 18 carries for 89 yards and scored two touchdowns which earned him offensive player of the week honors in a superb effort. Tanner Tabor and sophomore linebacker David Hunt shared co-defensive player of the week honors.

10 YEARS AGO

November 6, 2014

- Col. Mike Gavin was honored with a Meritorious Service Medal during a ceremony at the Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort. Gavin had retired after more than 30 years with the Kentucky National Guard. He attended the ceremony with his wife Nancy and Brig. Gen. Scott A. Campbell, a Crittenden County native.
- Crittenden County's fifth- and sixth-grade cheerleading squad won the performance championship at Rocket Stadium during West Kentucky Junior Pro competition. It was the second year in a row the squad won the title. Members were Callie Brown, Savannah Esquivias, Hadlee Rich, Aliyah Frutiger, Mallory Lynn, Emma Williams, Mary Perryman, Laurel Brown, Raina West, Ryleigh Tabor, Madison Johnson, Charity Conyer, Jaelyn Duncan, Hannah Faughn, Taylor Stoner, Kate Keller, Kennel McDaniel, Cameron Howard, Allie Geary and Ashlyn Hicks. Coaches were Wendy Williams, Shannon Stoltenburg and Chasity Bradham.
- Jordan Hutchison, Gage Russell and Logan White got off to a good start at the CCES color run, which saw students race around the school three times for a 1-mile run. CCHS runners Sean Zahrt, Cassidy Moss, Kayla Davis, Tyson Steele and Ryan Belt ran in the color run at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The run promotes fitness among youth.
- Crittenden County High School's marching band advanced at regional competition and qualified for the KMEA State Marching Band competition in Lexington. The band placed 13th out of the 16th in class 1A with a score of 75.8. Band director was Jacob Carroll. Rachele Perryman and Ali Shewcraft.

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Let us never forget those who served

Through the archives of The Crittenden Press we can learn of the local happenings of our people during the period of World War I. During this Veteran's Day, let us remember these times and the valiant young men and women by recalling some of the events and happenings of their lives.

America entered the war in 1917 when President Wilson sought a declaration of war and Congress agreed on April 6, 1917. When the United States entered the conflict, residents of Crittenden County answered the call of service not only in branches of the armed forces but as nurses and in other capacities. Crittenden County sent her first load of men on Sept. 12, 1917.

Our Young Men Ready To Go

With music and flowers amidst cheers and tears, our boys departed to answer the call. Marion did herself proud Wednesday morning when the people turned out all together to bid the first call of soldiers adieu.

The crowd gathered at the Courthouse and marched to the martial music played by the Marion Orchestra to the train station.

Everybody was there, feeble fathers, gray haired mothers, sisters, brothers and sweethearts and not a few were the tears shed. A bevy of pretty girls had flowers for all the soldiers and pinned them on each warrior's lapel.

Business was suspended in town, the banks and all other business houses being closed until the 9:20 train on which the soldiers were to leave passed.

The roster of those going to the front Wednesday is as follows: James Homer Moore, Marion Lee Morse, Roy Conyer, Wallie Edward Tinsley, Callie Hunt, Roy E. Hearrell, Milton Hale Walker, Walter Agent, Floyd King, Herbert Ross Brantley and Robert Eugene Yandell.

At the station after singing of "America" and the benediction by Rev. J. B. Trotter, a patriotic speech of encouragement was made by Mayor Frank

Dodge.

As the train approached, the crowd sang the "Star Spangled Banner" amid cheers and sobs as Marion's first contingent entered the military coach attached to the regular passenger and rolled away each one to do their part in the great war which is to carry American freedom around the globe.

More Called To Duty

On May 2, 1918, May 23, 1918, June 20, 1918 and Aug. 18, 1918 Crittenden County sent more men for military training.

In all, over 540 men since September 1917 had been sent to help with the war.

Miss Agnes Ruth Moore, 22 years old, was the first Crittenden County girl to offer her services to the Red Cross as a nurse. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Moore of Marion. Miss Moore also

had a brother, Elzie, who was stationed at Camp Buell, Lexington.

Of these 540 men, eight were killed in action, including Robert Davis, John E. Franks, Oscar W. Green, James G. Highfill, Odie Holoman, Amplias M. Moore, Ellis B. Ordway (first Crittenden Countian KIA) and Clarence L. Turley.

In an era when medical care was not as advanced, 20 died of the diseases of measles, influenza, pneumonia and typhoid fever. Seven died overseas, including James C. Turner, Sheffer S. Sullenger, John E. Samuel, Luther Horning, William Curry, Harry W. Threlkeld and Fred E. Baker. Twelve died in training camps in the states, including Edward R. Baird, Harvey S. Conger, Irvin Charles Davis, Samuel R. Haney, Joseph Allen Hoover, Homer Jennings, Lonnie Moore, George B. Newcom, Ellet Newton Pace, Charles E. Threlkeld, Edgar Wolford and Edgar Winston Woodson. Winstell Hearrell was killed while guarding a bridge in Kentucky (National Guard).

Disabled by wounds reported were Eugene



The enthusiastic young men on the train were headed to training camp where their civilian clothes were exchanged for uniforms. Well-wishers, friends and loved ones bid the local young men goodbye and good luck as the train got ready to leave.

Morrill from wounds received in France, lose of sight in left eye, amputation of right leg; and Marion Morse from wounds received in Vaul Andigny, France, amputation of left leg. Oct. 18, 1918. Many other men were also wounded.

Other War Stories

Thrilling stories their experiences would make, but they don't like to talk about them. They served their country gallantly while overseas, but chose not to talk about them when they returned home.

Eugene Morrill, who has been in service for many months, is home on furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. M. O. Eskew. He spent about nine months in France, having sailed on the "George Washington" April 8, 1919. He landed at Brest and was sent to the Somme Front. In a hard fight there on July 17, Eugene was wounded by a shrapnel and lay on the battle field for many hours before he was picked up. He was taken to the C. C. S. number 49 of the English Field Hospital and spent many weeks there. From there he was sent back to the States on the "Louisville" Jan. 29 and since his return has been in the Walter Reed Hospital at Washington, D. C.

He will return to Washington for a few months longer and then expects to be discharged and will go to school in Washington for several months. He is looking fine and the people

of Marion extend to him a hearty welcome home.

Eugene is one of our boys who suffered and sacrificed for his country and his life in the service is one of truest patriotism. To those boys who have given so much to the great cause, we cannot pay enough homage of offer enough praise

Walter Hughes of Possum Ridge, one of the Crittenden County soldier boys in the great war, distinguished himself for his gallantry and efficiency. He has recently returned home after nearly two years' service, and his friends are all glad to see him looking so strong and well after the many terrible hardships and privations he endured.

No better soldier ever came from Crittenden County than Walter Hughes. Big, strong, quick and active, a wonderful marksman with plenty of nerve, he possessed all of the necessary qualifications of the invincible American soldier who had the darling courage to cross the ocean and whip the Germans in their own positions.

Walter left home with the first bunch of Crittenden County boys and was trained at Camp Taylor many months. He was sent across last year and put on the fighting line in Lorraine. He participated in the Battle of St. Mihiel during which he went four days and nights without anything to eat. He says the Americans whipped

the Germans in magnificent style during the engagement.

After the battle he was taken to the back lines to recuperate. After he has rested he was able to get back in action and was in the battle of Argonne Sedan. He has many interesting things to tell concerning this mighty engagement. He says that the carnage, bloodshed, slaughter and devastation were almost beyond description. He was in the very hottest part of the fighting but did not receive a scratch. Bullets whistled all around him and came so close he could almost feel them. Some of his equipment was stuck by bullets, but by rare good fortune none of them struck him.

Walter praises the heroic stoicism of the American boys who were fatally wounded in the great battle. The prodigious number of dead, wounded and mangled Germans who lay upon he ground after the battle gave indisputable evidence of the wonderful marksmanship of our gallant American boys. The battle of Argonne Sedan was one of the greatest battles in the history of the world and we honor the boys who won the victory.

We cannot appreciate the freedoms we now enjoy without honoring the brave men and women who gave up their lives defending our nation. Throughout history, the

courageous people of our armed forces stood ready to fight and die so that democracy might live on. Let us never forget them.

(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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rocket sports schedule

FRIDAY

Football playoffs: Rockets at O’Cath



VOLLEYBALL

Three earn All Region

Lilah Sherer, Carly Porter and Brooke Winstead (pictured above from left) were each named All Second Region Volleyball performers last week. The Lady Rockets were upset in the opening round of the Second Region Tournament last week. This season, Sherer, a junior, led CCHS with 8.23 assists per game. Porter, a senior, was also Second Region Player of the Year. She led Crittenden in kills with 262 and 34 blocks this season. Winstead, a senior, was second on the team in kills (124) and blocks (12).

RUNNING

5K Race at MCC Park

A 5K Fun Run and Walk to benefit veterans will be held Saturday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Check in will be at 8 a.m., with the run starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30. All proceeds benefit Mission 22, a veterans organization. For more information, call Andrea Lovett at Crittenden Community Hospital at 270-965-1137. An entry form is available online at the hospital’s Facebook page.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Squirrel Fall	Aug. 17 - Nov. 8
Deer Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Turkey Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Woodcock	Oct. 26 - Nov. 8
Deer Rifle	Nov. 9 - Nov. 24
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 9 - Dec. 31
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Woodcock	Nov. 11 - Dec. 11
Bobcat	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Squirrel Fall	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Dove	Nov. 28 - Dec. 8
Duck	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1
Canada Goose	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Coyote Night (lights)	Dec. 1 - March 31
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Turkey Shotgun	Dec. 7-13
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 14-22
Dove	Dec. 21 - Jan. 12
Deer Youth Free	Dec. 28-29
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round

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McCord, Martinez lead CCHS runners at state cross country

STAFF REPORT
Crittenden County High School cross country athletes wrapped up their season Saturday at the KHSAA Class A State Cross Country Meet in Lexington, competing against top runners from across the state. The event, held on a challenging 5K (3.1-mile) course, saw competition from

243 runners in the boys’ race and 205 in the girls’ 5K.
In the boys’ race, Crittenden County senior Asa McCord led his team, finishing 104th with a time of 19:33. He was followed by sophomore River Rogers, who placed 133rd, clocking in at 20:10. The boys’ race winning

time was 15:50.
The Lady Rockets were led by senior Mary Martinez, placing 138th with a time of 25:44. Junior Ella Whitney followed closely in 151st place with a time of 26:04, and sophomore Presley Potter took 160th at 26:42. Senior Taylor Haire completed the

course in 29:30, finishing 189th, while seventh-grader Hannah Whitney rounded out the Crittenden County team, finishing 205th in 41:43. Crittenden had qualified its entire girls’ team. The winning team in the girls’ race had an average time of 19:01.

Rockets win home finale; now to O’Cath

STAFF REPORT
With their regular-season finale at Rocket Stadium behind them, the Rockets have shifted focus to the postseason, which opens Friday at undefeated Owensboro Catholic, the No. 1 team in Class 2A.
The Rockets have never beaten O’Cath in a dozen previous meetings, all but two of which came during the playoffs. Earlier this season, CCHS lost 51-0 at Owensboro in a game that was rained out on its regularly scheduled Friday appointment and moved to Saturday. Led by Brady Atwell, one of the top quarterbacks in the state, the Aces are ranked among Kentucky’s Top 10 football teams in all classes. They were last year’s state runnerup, losing to Mayfield in the title game, after posting an undefeated season a year ago.

Crittenden County put a bow on its final performance of 2024 at Rocket Stadium, wrapping up a shutout victory decorated with several firsts in a game that marked the last home appearance for 10 seniors.

The Rockets dispatched winless Calloway County 36-0, a rewarding win after two consecutive losses—their third two-game skid of the season. But the victory also celebrated memorable milestones for several players: junior Trae Taylor scored his first career touchdown, senior Landon Curry (typically a defender) took his first and possibly last chance at carrying the ball on a rushing play, and senior Michael Porter notched both his first career touchdown and first-ever pass reception. Junior receiver Caden Howard also broke Preston Morgeson’s touchdown receptions record with his 26th career TD catch, one of two in the game, while junior quarterback Quinn Summers threw for over 300 yards for the first time.

“It was a good night for the Rockets,” said coach Gaige Courtney. “It was a really good way to send off the seniors. That was our message all week. It was the last time they will get to play here. It’s a special place and it means a lot to them. It was just really good to see a lot of things happen.”

Injuries in the Rocket lineup provided plenty of opportunity for others to step up. With senior running back Brayden Mahnke and junior lineman Michael Counts sidelined, Curry and Taylor saw more action, leading to standout moments on the field.

“It was good see all of (the seniors) get a lot of playing time, make plays and get some touches. Michael Porter getting in the end zone really meant a lot to me. He’s a kid that works his hind end off and to be reward like that on senior



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The Rockets entered their home field for the final time of 2024 last Friday.

night is a big deal,” the coach said. “And that’s just one example. There were tons of them out there. Landon Curry made a ton of plays. There were a lot of guys who did. That’s the way senior night should be.”

Crittenden (4-6) scored three times in the first half and twice in the second. Summers nailed four touchdown passes with senior Tyree McLean and Taylor getting one each, and Howard had the other two. Howard finished with 142 yards on six catches. Porter added the only rushing touchdown, closing out the Rockets’ offensive performance. Senior CamRon Belcher posted eight catches for 107 yards and intercepted a pass on defense.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Calloway County	0	0	0	0
Crittenden County	8	14	8	6

SCORING PLAYS

Critt - Tyree McLean 1 pass from Quinn Summers (Caden Howard pass from McLean) 6:35, 1st
Critt - Howard 25 pass from Summers (Adri Berry kick) 11:15, 2nd
Critt- Trae Taylor 6 pass from Summers (Berry kick) 2:52, 2nd
Critt - Howard 42 pass from Summers (Summers run) 4:52, 3rd
Critt - Michael Porter 1 run (Berry kick failed) 9:58, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: Rockets 17, Lakers 10
Penalties: Rockets 6-50, Lakers 9-65
Rushing: Rockets 14-33, Lakers 37-156
Passing: Rockets 29-36-1, 362; Lakers 4-9-1, 37
Total Yards: Rockets 395, Lakers 193
Fumbles/Lost: Rockets 1-1, Lakers 5-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

Rockets: Summers 6-22, Taylor 2-11, McLean 1-(-2),



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Caden Howard re-wrote the receiving record book this season.

CamRon Belcher 1-(-1), Blake French 1-(-6), Gaige Markham 1-3, Landon Curry 1-5. Lakers: Logan Smith 22-96, Christian McIntosh 1-(-2), Shaun Phillips 5-44, Carter Tudor 9-18.

Passing

Rockets: Summers 28-35-1, 351; Conner Poindexter 1-1-0, 11. Lakers: Tudor 4-9-1, 37.

Receiving

Rockets: Howard 6-142, Belcher 8-107, Taylor 4-23, Dakota Sosh 1-6, McLean 7-58, Markham 1-9, Eli Lovell 1-6, Porter 1-11. Lakers: Smith 1-7, JayDynn Darcus 2-26, Phillips 1-4.

Defense

CamRon Belcher assist; Landon Curry 7 solos, 8 assists; Josh Marshal solo; Tyree McLean 7 solos, 3 assists, TFL, caused fumble, fumble recovery; Michael Porter solo, assist; Kaiden Travis 6 solos, 3 assists, 3 TFL; Caden Howard 6 solos, 3 assists, TFL; Pierson solo; Brayden Poindexter 8 solos, 3 assists, 2 TFLs; Trae Taylor solo, assist; Noah Byford 2 solos, 2 assists; Trent Todd 2 solos, 2 assists; Eli Lovell solo.

Players of the Game: Offense Quinn Summers and Caden Howard, Defense Landon Curry, Lineman Kaiden Travis.

Records: Crittenden 4-6, Lakers 0-10

KDFWR wants deer heads to check for CWD; hunters can earn prizes

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is inviting hunters statewide to submit samples from legally harvested and telechecked deer for a chance to win one of five regional prizes. The “Shoot for Samples” Regional Giveaway runs through Jan. 20, and aims to support Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s efforts to collect more samples for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing as part of its ongoing monitoring of the state’s wild deer population.

“Hunters play a crucial role in helping us understand the distribution and prevalence of CWD by collecting samples to submit for testing,” said Joe McDermott, deer pro-

gram coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “This giveaway shows our appreciation for their efforts, and we’re grateful to our sponsors for making it possible.”

The giveaway will take place across five regions in Kentucky. At the end of deer season, one winner from each region will be drawn and notified by KDFWR. Prizes include gift cards valued between \$500 and \$1,000 along with an Elite Carbon Era bow courtesy of Copperhead Guns & Range, First Choice Firearms, Uncle Lee’s and Double T Electric LLC.

Hunters are automatically entered in the giveaway when they drop off deer heads at CWD Sample Drop-off sites

(there nearest is at Higginson Henry WMA in Union County) or submit lymph node samples using the department’s CWD Sample Mail-in Kits. Each sample submitted earns one entry into the giveaway. Hunters must abide by all bag limits and applicable rules and regulations for deer hunting. All samples submitted for the giveaway must come from deer harvested in Kentucky due to statewide carcass importation restrictions. Testing for CWD is free, with results available online within four to six weeks.

Hunters in a CWD Surveillance Zone are reminded of important regulations during the modern gun hunting season. These regulations in-

clude transportation restrictions and a prohibition on baiting and feeding.

The CWD Surveillance Zone With Mandatory Check Stations includes Ballard, Calloway, Carlisle, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Marshall and McCracken counties. On the weekends of Nov. 9-11, Nov. 16-17 or Nov. 23-24, 2024, hunters in these counties must take carcasses to a CWD check station or a CWD Sample Drop-off site within the zone. Check stations will operate from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on these dates. Hunters who drop off deer heads at the CWD check stations or CWD Sample Drop-off sites on these dates will automatically be entered into the giveaway.



Crittenden County seventh-grade Rockets are (seated from left) Gage Adamson, Oakley Sherer, Noah Holland, Kash Myers, Beau Maraman, Brier Brown (back) Tripp Martin, Bode Merrill, Rex Boone, Barrett Brown, Liam Duncan and coach Aaron Brown. Not pictured are Mason Williams and Eli Taylor.



Crittenden County eighth-grade Rockets are (seated from left) Joel Bumpus, Roane Topp, Eden Bryant, Jett Champion, (back) coach Neal Bryant, Hayden Hughes, Caden Hutchison, Brayden Duncan, Hunter Collins and Kash Myers.

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sales

Garage sale, 136 Fowler Rd. (just off Ky. 1668 behind heart-shaped pond), Thursday, Nov.7-Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-? Too much to list, lots of young men and young ladies brand name clothes. Men, women's and plus size clothes. Christmas décor, household items. Rain or shine. Not responsible for accidents. (1t-45-p)

Yard sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9 on Hwy. 60 East near Mattoon, mile marker 15. Like new electric dryer, exercise bike, coffee table, tools, men's and women's clothes, lots of other items. (1t-45-p)

Yard sale,7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 7 and Friday, Nov. 8 rain or shine. 116 Montevista Dr., Salem (fourth street past Salem Nursing Home) third house on left. Christy James and Janet Owen. (1t-45-p)

employment

Employment Opportunity - Meter Reader: The City of Marion has a full-time permanent position available in the Maintenance Department. Minimum qualifications include graduation from high school or equivalent; some experience with utility equipment and services is desirable, but not mandatory. The successful applicant will work under the general direction of the Maintenance Supervisor. All resumes must be accompanied by a City of Marion application. Upon completion of a probationary period, employee benefits include; 100% of employee health insurance premiums, Kentucky State Retirement, and vacation and holiday pay. This position will be open until filled. The City of Marion is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Certified Drug-Free Workplace. (2t-46-c)

Hiring seasonal help for deer season, potential to make \$30 per hour plus incentives. Call (270) 988-3442 for more information. (2t-46-p)

services

CONCRETE WORK: Parking lots, garages, steel buildings, walls, sidewalks, driveways, room additions, rock driveways, clean ditches. Call for quote (270) 724-4672, Joe Mattingly Concrete Construction. (12t-4-p)

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION 24-CI-00003 EVELYN HAYES, EXECUTRIX on behalf of ESTATE OF JUDITH NEWCOM and JERRI ANN DUNCAN VENABLE and her husband, CODY VENABLE, PLAINTIFFS vs. SYDNEY SWIFT; KARLYNN NICOLE MCCANDLESS; ALEXANDRA HOPE MCCANDLESS; JAKE ALLEN MCCANDLESS; KENNETH MCCANDLESS aka KENNETH STEWART; JERRY MCCANDLESS; MELINDA MCCANDLESS; KEVIN NEWCOM; SCOTT MCCANDLESS; ELLI MAY MCCANDLESS, minor; HARPER MCCANDLESS, minor; MRC RECEIVABLES CORP.; LVNV FUNDING, LLC. NOTICE OF SALE. By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024, I will on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Crittenden County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, 42064, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit: Property Address: Farm Tract – Tract 2 in Deed Book 167, Page 261 Map No. 067-00-00-002.04. The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price,

the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. GIVEN under my hand this the 22nd day of October, 2024. STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Special Master Commissioner (3t-47-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL ACTION 23-CI-00085 CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC, PLAINTIFF vs. CHARLES THOMAS INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RAYNA LYNN GRIMALDI;

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF RAYNA GRIMALDI;

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHARLES THOMAS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAYNA GRIMALDI;

UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF RAYNA GRIMALDI, DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF SALE By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Crittenden Circuit Court on the 2ND DAY OF AUGUST, 2024, I will on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Crittenden County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, 42064 proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Crittenden County, Kentucky, to-wit: Property Address: 511 East Bellville Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 Parcel ID: 070-40-06-018.00

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property. Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 5.12500% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale. GIVEN under my hand this the 22nd day of October, 2024. STEPHEN M. ARNETT, Special Master Commis-

sioner (3t-47-c)

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court, Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement: Cobie Evans of P.O. Box 439, Marion, KY 42064, administrator of Charlotte Hensley, deceased, whose address was 201 Watson Street, Marion, KY 42064. The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on December 11, 2024. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once. Melissa Guill, Clerk Crittenden District Court (1t-45-c)

Notice is hereby given that on October 30, 2024 Ron Gay of 9085 Shawnee Hill Rd., Shawneetown, IL 62984 was appointed administrator and Personal Representative of Rebecca Cordell, deceased, whose address was 822 Brown School Rd., Marion, KY 42064. Rebecca Johnson, P.O. Box 415, Marion, KY 42064, agent for service of process. All persons having claims against said estate are

hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the agent for process on or before the 30th day of April, 2025 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-45-c)



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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Evan Head, Crittenden County Sheriff
Members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the Sheriff of Crittenden County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Crittenden County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Crittenden County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2023, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS), the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Crittenden County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Crittenden County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and GAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Crittenden County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

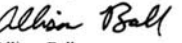
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we have identified during the audit.

The Honorable Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Evan Head, Crittenden County Sheriff
Members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 6, 2024, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,


Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, KY


August 6, 2024

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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Back in October, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom proclaimed 4-H Week in the county to coincide with National 4-H Week. Pictured at the ceremony in Crittenden County Office Complex were (front from left) Anaiyah Maraman, Charlotte Vince, Phillip Barnes, Carson Story, Brooklyn Suggs, Annalese Maraman, Grayson Pritchett, (back) 4-H Youth Development Agent Leslea Barnes, Luke Binkley, Russell Vince, Ellie Binkley, Aliza Maraman, Aerie Suggs, Adley Sutton, Zara Story, Cabot Sutton and Crittenden County Treasurer Yvette Martin. 4-H is America's largest youth organization, with almost 6 million youth involved across the country, 202,647 across the commonwealth and over 1,000 youth in Crittenden County were involved in 4-H programming last year.

What will impact be on harvest without turkey day during deer season?

STAFF REPORT

Modern rifle deer hunting begins Saturday and the 16-day season ends Nov. 24, prior to the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend, which could affect hunting activity in the county.

Hunting is one of the largest tourist attractions in Crittenden County, creating a great deal of economic impact.

Traditionally, Thanksgiving weekend provides hunters with extra time to be afield, increasing the harvest numbers. However, with the season framework excluding this prime holiday weekend, hunters may have fewer opportunities, which could further contribute to the downward trend in Crittenden's harvest numbers and ranking within the state.

Crittenden County's total deer harvest has seen a significant decline from its peak in 2017, when the county was ranked No. 1 in the state with a total harvest of 3,451. By 2023, the total harvest had dropped to 2,668, and the county's rank fell to No. 4.

In the early 2000s, Crittenden County consistently held the No. 2 rank in Kentucky's deer harvest. However, since 2018, the county's position has dropped, falling to No. 5 in 2022, before slightly improving last season.

So far this season, hunters have bagged 355 deer during archery, crossbow, blackpowder and the two-day hunt, where young gunners took 41 whitetails.

Local Deer Harvest Falls Looking Back

YEAR	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	% FEMALE	KY RANK
2023	1,334	1,334	2,668	50.0%	No. 4
2022	1,297	1,410	2,707	52.1%	No. 5
2021	1,380	1,367	2,747	49.8%	No. 5
2020	1,438	1,528	2,996	51.0%	No. 3
2019	1,572	1,926	3,498	55.1%	No. 3
2018	1,509	1,793	3,302	54.3%	No. 2
2017	1,634	1,817	3,451	52.7%	No. 1
2016	1,552	1,529	3,081	49.6%	No. 3
2015	1,684	1,675	3,359	49.9%	No. 3
2014	1,606	1,618	3,224	50.2%	No. 3
2013	1,543	1,490	3,033	49.1%	No. 3
2012	1,433	1,577	3,010	52.4%	No. 2
2011	1,293	1,536	2,829	54.3%	No. 3
2010	1,302	1,650	2,952	55.9%	No. 2
2009	1,304	1,245	2,549	48.8%	No. 4
2008	1,174	1,533	2,707	56.6%	No. 2
2007	1,249	1,678	2,927	57.3%	No. 2
2006	1,436	1,649	3,085	53.5%	No. 2
2005	1,043	1,550	2,593	59.8%	No. 2
2004	1,276	1,756	3,032	57.9%	No. 2
2003	1,138	1,448	2,586	56.0%	No. 2
2002	1,170	1,538	2,708	56.8%	No. 2
2001	1,015	1,257	2,272	55.3%	No. 2
2000	1,069	1,528	2,597	58.8%	No. 2

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2024 CRITTENDEN COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

	Election Day	Mail-In	Absentee	Early Voting	TOTAL
STRAIGHT PARTY					
Republican Party	896	18	29	651	1,594
Democratic Party	136	18	0	125	279
Kentucky Party	17	0	1	3	21
Libertarian Party	11	2	0	0	13
PRESIDENT (Only Major Party Totals Shown)					
Donald J. TRUMP (84%)	2,012	61	47	1,229	3,349
Kamala D. HARRIS	306	37	5	260	608
DIST. 1 U.S. REPRESENTATIVE					
James R. COMER (85%)	2,012	62	51	1,269	3,394
Erin MARSHALL	308	36	2	233	579
1 DIST. KY SENATOR					
Jason G. HOWELL	2,022	71	48	1,261	3,402
12 DIST. KY REPRESENTATIVE					
Jim GOOCH JR. (85%)	1,946	59	50	1,237	3,292
Alton M. AYER	324	36	2	232	594
5 DIST. COMM. ATTORNEY					
Zac GREENWELL	1,522	74	22	853	2,471
CIRCUIT CLERK					
Melissa Dawn GUILL	2,081	82	53	1,309	3,525
1 DIST. APPEALS COURT					
Lisa Payne JONES (63%)	997	48	15	546	1,606
Jason Shea FLEMING	550	18	10	349	927
CONSERVATION DIST. SUPERVISORS (Elect 4)					
Larry DUVAL	1,443	64	27	899	2,433
Tyler D. GUESS	784	35	24	495	1,338
Karen MADDUX	822	49	24	567	1,462
Wright In - A.WESSEL	7	1	0	8	16
1 DIST. BOARD OF ED					
Bill Jay ASBRIDGE	487	26	10	290	813
3 DIST. BOARD OF ED					
Christopher E. COOK	162	8	1	156	327
4 DIST BOARD OF ED					
Timothy A. GRAU	243	8	4	130	385
MARION CITY COUNCIL (Elect 6)					
Bobby BELT	330	23	7	297	657
Wanda OLSON	281	25	7	236	549
Dwight SHERER	270	19	6	231	526
Taylor DAVIS	260	22	3	218	503
Randy DUNN	304	22	7	264	597
Wright In - Frank PIERCE	55	1	1	35	92
Wright In - Nikki CONGER	84	1	0	79	164
Wright In - Eddie L. BELT	29	0	0	38	67
QUESTION - MARION CANNABIS					
YES (62%)	373	16	8	226	623
NO	155	14	2	214	385
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1					
YES (66%)	1,440	52	38	935	2,465
NO	761	34	12	467	1,274
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2					
YES	678	28	25	468	1,199
NO (69%)	1,579	64	22	956	2,621
QUESTION - CRITTENDEN COUNTY CANNABIS					
YES (55%)	1,307	61	27	710	2,105
NO	947	30	21	737	1,735



County Clerk Daryl Tabor (left) and Board of Elections members Jared Byford and Kathleen Guess pull ballots from an absentee drop box as polls closed at 6 p.m., Tuesday.

ELECTION DETAILS	
POLLING PLACE NUMBERS	
Mexico Baptist Church	
Voted	Registered
396	1,758
Repton Baptist Church	
Voted	Registered
230	575
Shady Grove VFD	
Voted	Registered
180	632
Deer Creek Baptist Church	
Voted	Registered
424	1,155
Marion Voting Center	
Voted	Registered
1,135	6,382
TOTAL VOTES CAST	
4,041 - 63% Turnout	
Voters on Election Day	
2,365	
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1,575	
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Shoulder injuries and shoulder surgeries are among the most difficult to overcome. That is why it is important to receive skilled therapy.

Jim Tolley knew that and turned to the professionals at Crittenden Community Hospital's Rehabilitation Department after surgery to repair three rotator cuff tendons in his shoulder and a tendon in his bicep.

In August, Tolley began seeing Occupational Therapist Andrea Lovett three days a week.

“After 6 weeks I was released by my physician, and he was amazed that I could heal and have full range of motion after 6 weeks of therapy,” Tolley said.



Occupational Therapist Andrea Lovett and Jim Tolley

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To increase the speed at which he could get back to fishing and golfing, Tolley added one hour of walking three days a week to increase blood flow and promote healing to the recovering shoulder.

“I appreciate the Rehabilitation Department staff and their knowledge and expertise,” Tolley said. “I had no setbacks. Adhering to therapy and walking really accelerated my progress.”



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balloting here, and won statewide with 62% of the vote. Amendment 1 will alter the Kentucky constitution to prohibit people who are not U.S. citizens from voting.

Amendment 2, a proposal aimed at changing the state constitution to allow the General Assembly to provide public funds for K-12 education to non-public schools, did not find favor in the county; and it lost statewide by 30 percentage points. In Crittenden, “No” ballots amounted to 69% of the vote.

In a closely watched special election in Livingston County, Republican Michael Williams, a former state trooper, was elected county judge-executive to complete an unexpired term. He won with 54 percent of the vote over Democrat Teris Swanson, who had been appointed by the governor as interim judge earlier this year. Williams’ term will expire in 2026.

Marion and Salem and Crittenden, Caldwell and Livingston counties approved local options to allow medical cannabis businesses to operate in their jurisdictions. Salem and Crittenden had the

closest votes on the measure as “Yes” votes comprised 55% in each.

Local voters were in lock step with national trends, going heavily for the conservative Republican Party, which could end up in control of the White House and Congress based on federal election results, which were still being tabulated at press time. President-elect Donald Trump carried Crittenden County with a resounding 84%.

Republican Jim Gooch (R-Providence) won reelection to Kentucky’s 12th House seat. Gooch has served in the House since 1995. He carried Crittenden County and won districtwide with 80% of the vote. In addition to Crittenden, his district includes McLean, Union and Webster counties.

Republican Randy Bridges easily won reelection in District 3 of the Kentucky House, which includes Livingston and part of McCracken County. He carried Livingston and won the election with 67% districtwide.

Turnout in Crittenden County was strong with 63% of registered voters going to the polls, many of whom came out for early voting options prior to Election Day.

Crittenden County was among state leaders in early voting, with 1,676 ballots cast prior to Tuesday.

“I am very proud of our efforts to get people out

early and thankful voters took advantage of the opportunity,” said County Clerk Daryl Tabor, who is in charge of elections.

Out of 120 counties, Crittenden had the fourth lowest percentage of people having voted by mail.

Four new faces are part of the management team at Crittenden County Health and Rehab.

Last month Melissa Knight, 45, was named administrator of the Marion facility. She is a Dawson Springs resident with eight years administrative experience.

Managed by Atrium Living Centers, the nursing facility has been overseen for the past three years by administrator Jennifer Myers, who also carried out that role at the Atrium-owned Salem Springlake Health and Rehab. Myers now solely has administrative duties in Salem.

Knight began in nursing as a LPN in 1999 and earned a degree in administration in 2015. She has worked as an administrator at nursing facilities in Morganfield, Dawson Springs, Cadiz and Greenville.

In order to learn more about the industry, Knight returned to college in 2023 to complete coursework for

a RN degree.

“I love healthcare and I always want to move up in any role and understand different facets of the job,” Knight said. “I wanted to understand all areas of nursing so that helps.”

Knight is joined by Princeton residents Leisa McGowan, director of nursing, and Tina Travis, assistant director of nursing.

McGowan got her start in nursing at Crittenden County Health and Rehab 35 years ago and has worked in other locations as well as Marion.

“There is a crazy amount of nursing experience between the three of us,” Travis said. She has worked in the field for 26 years. McGowan and Knight have 28 and 25 years, respectively.

Knight compares Crittenden County Health and



Leisa McGowan, Melissa Knight and Tina Travis

Rehab to a family atmosphere that “feels like coming home.”

Crittenden County Health and Rehab has 66 residents.

Additionally, in August Tiffany Newcomb of Living-

ston County, was hired as marketing director at the two facilities. She also serves as a community liaison and monitors the facilities’ patients who admitted to area hospitals.



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Crittenden County’s third- and fourth-grade cheerleaders won the cheer competition during last weekend’s West Kentucky Junior Pro Jamboree at Trigg County. The Crittenden football teams were both defeated in the semifinal round of the tournament. Pictured are (front from left) Adalynn Stone, Carley Montalta, Jozie Beth Fitch, Miya West, Raelynn Forsythe, Ivy Thacker, Audrey Smiley, (middle) Blayze Moss, Ari Conner, Brilee Gardner, Rylann Thomas, Addison McElroy, Jasely Guess, Audrina Rich, Hadley Sherer, Kailea Mason, Kynzleigh Meeks, McKinna Antkowiak, (back) coaches Whitney Williams and Makensie Wurtman.

Sen. Howell salutes Veterans Day

Veterans Day, originally recognized as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, marked the first anniversary of the end of World War I.

Congress soon passed a resolution for annual observance in 1926, and by 1938, Veterans Day became a national holiday. Unlike Memorial Day, which honors those who gave their lives in service, Veterans Day is a time to honor all American veterans, especially the living men and women who have served our country honorably in both war and peace.

Today, more than 295,000 Kentucky veterans carry on this proud legacy. Each of them has faced challenges few can imagine, from long separations from loved ones to the physical and emotional wounds of combat. They serve so that we can enjoy the freedoms we too often take for granted. Kentucky’s dedication to service runs deep.

Even before statehood, Kentucky’s early settlers,



Jason HOWELL
KENTUCKY STATE SENATOR
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nearly all adult men, served in the Revolutionary War. The Battle of Blue Licks, fought on Kentucky soil on Aug. 19, 1782, marked the last battle of the American Revolution. This spirit of bravery has carried Kentuckians from the fields of Europe to the beaches of the Pacific, from the jungles of Korea and Vietnam to the deserts of the Middle East. We honor this legacy with deep gratitude on Veterans Day.

These expressions of gratitude are genuine, and it’s vital to remember veterans are prepared to defend us every day of the year. The bravery displayed by veterans, from the Revolutionary War through the global war on terrorism, is too often unseen by those of us who enjoy the safety their sacrifices have provided.

While we may never fully repay our debt to these heroes, our gratitude and respect is everlasting.

I encourage you to join local celebrations this Veterans Day and honor our veterans personally. We also recognize the families and spouses of our veterans who provide the strength and support that allow our service members to carry out their duties. They, too, make sacrifices for the cause of freedom.

To every Kentucky veteran, thank you for your service. May God bless you, and may God bless America.

Senator Jason Howell, R-Murray, represents the 1st District, including Calloway, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon, and Trigg Counties. He is co-chair of the Multimodal Freight Transportation System Improvement Task Force and a member of the 2023 Senate Committee on Impeachment.

Fall’s changing color part of God’s Big Picture Plan

I have just sat down at my computer on October 31 (about 5:00 p.m.) to write my November article. Just before coming inside, I couldn’t help but notice the beautiful fall colors behind my house. In fact, my wife and I drove to Paducah earlier today to visit some folks on behalf of our c o w b o y c h u r c h . Even though it was a rather nasty drive due to all the rainfall, the vivid fall foliage provided for a scenic journey to Paducah and back. The foliage views are absolutely breathtaking this time of year; we’re probably at peak foliage currently. But as you’ve often heard it said, “This too shall pass.”

By the time you read this, the recent rainbow of colors from God’s paintbrush will probably have faded. The once-brilliant hues of fall color always seem to vanish too soon, leaving behind a drab landscape of grays and browns.

Personally, I love the changing seasons; it’s all part of God’s Big Picture Plan. I also love the old hymns and have numerous favorites. Here is the second verse of one you may recognize (watch for the changing seasons in the text):

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

Those familiar words written by Thomas O. Chisholm in 1923 help us understand that God is



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Happy Trails

always faithful regardless of the season. In fact, all of nature points to the faithfulness of God! One of my favorite new songs points to a related aspect of God – His Goodness. This song is appropriately entitled, “The Goodness of God.” Check out these words from the chorus:

*All my life you have been faithful;
All my life you have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
I will sing of the goodness of God.*

So let’s get to the point of the article... I Love November! It is my belief that, generally speaking, we are not nearly as thankful as we should be for the way God provides for our needs. I realize there are obviously exceptions to this, but for most folks, being thankful for what they have is not nearly as high on the list as “wanting more stuff” and complaining about “other stuff” (fill in the blanks). November points to Thanksgiving, which, in turn, points to Thanks-Living. I believe that most folks are more thankful for what they have in November than at any other time of the year. I am always blown away when I read about those early Thanksgiving services as the pilgrims celebrated the faithfulness and goodness of God. It was a very important celebration for them as they gave credit where credit was due.

Today, our thankfulness is likely more about tradition than heartfelt gratitude. Be that as it may, gratitude is always a good thing, whether it’s thanking someone for something or thanking the Lord for ALL the things He does for you. Thanks-Living is a lifestyle; it’s not as much something you do as it is

someone you are.

We still celebrate Thanksgiving the old-fashioned way at our home with a family get-together with all the kids and grandkids, along with way too much food. My wife will begin cooking on Monday of Thanksgiving week as she bakes her cornbread, which will be used later in the week to make that holiday favorite, cornbread dressing. After all, what good is a turkey without cornbread dressing? That’s just not right!

For those of you who are not supposed to have traditional bread-based dishes, take heart! My wife is diabetic. Cornbread is a no-no, which is why she also makes a large pan of dressing out of cornbread made from almond flour rather than cornmeal.

Yes, it tastes a little different than the traditional dressing, but after a few years of perfecting her craft, I’ll have to say that it is very tasty. Every day during Thanksgiving week, there is something else to cook in preparation for the big day. What a celebration we have each year! However, the reality is that my wife always cooks three times as much as we can eat, even with 12-15 hungry mouths putting away as much as they can.

As we approach the special day we call Thanksgiving, let each of us be reminded of the faithfulness and goodness of God in our lives. When Thanksgiving Day arrives, make some time between the big parades and football games to acknowledge the reason we celebrate this very special day. Let’s also resolve that we’re going to begin living lives of Thanks-Living every single day of the year.

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