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Veterans Day Here's where to go to celebrate soldiers

Veterans Day will be celebrated in typical fashion around the area this weekend. Veterans Day was created on June 1, 1954. Before it was formally changed to Veterans Day, the celebration on Nov. 11 was called Armistice Day, the anniversary of the treaty to formally end World War I in 1918. Following are the Veterans Day Weekend events near you. There will not be a service at Mapleview.

•Crittenden County School District will host its annual Veterans Day program at 9 a.m., Friday at Rocket Arena. There will be special presentations from every county school and a veteran reception afterwards. There will also be an unveiling of the new Veterans Wall of Honor in the gymnasium's conference room.

•Fredonia Valley Heritage Society and Fredonia American Legion Post 103 will hold a Veterans Day Service at the Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial at 11:11 a.m., Saturday. Take your own chairs. Read more about the event on page 4.

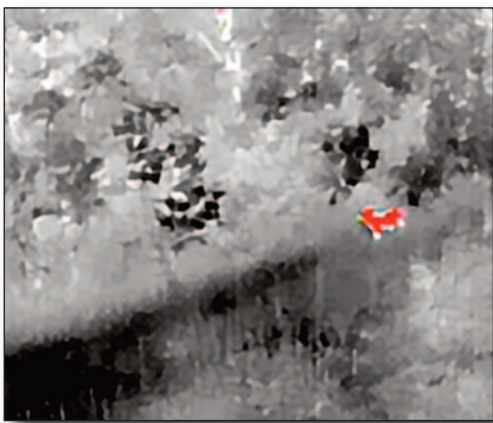
•Burna American Legion will host its annual Veterans Day Weekend Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday. Meals will be served 11:30 a.m., to 1:30 p.m., at the lodge on US 60. Cost is \$12 adults, \$6 children.

Hop on Saturday Hayride

The fall's Old Kentucky Hayride at Fohs Hall presented by local entertainers Cutter and Cash and The Kentucky Grass will be dedicated to the memory of the late Ron Padgett. The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11. Doors open at 6 p.m., and show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Proceeds will benefit Crittenden County Food Bank and concessions will be provided by Project Graduation. Padgett, who passed away recently, was an active advocate of the food bank and other community programs. The event will feature Logan Shuecraft, Glen Browning, David Conyer, Richard Maxfield, Sammy Jo Johnson, Eli Moss and Lacie Duncan along with Cutter and Cash and the Kentucky Grass, which is fresh off of its gig hosting Ernest Tubb's Midnite Jamboree in Nashville last weekend. Cutter and Cash Singleton became the youngest hosts of the program, which began in 1947.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Education will have its regular board meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the CCHS Library.
- Crittenden County Chamber of Chamber Meeting will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14 at Rocket Arena Conference room.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 20 at city hall.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the county office complex.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Deer Lakes meeting room.



Superior Whitetail Habitats' Philip Sharp (left) and drone pilot Brandon Shaw discuss aerial opportunities in the hunting and agriculture industries. At top are drone images, on the left a thermal photo of a deer walking near a woods line. Can you find the buck bedded in a CRP field.

Drone adds aerial dimension to hunting, surveying

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

It goes without saying that the outdoors industry is a burgeoning sector of the local economy.

Its tentacles are buried deep into the fabric of Crittenden County, affecting property values, supplemental leasing income for landowners, retail sales and more.

Observers largely attribute the rising value of undeveloped real estate in western Kentucky to a high recreational demand. Restaurants will be packed for the next few weeks and grocery stores will see big bumps at the cash register. And there is more.

While hunting is an unquestionably earthy endeavor, air space is now ripe for pursuit of big game, albeit only for mortally wounded animals, and with a few regulatory caveats.

Marion company Superior Whitetail



Be Alert

Whitetail season's annual rifle hunt begins Saturday and runs through Thanksgiving weekend. Be especially careful driving. It's peak time for deer vs vehicle collisions.

Habitats, incorporated in 2018, has been on the cutting edge of providing innovative resources for hunters and landowners. It is the brainchild of local affiliates of Whitetail Properties, which

has sliced off a large share of the local real estate market over the last decade or so. Superior Whitetails is taking to the sky with a highly-sophisticated infrared DJI drone which has a high-resolution camera capable of counting antler points on a buck from a couple of hundred feet above.

"There is one video where you can see the eyelashes on the deer and tell that it's blinking," said Philip Sharp, wildlife biologist for Superior Whitetails.

The drone's marketability – during this time of year with deer season in full swing – is its ability to find mortally wounded trophies. Tracking crippled animals has evolved from a mountain man's occupation to handsomely paid dog handlers, and now cameras in the sky.

"Thermal imaging can find things a

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AT THE BALLOT BOX KY GOVERNOR



Andy Beshear
Countywide 34%
Statewide 52.5%



Daniel Cameron
Countywide 66%
Statewide 47.5%

CITY COUNCIL



Tracy Cook
Citywide 49.6%



Taylor Davis
Citywide 50.4%

Davis is elected to council, Beshear remains governor

STAFF REPORT

Lifelong local resident Taylor Davis, 31, was elected to Marion City Council in the only local race Tuesday during the statewide general election.

Davis received 257 of 510 votes cast in balloting for the city council post, defeating Tracy Cook by a razor-thin margin of just four votes. Davis can be formally sworn to the council seat as soon as election results are certified, which will be Nov. 17.

Cook had served on the city council since January when she was chosen to fill an unexpired term. Last fall during a full city council election, Cook, 59, was the seventh highest vote getter behind the six elected candidates. When one of those six chose not to serve, Cook was picked by the council to fill the vacant seat.

Davis is a history teacher in Union County School District and does some part-time work broadcasting sports on WMJL radio. He holds associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees from Madisonville and Murray State and is a 2010 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

"Obviously it was really, really close. So with it being such a close race, I know I have a lot to prove," Davis said after ballots were tabulated. "We have a lot of issues that are being faced in

the city, but I am going to do what I ran on which is to build up infrastructure, repair Marion from the ground up and also keep Marion voters and constituents in on every single thing that's going on, work on government transparency."

In statewide balloting in this county, Republicans won handily in every race. However, Democrat incumbent Andy Beshear was re-elected governor for four more years after carrying statewide polling. He garnered 34 percent of the vote in Crittenden County to challenger Daniel Cameron's 66 percent. In all of the down ticket races, each GOP candidate carried Crittenden County with 76 percent of the vote or more in their races. Republicans won all five of the other statewide races as Michael Adams was re-elected secretary of state, Allison Ball was re-elected auditor of public accounts, Russell Coleman was elected attorney general, Mark Metcalf won state treasurer and Jonathan Shell was chosen commissioner of agriculture.

Voter turnout in Crittenden County mirrored much of the entire state with about 40 percent of registered voters turning out for Tuesday's general election.

See a complete tabulation of local results at The-Press.com.



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Deaths

Ball

Samuel Davis Ball, 79, of Henderson, died Monday, Oct. 30, 2023 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born June 1, 1944 in Henderson County to the late Frances Hall Ball and Davis Ball. He was the member of Chapel Hill United Methodist Church for over 55 years. He worked as an agribusinessman for more than 30 years serving the tri-state after retiring from the NFL.

Ball was a first team All-State Henderson County Colonel, Consensus All-American at the University of Kentucky, 2001 Legends of the SEC, and UK retired his #73 jersey during the celebrated 100 years of football. He was the number one draft choice for the Baltimore Colts, where he played in Super Bowl III and became World Champion in Super Bowl V. He was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame Kentucky Chapter and the Ken-

tucky Sports Hall of Fame. He was a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award through the Henderson County Chamber of Commerce and the Austin Nichols American Hero Award.

Surviving are three children, Shannon Ball and Shelly Ball (Daniel) Chapel, both of Little Rock, Ark., and Samuel "Shane" (Shelly) Ball of Louisville; a sister, Louise "TeeTee" Habermel of Evansville; four grandsons, Tristan Fowler, Blake Ball, Kemper Ball and Boone Ball; a granddaughter, Sadie Lou Ball; three nephews, Jason Habermel, Collin Ball and Ryan Ball; and a niece, Holly Ziemer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas E. Ball.

Services were Wednesday, Nov. 8 at Chapel Hill Church, 2601 U.S. Highway 60 East, Henderson.

Memorial donations may be made to The Salvation Army of Henderson, Kentucky or Saint Anthony's Hospice.

Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tracy

Gerald Dwayne Tracy, 70, of Smithland, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2023 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was of the Methodist faith. He was a front desk manager in the hotel service industry and was a hair dresser in Smithland and the surrounding area. He was a graduate of Livingston Central High School, Draughns Business College and Paducah Beauty School. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family. Gerald was truly an unforgettable person.

Surviving are a sister, Penny (Andy) Oliver of Smithland; a brother, Stewart (Vickie) Tracy of Smithland; a niece, a nephew and a great-niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Owda Leon and Nellie Grey (Sunderland) Tracy; and a brother, Stephen Michael Tracy.

There will be no services at this time. Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.



FCCLA plans holiday event

Crittenden County High School's FCCLA chapter is coordinating a Merry Little Family Christmas Dec. 8 at Crittenden County Elementary School.

A toy drive is being held through Dec. 5 in conjunction with the Dec. 8 event. New, unwrapped items collected during the toy drive will be given to participants of the Dec. 8 event at Crittenden County Elementary School.

Between 5-8 p.m., Dec. 8, FCCLA will serve dinner and co-ordinate holiday activities for Crittenden County families.

Donations of toys may be taken to CCHS. The club is also accepting donations of spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles to be



used during Merry Little Family Christmas.

FCCLA president Laycee Lynn said the Christmas event is the club's STAR entry, which will be judged during regional competition. Lynn hopes the project will qualify the club for state competition.

Rocket ready

Crittenden Community Hospital CEO Shawn Bright (back center) presents the Rocket basketball team a check to sponsor team warmup sets. Front from left are Matthew Conger, Brady Dayberry, Logan Martin, Ethan Rhoads, (back) Jonah Reddick, Dawson Jones, Jaxon Hatfield, Bright, Travis Champion, Turner Sharp, Bryson Walker and Andrew Candelario.



Barn Quilt party in January

The Crittenden County Extension Office will host a barn quilt paint party on Monday, Jan. 22, 2024.

The event will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., with instruction by Liz's Barn Quilts at the Crittenden County Lions Club build-

ing.

Participants will paint barn quilt signs for their residence or business.

Outdoor signs measuring 2-foot-by-2-foot are \$130. Signs that are 3-foot-by-3-foot are \$190.

All supplies, including boards, brushes and

paint, will be provided. Lunch also will be provided.

Participants are asked to bring a drink for their lunch, a hair dryer and .94-inch Frog Tape.

Space is limited. Call (270) 965-5236 to register.

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Wayne Agent, Former Crittenden County Sheriff
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 former Sheriff of Crittenden County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2022, 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 former Crittenden County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2022, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky 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 former Crittenden County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2022, 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*, 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 former 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 former 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.

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 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, 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 former 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 former 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 Wayne Agent, Former Crittenden County Sheriff
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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 28, 2023, on our consideration of former 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 testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 former Crittenden County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, discusses the following report findings:

2022-001 The Former Crittenden County Sheriff's Office Did Not Have Adequate Segregation Of Duties
2022-002 The Former Crittenden County Sheriff's Fourth Quarter Financial Statement Was Materially Misstated
2022-003 The Former Crittenden County Sheriff's Office Failed To Submit An Annual Settlement To The Fiscal Court For April
2022-004 The Former Crittenden County Sheriff's Office Did Not Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over The Drug Fund

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, KY

July 28, 2023

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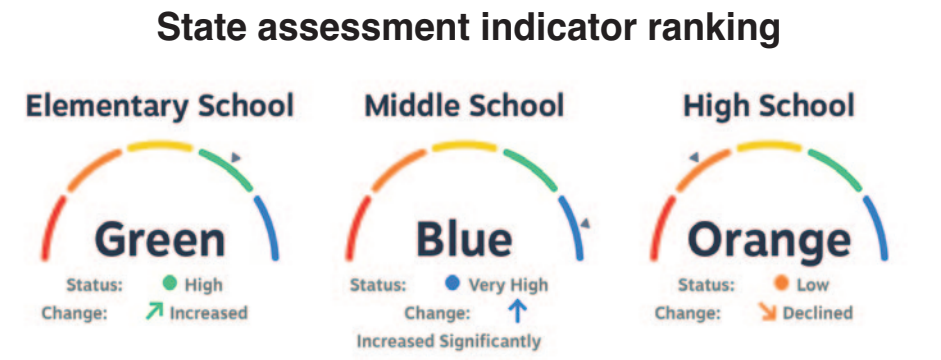
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CCMS among state’s best, earns blue rating

Crittenden County Middle School earned the state’s highest distinction on state testing data for the 2022-23 school year, capturing the coveted blue performance rating. The school joins only 32 other middle schools out of 318 in the Commonwealth in this honor.

CCMS
Principal Kara Turley said the designation is not only a reflection of staff motivating students to want to learn, but also the result of an effective re-teaching and remediation system and a testament to the school’s positive culture where students feel valued by adults in the building. “We are thrilled,” said Turley, in a news release by the Crittenden County School District. “And while test scores are never our main objective, it feels good to have our scores reflect the effort of students and adults in the building to learn and grow together.”



Since the 2021-2022 school year, the state has used a color-coded overall performance rating for each school, district, and the state by level, ranging from red (lowest) to orange, yellow, green, and blue (highest). The overall performance rating color is based on a score that is determined by combining data from all available indicators, including state assessment results in reading, math, social studies, science, and on demand writing; English language learner progress; quality of school climate and safety; and post-second-

ary readiness and graduation rate data at the high school level. **CCES**
Crittenden County Elementary School secured an outstanding performance rating for the second consecutive year with its green distinction. Out of 719 elementary schools in the state, CCES is one of only 187 to earn the prestigious classification. Increasing their scores in four out of five academic indicators from the previous year (reading, math, science, and social studies), the elementary school saw growth

among the third through fifth graders tested. Principal Sarah Riley credits the school’s success to the staff’s determination and perseverance, along with students’ work ethic and desire to learn and grow. “I am a very proud principal of the hardest-working staff and students,” Riley said. “Crittenden County Elementary School is filled with solid instructional practices, as shown in our data. We are truly growing our students.” **CCHS**
While Crittenden County High School re-

Proficient/Distinguished	
•Highest math	8th grade (68%)
•Lowest math	10th grade (21%)
•Highest science	4th grade (38%)
•Highest social studies	5th grade (51%)
•Highest reading	8th grade (62%)
•Lowest reading	10th grade (38%)
Behavior incidents	
•91% of behavior incidents are males	
•Tobacco use is the greatest infraction	

Source: KY School Report Card, 2022-23 school year

peated its orange ranking from the prior year, the school did see growth in its graduation rate and post-secondary readiness. Graduation rates improved from 85.4 percent in 2021-2022 to 95.7 percent in 2022-2023. Post-secondary readiness saw a near four-percent increase. Interim principal Rhonda Callaway said growth in these indicators is encouraging and hopes to build on that success in the coming year. “We are on track to exceed post-secondary

readiness for the 2023-24 school year,” said Callaway, “and we are encouraged by that. We know, too, however, that there is much work that lies ahead, and we are eager to work together, collectively, to realize gains in all indicators.” The public can view a detailed report of state assessment data for all three schools by visiting the Kentucky School Report Card on the Kentucky Department of Education’s website at education.ky.gov.



CCHS’ courageous

Crittenden County High School students selected as students of the month for October based on the character trait courageous are (front from left) Bobby Reed, Brianna Walker, Braelynn Pate, Gracie Orr, Taylor Haire, Hunter Kirk, (back) Macibelle Hardesty, Kylee Bloodworth, Maddie Jones, Alivia Caudill, Alivia Hussey and Carley Harris. Not pictured are Karsyn Potter, Mary Martinez and Brooklyn Stinnett.

Extension

- A Kinship Care Interest/Informational meeting will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the Extension Office.
- An Amaryllis Care Basics class will be offered at 5:30

- p.m., Monday, Nov. 13.
- Quilt Club will meet at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14.
- A Floral Pumpkin Centerpiece class begins at 4 p.m., Monday, Nov/20 at the Crittenden County Public Library.



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Veterans Day service is Saturday in Fredonia

Fredonia Valley Heritage Society and Fredonia American Legion Post 103 will hold a Veterans Day Service at the Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial at 506 Cassidy Avenue in Fredonia at 11:11 a.m., Saturday.

Take your own chairs. All veterans in attendance will be recognized. A new American flag and new flags for the military branches will be raised by the Fredonia American Legion Post 103 Color Guard. Guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Sarah Fowler Morton.

Fredonia Valley Veterans Memorial was completed in May of 2022. Bricks purchased since that time are in place. Work on Phase 2 of the project has begun. In this phase, bench sponsorships and sponsorships toward construction of a pavilion with picnic tables are being accepted. Phase 2 will also consist of two other areas of the park which will include bricks honoring first responders and correctional officers who work to serve and protect us each day. Brick sales are ongoing.

Anyone can participate in the project by ordering an engraved brick in memory or in honor of a veteran, first responder or correctional officer. They do not have to be from the Fredonia Valley, and they can be from any time period through our country's history. Order forms are available in the mailbox at the memorial.

"We are all indebted to our veterans. They are a symbol of what makes our country great. The bravery of our veterans through time is

unimaginable and incomparable," said one of the event organizers Pam Faughn. "We owe them a debt of gratitude that is hard to put into mere words. We hope you will join us on Veterans Day to honor our veterans."

David Brown, commander at the Burna American Legion Post, said various schools in the area are also having programs.

Friday V-Day closings

Offices of Crittenden County Fiscal Court will be closed in observance of Veterans Day on Friday.

This closure will include Crittenden County Road Department, County Animal Shelter and Convenience Center. The Animal Shelter and Convenience Center will also be closed to the public on Saturday.

Area towns preparing for annual Christmas parades

Marion's annual Christmas parade will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2. The theme is "A Country Christmas." Lineup will begin at 4 p.m. For questions about float entry or other details contact Shelly Davidson at Partners Insurance at 270-965-2239.

Fredonia's annual Christmas Parade will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1 on Cassidy Avenue. Nominations are being sought for the grand marshal. Send them to Michelle Vinson Travis by Nov. 15 on Facebook at What's Happening in Fredonia.

Salem's Christmas Parade with a theme "Polar Express" will be at 5



p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25. Contact Salem City Hall at 270-988-2600 to register an entry. Each child attending the parade will receive a gift.

Livingston quarry applies for expansion permit

Livingston County's Warren Paving has filed an application with the Energy and Environmental Cabinet to expand its existing limestone quarry pit near Pinckneyville on the Cumberland River.

The quarry owner's application says it plans to construct associated access roads and sight and sound berms which will lie within the floodplain of the northern bank of the river.

The quarry is located just east of Pinckneyville.

Comments or objections concerning the application can be submitted via email to: DPWFloodplain@ky.gov or Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Call (502) 564-3410 with questions.

Marketplace open in KY

Kentuckians can shop and enroll for health and dental coverage on the

state-based marketplace known as kynect between now and Jan. 16.

Kentuckians who sign up on or before Dec. 15 will have a coverage start date of Jan. 1. Those who sign up on Dec. 16 through the last day of enrollment will be eligible for coverage that starts on Feb. 1.

Kentuckians who don't have coverage through another source, such as through an employer, Medicaid, the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicare or TRICARE, can start shopping now for individual coverage on kynect. All plans offered on the marketplace cover 10 essential health benefits, including emergency services, hospitalization, lab services and prescription drugs. All plan types also cover certain preventive services at no cost, and no one can be dropped from coverage or have their premiums increased because of health issues.

Joint featured on ABR

Eddyville restaurant The Joint - BBQ, Wings & More will this month host a visit from America's Best Restaurants.

America's Best Restaurants, a national media and marketing company focusing on bringing attention to local, independently-owned restaurants, will bring its ABR Roadshow to the restaurant on Nov. 17. Popular dishes will be highlighted, along with an extensive on-camera interview with owners Allison and Jared Choate about the restaurant's special place in the community. The episode will be aired extensively on social media channels at a later date.

Harmon completes former sheriff's final audit

State Auditor Mike Harmon on Monday released the audit of the 2022 financial statement of former Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent. State law requires the auditor to annually audit the accounts of each county sheriff. In compliance with this law, the auditor issues two sheriff's reports each year: one reporting on the audit of the sheriff's tax account, and the other reporting on the audit of the fee account used to operate the office.

Auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the financial statement presents fairly the receipts, disbursements and excess fees of the former Crittenden County Sheriff in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the

United States. The former sheriff's financial statement did not follow this format. However, the former sheriff's financial statement is fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting, which is an acceptable reporting methodology.

The audit found that the former sheriff's office did not have adequate segregation of duties. The bookkeeper performed all accounting functions of the office, including collecting cash, preparing deposits, preparing checks, posting transactions to the ledgers, reconciling the bank accounts and preparing quarterly reports.

"The department has always been small and we did our best to split things up and find other ways to correct

this...", the former sheriff said in the official audit response.

The former sheriff's fourth quarter financial statement was not accurate, the auditor says. Outstanding receivables and unpaid obligations reported on the financial statement were misstated by \$22,033.

According to staff, receipts received in January and February for the month of December were excluded from the fourth quarter financial statement because they were received after the financial statement was approved by fiscal court. The former sheriff had planned to report these receipts and the resulting excess fees on the annual settlement.

"Money was received a couple of months after the end of the 2022 year resulting in this comment," Agent's re-

sponse said.

The audit says the former sheirff failed to submit an annual settlement to the fiscal court for approval. By not submitting the annual settlement to the fiscal court, the former county sheriff is not in compliance with KRS 134.192, the auditor said.

The former sheriff said this was an oversight.

Lastly, the audit found that the sheriff's department did not have adequate segregation of duties over the drug fund, which is a repeat finding and was included in the prior year audit.

The former sheriff's response was that due to having a small staff it was "extremely hard to get rid of comments of this nature especially with this one being an account tied to sensitive information."



50 YEARS AGO

November 8, 1973

■ Crittenden County High School took on a festive air it lacked for several years. In addition to the traditional bonfire and the crowning of Patty Brantley as queen, this day was regarded as a day to have fun at school. Donnie Arlack tried for all he was worth in the baby bottle chug and Bill McConnell was the participant able to hold onto the greased pig.

■ Thomas C. McKenney was named the Crittenden County winner in the 1973 Tom Wallace Farm Forestry Awards Contest. Winners were determined by the scores received on seven different sections of proper woodland management, including harvesting, planting, erosion control, wildlife and recreation, and woodland management promotion.

■ Two members of the Crittenden County High School football team were selected to the Western Kentucky Conference honor squad. Halfback Mike Taylor was named to the Class A team and Steve Tramel was cited for his play at outside linebacker. Nine Crittenden players were named to the honor team during Coach Dickie McDonald's four years at Crittenden.

25 YEARS AGO

November 8, 1998

■ Crittenden County's football team captured its second district title in three years and tied the 1985 and 1996 teams with the best regular-season records in school history. The Rockets finished 9-1 by defeating Todd County Central 28-13 in a game that wasn't close after the first period.

■ The National Cattlemen's Beef Association/Buick Environmental Stewardship Awards Program named Mark Williams a regional winner for his leadership in beef promotion and sustainable agriculture and environmental practices. During that year, he enrolled in UK's Natural Resource Leadership Institute and was named by the Chamber of Commerce as the Crittenden

County Farmer of the Year.

■ The Crittenden County Homemakers Association celebrated its 50th anniversary. It was recognized by the local 4-H Council as a friend of 4-H.

■ Local Extension leader Elizabeth Stevens was recognized as one of three Kentuckians selected as Epsilon Sigma Phi Extension Fraternity Friend of Extension Award at their annual meeting.

■ Daniel Riley, 9, harvested his first deer during the youth hunt.

10 YEARS AGO

November 7, 2013

■ A healthy growing season allowed for some abnormally large sweet potatoes in Crittenden County. Lucy Tedrick showed off her bumper crop headlined by two 11.5-pound potatoes and one 10-pound spud. David Arlack had his own luck with sweet potatoes. His largest tuber weighed in at just under five pounds and the smaller of the two was about 3.5 pounds. Neither Arlack nor Tedrick had any secrets to their green thumbs, each simply let nature take its course.

■ Crittenden County resident Wesley Hunt, recently sworn to the Kentucky bar, was named assistant county attorney under County Attorney Rebecca Johnson.

■ Cameron McDaniel became the third generation in his family to join the National Guard. His father Lt. Col. Bill McDaniel, and his grandfather, retired Maj. Carol McDaniel, both served their countries with great pride.

■ Tumble Extreme power tumbling team brought home 13 first place ribbons in trampoline, double mini and tumbling events. Members of the team included Payton Maness, Rianna Maness, Kiley Croft, Riley Summers, Sissy Collins, Britany Minton, Trinity Hayes, Belle Minton and Madison Mott.

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

OCTOBER 2023

Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp
24.2
Tues., Oct. 31

Warmest Temp
86.2
Tues., Oct. 3

Wettest Day
1.08
Sat., Oct. 21

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	59.8	57.4	63.8	56.9	65.5	59.2
Coldest Temp	24.2	29.6	39.8	33.8	53.7	31.5
Hottest Temp	86.2	81	85.1	81.9	95.5	88.2
Precipitation	2.3	1.6	3.2	7.9	0.19	4.8
Wettest Day	1.08	0.93	1.06	2.7	0.15	2.96

■ Mother Nature's Halloween blast of cold air put us on notice for what's to come a little later this winter and it registered the coldest October low temperature in at least 8 years for Crittenden County. October remained a bit dry, as is customary in this county, with only 2.3 inches of rainfall. Almost all of last month's precipitation came during the last five days. Other than those soggy days, there was about a half-inch of rainfall on Oct. 5. Our weather report is based on data from the Kentucky Mesonet project, which has a weather station near Mattoon. The program is operated by Western Kentucky University.

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MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of October 2023 to the same month in 2022. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year's monthly average.

CATEGORY	OCTOBER 2023	OCTOBER 2022	SEPTEMBER 2023	2023 YR TO DATE	2022 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	2232	2,913	1606	21,403	3,320.3
Criminal investigations	15	13	8	116	12.2
Domestics	8	6	13	68	6.2
Felony Arrests	8	7	3	53	5.2
Misdemeanor arrests	12	14	4	85	8.3
Non-criminal arrests	7	9	7	82	10.1
DUI arrests	2	0	1	9	0.5
Criminal summons served	1	2	3	40	2.6
Traffic citations	13	15	20	171	16.8
Other citations	24	20	27	273	27.7
Traffic warnings	2	0	1	42	2.6
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	3	6	8	54	5.6
Security checks/alarms	29	44	63	580	39.8
Calls for service	224	194	211	2,081	176.6

MPD 270.965.3500
Police Chief Ray O'Neal
Asst. Chief Bobby West

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How do you think about that?

One of the great dangers that persists in societies everywhere throughout history is mistaking the gathering of information for thinking. Or worse, the gathering of information that is clearly biased without realizing (or even worse, caring) that it is biased. Artificial intelligence has the potential to make this problem even worse because the sources of the answer that we get may be even harder to check.

I am sometimes asked about which Bible a person should be reading. I will usually give a list with the strengths and weaknesses of each recommendation. For readers of English Bibles, the most important part of the book is the explanation of the rules used by the translators. For annotated Bibles, the introduction that explains the doctrinal or denominational background of the note writers is equally important. How one thinks directly affects how one will translate one language to another as well as the explanations given.

Critical thinking is a skill that is always vitally needed and often in short supply. It is one thing to believe something and quite another to know why we believe it. Knowledge of history from primary sources is vital to understanding why we believe what we do. It is one thing to know a math formula and another to understand why it works. It is one thing to have a religious belief and another to understand why

so many believe it (or not).

There are two places that are crucial to learning how to think. The first is school. It is important to learn facts, but also important to learn why those facts are important and how they can be applied to life. When I hear, "I'll never use this when I finish school," I know that I am talking to someone who has not yet learned the importance of critical thinking. The statement may be true, but the reason has more to do with the learner than the facts.

This is a chronic problem. In a 1960 article in Education and Freedom, Admiral Hyman Rickover expressed concern of the lack of critical thinking. It was in response to the progress that the Soviet Union was making in science, particularly the "space race." What he says about engineers still has broad application today.

"Among the young engineers we interview we find few who have received thorough training in engineering fundamentals or principles, but most have absorbed quantities of facts – much easier to learn than principles but of little use without application of principles. Once a principle has been acquired it

becomes a part of one and is never lost. It can be applied to novel problems and does not become obsolete as do all facts in a changing society. American education in general emphasizes learning factual know-how at the cost of absorbing fundamental principles, just as it stresses conditioning of behavior at the cost of developing the ability to think independently. Most of our schools have lost sight of the fact that a well-trained mind can cope with many unforeseen problems. Instead, they try to foresee every possible future difficulty a young person may encounter and then give a special course in how to deal with it. This is a hopeless endeavor, for in a rapidly changing world no one can foresee what future problems will have to be met."

Anyone involved in human resources, education, or middle management can feel the pain of having to take a special course in dealing with problems that pop up in an everchanging environment, especially if one dares independent thinking in a highly regulated system. It is an environment that reduces the possibility of finding solutions to problems that take

into account context and personalities.

The second place, which also has chronic issues, is religion. I have some understanding of Christianity, so I will speak from that standpoint. I believe that faith, when practiced well, is much more about how we think than what we think. For example, how I think about other human beings is more important than what I think about them.

Much of what passes for good preaching and teaching focuses almost entirely on what we are supposed to believe rather than how we are supposed to think about God, creation, and other people. It is not that what we believe is unimportant – that would be foolish. However, what we believe should be informed by history and understanding of how our culture, language, the news we take in, the podcasts we absorb, and who we listen to affects what we believe.

How we think about things, the processes we use to form our beliefs and opinions matter – a lot. My experience is that the more in touch a person is with their process, the less dogmatic they are. The more we understand how we think the more humility we will bring to our discussions.


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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

ASK the PASTOR
By Bob Hardison



I want." Ask His forgiveness and ask for His help to turn from lustful thoughts.

Changing embedded thoughts doesn't come without a struggle. Truly surrender your thoughts to God and die to your old lustful nature daily. Then, work at replacing your impure thoughts with wholesome ones. The Bible teaches, "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things" (Phil. 4:8). Reshape your thoughts on pure things toward all women at all times.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Confess and turn from all lustful thoughts

Question: The Lord is convicting me of having lustful thoughts about the women I meet. I've been making excuses for my lustful thoughts. Why can't I give them up?

Answer: Why? The simple answer is, we enjoy our lustful thoughts and we are so familiar with them we can't imagine living without them.

Just because no one can see your thoughts it doesn't make it any less a sin. You must face up to your lustful thoughts as being adultery. Jesus emphasized, "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Mt. 5:27, 28).

Get on your knees and confess your lust to God. Tell Him, "I am no longer willing to trade a pure conscience and Your holy presence for what

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Get a full breakdown of results by visiting Kentucky School Report Card at <https://www.kyschoolreportcard.com/organization/5545?year=2023>

Community Events & News

- Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department's annual deer hunters breakfast and rifle raffle will be 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Nov. 11. The cost is \$10 and everyone is invited. Donations for this fundraiser are always appreciated. Contact any Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department member to purchase rifle raffle tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 for a Weatherby Vanguard Sporter Rifle 30-06. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the breakfast until drawing time or until they are sold out. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn around noon.
- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.
- The VFW in Marion will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9 at 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.



In Loving Memory
Eddie Joe Herrin
November 7, 1959—August 17, 2022

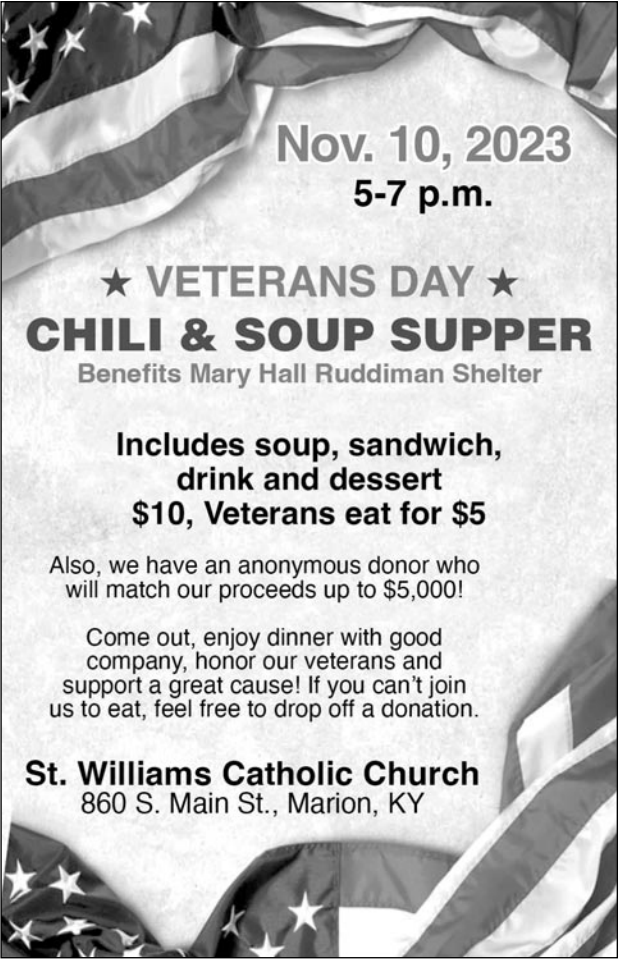
Your presence really did light up a room Joe, and I'm sure it's the same in heaven. You always had time for family and friends to just come, sit and talk a while.

I'm sure you are watching over our grandchildren as I know that worried you most.

We all miss you, love you forever and always.



Happy heavenly birthday,
Love your family



Nov. 10, 2023
5-7 p.m.

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CHILI & SOUP SUPPER
Benefits Mary Hall Ruddiman Shelter


Includes soup, sandwich, drink and dessert
\$10, Veterans eat for \$5

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Marion, Ky.
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Mexico Baptist Church




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

DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH




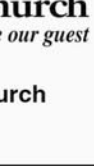
Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297
Phone: (270) 965-2220
Bro. Jamie Baker
"Whatever It Takes"

Emmanuel Baptist Church



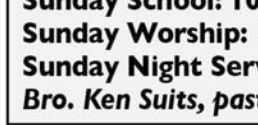
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CHURCH TIMES:
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church



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Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.


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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.
David LeNeave, Pastor


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2 Peter 3:18
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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The People of the United Methodist Church
WED.: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.
SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 p.m.
Bro. James LAIBEN
South College St.

Frances Community Church




Bro. Butch Gray
Worship service:..... 11 a.m.
Children's Church ages 3 & up ... 11 a.m.
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Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

Unity General Baptist Church



4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Marion Church of Christ



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

Remembering veterans and the first Veterans Day

Veteran's Day commemorates the end of World War I. In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

Let's recall Ellis B. Ordway, Crittenden County's first young man that gave his life for our county and from the archives of The Crittenden Press some past patriotic Armistice/Veteran's Day programs.

Veteran's Day Salute, The Ultimate Sacrifice

Ellis B. Ordway, World War I Veteran, was the first Crittenden County young man to give the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Ellis B. Ordway was a volunteer in the World War, having enlisted in June 1917 and was sent to Columbus, Ohio where he was kept in training for only a short time, going overseas in the last of June. He was in Co. A. 16th Infantry. His comrades spoke of him as a brave soldier. He was sent to the front to Argonne Forest, where he was wounded twice by a machine gun in the right leg on the 17th day of July 1918 and he died July 26th, 1918 from his wounds at age 23.

Although Ellis died in 1918 his remains weren't returned home to Crayne until April 1921. His service was conducted by Rev. Smith of Dawson in the presence of a large crowd of sympathetic friends at the Crayne Presbyterian Church. The remains were wrapped in the American Flag, for which he fought and died. The body was laid to rest in the Crayne Cemetery. Ellis B. Ordway was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ordway of Crayne.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Armistice Day Celebrated here

In November 1930, a program was given at Fohs Hall sponsored by the Local Legion post, calling the attention of an oft time forgotten public to the significance of the day. Whistles and the fire alarm blown at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning reminded Marion that 12 years ago, the signing of the Armistice at 11 o'clock on the 11th of November brought to a close the World War. As the whistles died away, Taps was sounded in front of the armory. Appropriate exercises were held in Fohs Hall Tuesday morning to which the public were invited and which were attended by the entire student body of the city schools. The program was arranged by the Ellis B. Ordway Post of the American Legion. Addresses were made by J. Roy Johnson, who talked on The Flag; David Postlethweight on Peace Time Preparedness; C. S. Nunn, who talked on The Constitution. Vocal



Ellis B. Ordway was Crittenden County's first to be killed in action in World War I. He was wounded by machine gun fire on July 17, 1918 and died from his wounds just a few days later.

solos were sung by Mrs. Dobbys and by W. W. Runyan; with Miss Laura Butler and Mrs. J. B. Wiggins as their accompanists. Miss Juanita Sory gave a reading, a story of the Civil War. Banks were closed in Marion and many of the business houses displayed the flag before their stores. School was dismissed at the close of the exercises in Fohs Hall for the remainder of the day which otherwise passed in an uneventful manner.

Armistice Day Celebrated By Local Citizens

November 1931. With flags flying from daybreak to dusk, Armistice Day was celebrated very quietly in Marion and Crittenden County. In the morning a simple but impressive program was given at Fohs Hall in commemoration of the event which not so many years ago brought joy once more to a war-stricken world. O. R. Lamb, Kentucky Vice-Commander at Large



Students at Marion Schools gather around the flag pole at Fohs Hall to say the Pledge of Allegiance and honor the American Flag on a past Armistice Day program of the past.

of the American Legion, was in charge of this program, opening it with a few appropriate remarks. David H. Postlethweight, Service Officer, paid a tribute to the memory of the soldier dead. A reading by Miss Margaret Waters, orchestra music and war songs completed the Armistice Day program at the Marion schools. In further observance of the day schools were dismissed for the afternoon. In every school in the country similar programs were held, bringing this important event of world history more emphatically before the students, most of whom are too young to remember much about the horrors of the great conflict.

First Veterans Day

Marion Reporter, Nov. 1954. Today, Thursday, Nov. 11, 1954, Americans everywhere will for the first time observe "Veterans Day." Congress, in an act approved June 1, 1954, officially changed the Nov. 11 legal holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. This day, in the words of President Eisenhower's proclamation, will be one

on which a grateful nation will pay "appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of the nation." It is a day of remembrance, gratitude, hope and prayer. The freedom and liberty which are our heritage today have been preserved only through the sacrifices of our veterans. On nine occasions since the founding of our country, Americans have had to shoulder arms in wartime defense of their nation. We must always remember that nearly one million of these defenders never returned from battle. Millions of others returned to their homes forever maimed or handicapped as a result of their war service.

We must never forget the eternal debt of gratitude to our veterans, for our country exists today, free, proud and unafraid, because of their sacrifices in time of national peril.

Colorful Veterans Day Celebration

November 1957. Fohs Hall was the scene for a very colorful and interesting Veteran's Day assembly, presented by the Marion American Legion Post. After the student body

and guests were seated, an honor guard, consisting of William Duke Taylor, J. R. Tharp, Wendell Travis and Guy Sullenger, presented the colors. The Marion High School band played the National Anthem and Rev. Roy Ride-nour gave the invocation. The pledge to the flag was then given by all. Guest speaker was William Allen, judge advocate of the state. He gave a stirring talk on wars, starting with earlier ones and working up to the Korean conflict, the meaning of our flag and what Veteran's Day will mean in years to come. The band kept the theme of the day by offering their rendition of two patriotic numbers.

Take a few moments of your time this Veteran's Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, to stop and remember what the day is for, to never forget, and to give thanks to all the veterans of the past and to all veterans of the present. (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).

DRONE

Continued from page 1 normal camera cannot," said Brandon Shaw, the company's drone pilot, who is on call during hunting season. "I think this is going to raise the percentage of deer found because we can bring a different perspective than a dog can bring."

Sharp says the chances of finding a wounded big game animal go way down if it travels more than 250 yards after being shot by a hunter. The infrared drone, he says, is non-invasive. There are no humans looking for blood trails or dogs trekking through your favorite hunting spot. It's all done somewhat clandestinely from above.

The cost for their service is comparable to that of highly-skilled deer dogs, under \$500 even if they're successful in locating the animal. The cost is also less than most taxidermy fees. "Right now we're concentrating on deer recovery," said Sharp. "After the season is over we will transition into mapping and deer inventory surveys."

Sharp, who spent more than two decades as a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources biologist, says counting deer density has been an art form undertaken by specialists in the field for many years. Now, Sharp says, real time information about the number of deer and their sex is exciting. With drone technology, it has become an "exact science that has not been available in the past for making crucial management decisions."

"Other than the drone, there is no other mechanism that can get you even close to the true data you need to determine deer density," the biologist added. "All of the other methods are just guesstimates."

down wind," Sharp explains. Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has specific guidelines on what can and cannot be offered by drone services. Mark Williams of Whitetail Properties and co-owner of Superior Whitetail Habitats said deer density surveys are priceless for landowners who want to manage deer herds for the long haul. "Based on your data, you can develop a habitat improvement program then

come back two or three years down the road and take another survey to see what type of results you've gotten," he said. Williams is also an investor in The Buck Factory, a hunting club with a large tract of land in southern Crittenden County. A flight deer survey found 118 deer on the hunting club, parsed that down to the number of bucks and does, and even located an armadillo and some other small creatures. "I bet they didn't miss

but maybe one or two deer, if that," Sharp said. The drone pilot has a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Murray State and a background using drones for pesticide and herbicide applications on farms. Superior Whitetail will be offering those services, too, this spring and summer. While hunting may have begun as primitive necessity, it's certainly evolved alongside modern technology, say the professionals at Superior Whitetail.



CRITTENDEN COUNTY FARM BUREAU

will be closed

Friday, Nov. 10



in observance of Veterans Day

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Monroe Co. (6-5) at Lex. Christian (10-1)
Breathitt Co. (6-5) at Beechwood (10-1)
Leslie Co. (7-4) at Somerset (8-3)
Betsy Lane (10-1) at Martin Co. (6-5)
Floyd Central (6-5) at Shelby Valley (8-3)

Thompson recognized

Crittenden County graduate and former CCHS football coach Sean Thompson has been chosen Coach of the Year in Class 4A First District by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association. Thompson led Paducah Tilghman to a 10-0 regular season and the Blue Tornado plays Warren East in a First Region semifinal after beating Breckinridge County 70-0 last Friday.

CCMS Rockets at tryout

Crittenden County Middle Schoolers Ethan Soth and Azariah Rich were in Campbellsville last weekend trying out for a Kentucky middle school all-star team. They will find out later this week whether they made the squad.



BASKETBALL

Havoc at Hive Saturday

The Crittenden County vs. Caldwell County pre-season basketball scrimmage billed as "Havoc at the Hive" will have limited \$30 tickets at the door Saturday, unless it's a sellout beforehand. Tipoff for the throw-back style game will be at 6:30 p.m., at the Fredonia gym.

Perry to pick college

Lyon County's Travis Perry says that he will make an announcement on Sunday during a formal ceremony in Ed-dyville to reveal his college basketball decision. Perry, a four-star recruit, has many family ties in Crittenden County. The announcement will be at 2 p.m., at Lyon County High School. Perry has narrowed his decision down to five schools: Alabama, Cincinnati, Ole Miss, Kentucky, and Western Kentucky.

Meet the Rockets

Crittenden County will host its Meet the Rockets pre-season basketball kick-off on Saturday evening Nov. 18.

BASKETBALL

CCMS scoring summaries

- 7th Grade Girls
Lyon County 50, Crittenden 13
Jett Champion 2, Cayden Hutchison 3, Roane Topp 3, Matthew Counts 2, Joel Bumpus 3.
- 8th Grade Boys
Lyon County 60, Crittenden 48
Jack Porter 10, Coby Larue 11, Drake Young 13, Well Lovell 8, Dawson Johnson 2, Junior Cowser 2, Jayden Jones 2.
- Crittenden 53, Livingston 18**
Stokes 4, Porter 15, LaRue 9, Young 4, Lovell 3, Johnson 6, Cowser 5, Jones 93, Ellington 2, Herrin 2.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Squirrel	Aug 19 - Nov 10
Deer archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Turkey archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Deer crossbow	Sept 16 - Jan 15
Raccoon hunting	Oct 1 - Feb 29
Turkey shotgun	Oct 28 - Nov 3
Turkey crossbow	Nov 11 - Dec 31
Deer rifle season	Nov 11-26
Squirrel	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Quail	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Rabbit	Nov 13 - Feb 10
Raccoon trapping	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Gray or red fox	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Beaver	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Bobcat	Nov 18 - Feb 29
Dove	Nov 23 - Dec 3
Canada goose	Nov 23 - Feb 15
Turkey shotgun	Dec 2-8
Deer late muzzleloader	Dec 9-17
Dove	Dec 23 - Jan 14
Deer free youth hunt	Dec 30-31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round

‘Marion has a World Champion’

Former Bobcat starts 2 games in MLB WS

STAFF REPORT

Former Marion Bobcat Travis Jankowski is a World Series champion with the Texas Rangers. The MBL first-round pick in 2012 played for Marion's now defunct Bobcats in the 2010 season of the Ohio Valley Collegiate League.



Jankowski

Jankowski played mostly a utility outfielder role this season and had not started a game since early September when he was thrust into the lineup for the last two World Series games, following an injury to post-season star Adolis Garcia. Jankowski hit ninth and played right field in two starts for Games 4 and 5. He

had other brief appearances in the post-season as a pinch runner, pinch hitter or defensive replacement in the outfield. In Game 4, Jankowski helped spark a couple of five-run innings with a single, double, 2 RBIs and 2 runs scored. The Rangers won both games Jankowski started. His major league career has included play for six different teams. As a Marion Bobcat in 2010, Jankowski led the league in hitting and stolen bases. While in Marion his living arrangements were hosted by the Marion United Methodist Church parsonage and then-pastor Wayne Garvey. Gordon Guess, who founded the Marion Bobcats baseball team and was instrumental in starting the Ohio Valley Collegiate League, remembers picking Jankowski up at the airport in Nashville when he joined the team from Stoney Brook University. The college is near Jankowski's hometown of Lancaster, Pa. "I introduced him to grits on the drive from the airport in Nashville to Marion," Guess recalls. Marion resident Kory Wheeler, who

was head of Marion's baseball operations when the Bobcats were located here, was in Arizona as a guest of Jankowski during Wednesday night's decisive Game 5. Wheeler has maintained a close relationship to Jankowski and his family over the last 10 or so years. "Marion has a World Champion," she said right after the final out was made and Texas beat the Arizona Diamond-backs in the best-of-seven series. During his MLB career, Jankowski has also played for the San Diego Padres, Cincinnati Reds, Philadelphia Phillies, New York Mets and Seattle Mariners.



Travis Jankowski batting during Game 5 of the World Series last week. This is a screenshot from the Fox broadcast.

Rockets advance to regional semifinal

CCHS beats Rebels by 4 in 2A playoffs

STAFF REPORT

With a playoff victory on the line late in the fourth quarter Friday, Crittenden County pulled back the curtain to uncover a ground game that's been as elusive as Big Foot for most of the season, and put away Todd County Central 24-20. The ninth-ranked Rockets advance to this week's First Region semifinal matchup against No. 3 Owensboro Catholic, a team Crittenden lost to 62-12 earlier in the season.

After scoring the go-ahead touchdown with just over six minutes to play, CCHS got a huge stop by linebacker Bennett McDaniel – who had been moved to nose guard on the play – forcing Todd Central into a fourth down in Crittenden County territory with 3:11 to go. From there, the offense put the ball in its senior running back's hands and Gattin Travis rushed for three first downs to kill what was left on the clock. Travis, who had rushed for 203 in 10 regular-season games, had 60 in the second half against Todd Central. On his team's final possession, Travis ran for 47 yards on six carries. "The O-Line and Gattin put it together there on that last drive," said Rocket coach Gaige Courtney. "We struggled to run the football tonight and honestly we struggled to run it pretty much all year. It just came together on the last drive. We were able to run it and milk the game away." Indeed, Crittenden has rushed for more than 100 yards in a game just twice this season. They gained 101



Senior Gattin Travis got the fourth-quarter call to carry the Rockets to victory. He rushed for three first downs to seal the win.

on 22 carries against Todd Central. The other game over the century mark was against Caldwell County. CCHS averaged rushing for just 60 yards an outing during the regular season. On auto pilot since August, the Rocket passing attack, triggered by senior quarterback Micah Newcom, was on target in the playoffs. Newcom on Friday broke the single-season record for most pass completions in a season. Against the Rebels, he was as efficient as ever, completing 25-of-39 for 189 yards with no interceptions and one TD to Caden Howard to open the game's scoring. It was a pivotal first-down pass to junior receiver Tyree McLean that preserved the game-winning drive in the fourth period. McLean made a diving third-down catch at the sideline on an out route to take Crittenden to the Rebel 20-yard line with just under eight minutes remaining. Newcom scored shortly thereafter on a 13-yard quarterback draw and McDaniel caught a pass to complete the

two-point conversion for the game's final score. The Rebel defense was relentless, closing quickly on Rocket receivers after the catch. "Todd County came in here ready to take one home," Newcom said. "They were prepared for us. They were able to stop us multiple times, but when it mattered our guys pulled through and we made the most of the opportunities we had." Crittenden faced third-and-long often and were forced to punt three times and ran out of downs on two drives in the second half. The Rockets' (7-4) second-round opponent, Owensboro Catholic, beat Caldwell County 61-14 last week to open postseason. The 11-0 Aces will be a formidable challenge at Owensboro on Friday. They are ranked No. 1 by the KHSAA RPI power rankings while CCHS is No. 7. The regional semifinal will be played on the Kentucky Wesleyan University campus at Steele Stadium, which has a synthetic surfaced field.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Todd Co. Central	0	14	6	0
Crittenden County	8	8	0	8

SCORING PLAYS

C-Caden Howard 11 pass from Micah Newcom (Levi Piper pass from Newcom) 0:00, 1st
T-Grady Reding 57 kickoff return (G.Reding kick) 11:51, 2nd
C-Jacob Carder 4 run (Casey Cates pass from Newcom) 3:50, 2nd
T-Miles Reding 4 run (G.Reding kick) :31, 2nd
T-Brina Farlo 63 pass from M.Reding (pass intercepted by Cameron Belcher) 2:14, 3rd
C-Newcom 13 run (Bennett McDaniel pass from Newcom) 6:20, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: CCHS 15, TCC 7
Penalties: CCHS 10-100, TCC 15-146
Rushing: CCHS 22-10, TCC 25-76
Passing: CCHS 25-39-0, 189; TCC 8-14-0, 112
Total Yards: CCHS 290, TCC 188
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 1-0, TCC 2-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing
CCHS: Gattin Travis 9-60, Jacob Carder 3-5, Camron Belcher 1-4, Tyler Belt 2-1, Newcom 7-31. TCC: Quinton Grace 16-72, Ricky Woodard 1-0, M.Reding 8-4.
Passing
CCHS: Newcom 25-39-0, 189. TCC: M.Reding 8-14-0, 112.
Receiving
CCHS: Howard 8-62, Casey Cates 2-17, Tyree McLean 7-49, Gabe Keller 4-34, Carder 1-(-1), Belt 2-29, Travis 1-(-1). TCC: Grace 2-12, Farlow 2-61, Aidan Bobbett 2-28, Grady Reding 1-14, Antonio Fitzgerald 1-(-3).
Defense
Gabe Keller 2 solos, 2 assists; Levi Piper 3 solos, 3 assists; Gattin Travis 3 solos, assist, TFL; Bennett McDaniel 5 solos, 2 assists, TFL; Lane West 2 solos, Casey Cates 2 solos; Tyler Belt solo; Grayson James 4 solos, TFL, sack; Tyree McLean solo; Kaiden Travis solo, 4 assists; Camron Belcher 2 solos; Caden Howard 5 solos, assist; Brayden Poindexter 3 solos, 3 assists; Jacob Carder 2 solos.
Players of the Game: Offense Micah Newcom, Defense Bennett McDaniel, Lineman Travis Blazina.
Records: CCHS 7-4, TCC 5-6



CCHS's Lady Rockets softball program held a fundraising old-timers game Sunday. Participants (front from left) Brandy (Book) Henry, Kaitlyn Hicks, Denise (Wheeler) Guess, Denise (Hearell) Byarley, Brittney (Buell) Schneider, Kayla (Davis) Maxfield, Jessica Matthieu, (back) Lady Rockets Elliot Evans, Jaycee Champion, Bristyn Rushing, Anna Boone, Chloe Hunt, Georgia Holean, Aliza Maraman, Morgan Piper, Hannah Jent and Hailley Moore.

Guess scores 14 for Lindsey in exhibition loss at Murray

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School graduate Taylor Guess had 14 points to lead Lindsey Wilson in scoring last Thursday in an exhibition game at Murray State. The freshman is getting considerable playing time as one of the first players off the bench. Guess is the all-time scoring leader for Crittenden

County. Lindsey Wilson lost 104-45 at Murray, but has won two other games this season against Johnson, Tenn., and Southeast Indiana. Guess has scored 10 and six points, respectively, in those other games. She is playing mostly at forward positions, handling the ball a good bit against Murray State.



Taylor Guess (11) gets a rebound at left and works against an MSU defender above.

Dogged determination, buck harvest puts Ellington back in game

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Fall brings hunting season to Crittenden County and whitetails are among the most sought after fare. For one young Crittenden County man, taking a deer this season meant something much bigger than putting venison on the table.

For 20-year-old Ian Ellington, getting a buck with his bow and arrow was more of a challenge than most could image. In fact, it was a milestone in his new way of life.

Seriously injured in a motorcycle crash in 2021, Ellington has had multiple surgeries and spent countless days in the rehabilitation center. Still, he has almost no use of one leg.

So, this fall's early bowhunting harvest was especially important for a young man functioning with dogged determination, refusing to allow this physical challenge to keep him from doing the things he loves.

Ironically, the bike crash was caused by a deer that had dashed into the road in front of him on a highway in the edge of Caldwell County.

On one of Crittenden County's first cool, late-summer mornings in September 2023, Ellington trekked to the woods before 5 a.m., so he could get settled in a ground blind before the deer he had been seeing on a trail camera emerged into the field in front of him.

Getting to and from his stand isn't as easy as it is for most outdoorsmen. Ellington had bow hunted in the same spot the day before with a buddy and saw only mosquitos.

"I started to hear movement about 5:40 a.m., and sure enough once it got to about 6 a.m., where I could see a little, I saw two deer but didn't know what they were," he said. "Once there was some light through the trees and they lifted their heads, I could tell both of



In the early days after his motorcycle accident, Ian Ellington was surrounded by friends, but his future was unclear.



Rehab assignments became the norm.



Ellington says a deer harvest this fall shows he's back on his game.

them were bucks. I could tell they were ones I'd been watching for over a month on camera."

Ellington expected to have a short window of opportunity, because based on the whitetails' habits, they only hung around that particular field for about 10 minutes. But on this Sept. 8 morning, the bachelors lingered, feeding there for about a half of an hour.

"By about 6:30 a.m., it was just light enough to see good and I could tell that was the deer I wanted to take. But as I drew back the bow, he took a step in front of me and a small tree blocked his vitals," Ellington recalls. "I held the string in full draw for over two minutes and I was so nervous I was shaking.

"After about a minute I started getting a little tired and more shaky. I was scared I would make a bad shot, but I couldn't let it go because if I did he would see me," Ellington recalls. "Eventually it took another step forward and looked away, and I shot him directly in the heart and through its right lung."

Rewinding to that crash more than two years earlier and just days before his high school graduation, Ellington knew his life would take a different course. He also knew that he was fortunate to be alive.

His motorcycle wreck had happened on a warm spring evening while riding alongside a friend on another bike. Ellington suffered serious internal and external injuries after hitting a whitetail doe with his motorcycle. He was hospitalized for several weeks, then spent months in a makeshift hospital bed installed in his family's dining room.

Despite surgeries and extensive therapy, nerves in his left leg never reactivated. Ellington can't work the muscles in his leg because he can't feel them or "get them to fire," as he explains it. Yet because of his will and determination, today Ellington says he's physically stronger than ever. And that is from a fellow who spent a whole lot of time in the weight room while he was an all conference high school football player.

He has about one-third of normal function in his left hamstring, minimal use of his calf and no feeling in his foot. Though he has graduated from needing a cane, the only movement he has in the damaged leg is from his hip. Stabilization necessary for him to walk comes from a brace the length of his leg.

"My brace works like a prosthetic with my leg inside it, it makes my leg more stable," he explains.

Personal fortitude – or,

as he calls it, hard-headedness – has gotten him through. He spends five or six days a week in the gym for strength training. He target shoots with his bow regularly to remain accurate, and that also builds strength in his arms. Ellington is going to college at Murray State where getting around campus poses similar challenges as hunting for whitetails. There's often-times a great deal of walking involved. His doggedness also helps with college coursework. He is a junior business administration major.

"Everything I want to do I can for the most part, but it is 5-10 times harder for me than someone else. But, I don't really care at the end of the day, and lot of times stuff sucks and hurts and is uncomfortable, but I won't let myself lay down and quit. I just don't feel like that is a life worth living. So, I do everything I possibly can. I'm not about to lay around and waste my life away."

Outdoors, he mostly sticks to hunting from ground blinds, but he admits hard-headedness drives him into a tree stand on occasion.

"I'm not too limited to hunt, but it can be tough on me walking back there, especially in the dark because of only having one working leg. Being quiet is not an op-

tion for me, so I get there early because I'm loud," he said.

After this season's successful hunt, Ellington realized he'd need help getting the buck out so he phoned cousin Caden McCalister, who was two hours away in college in Bowling Green. Within minutes, McCalister was en route to Crittenden County to help get the nine-pointer out of the woods.

Before his crash, Ellington had been a two-sport star at Crittenden County High School. Now, he's trying to get back to competition in sports that better fit his abilities and limitations.

"I don't let myself not do what I want to do. I golf, I hunt, I lift, swim, ride 4-wheelers. About the only thing I don't do any more is run, so I feel like I do everything I want to."

Ellington's parents, Marcie and Rommel Ellington Jr., are proud of their son's persistence to do the things he loves.

"He refuses to accept that there are just some things that he may not be able to do. While things may take a little longer

than they used to or require adaptations, he will find a way," his mother said.


Although his buck tag is filled for the season, Ellington plans to continue hunting to fill the freezer with venison from antlerless deer. Lean protein like deer meat has helped him shed unwanted weight that accumulated when his active lifestyle came to a brief halt after his accident.

Plans are to get back to turkey hunting next spring.

"I've never seriously turkey hunted except with friends. I've coyote hunted a little bit and I squirrel and rabbit hunt all the time."

He uses the competitiveness that helped him succeed in sports like baseball and football to prosper afield and continue toward a full recovery.

"I love sports. I would do anything to go back and play another football game, but I've never had an experience where my adrenaline and excitement was to the level of after getting that deer. It definitely gives you a rush like no other."



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New family clinic opens on Marion’s southside

STAFF REPORT

Livingston Hospital has opened a family health clinic in Marion, its first development in Crittenden County since announcing a broader expansion project in July to invest more than \$60 million in expanding and renovating the hospital in Salem, plus building a new therapy clinic and doctors’ offices next door on property recently acquired in Salem.

Livingston Hospital Family Clinic officially opened Monday. Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and other community leaders were on hand last week for a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony at the clinic at 909 South Main Street. The former Midwest Trucking Company building next to Health Quest Wellness Center was completely revamped to facilitate the hospital’s plan. Only 4,000 square feet of the building was renovated for current use. Another 2,000 square feet is available for further development.

The clinic will be staffed by nurse practitioners Jennifer Johnson, APRN, FNP-BC, and Samantha Samuels, APRN, FNP-BC. They will provide family medicine services for all ages. Also at the clinic will be Jessica Sigler, PMHNP, offering behavioral and mental health services.

Livingston Hospital’s further development of its footprint in the area will continue in Salem, says CEO Shane Whittington.

In the coming months, Livingston Hospital will begin modernization of its 25-bed facility. Plans for the hospital include space for expanded or additional services, including more operating rooms, an oncology and infusion area, nuclear medicine, MRI, 3D mammography, DEXA scans and cardiac rehab. There will also be newly-renovated all-private rooms and an inpatient therapy center.

Livingston Hospital is leasing the Marion building from Shiloh Real Estate, which has developed a storage building complex next door. Brandon Sigler of Marion is owner of the real estate company.



Livingston Hospital and Deaconess personnel along with Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce leaders held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week at the new Livingston Hospital Family Clinic on South Main Street in Marion. Pictured are (front from left) David West, Shanna West, Wynne Wallace, Samantha Samules, APRN; Jennifer Johnson, APRN, Jessica Sigler, PMHNP; Amanda Trail, Christie Arflack, Melissa Way, Mary Ann Ramey, Jeri Ann Venable, (back) Shane Whittington, Dan Klidzejs and Butch Mundy.

Understanding The Harvest is key to appreciation

Harvest time. Farmers totally understand it. If you have no real connection to agricultural life, then your concept of The Harvest is rather limited, perhaps somewhat negative.

I know that the large farm equipment on the roads is frustrating this time of the year. Earlier this month, I was running a little behind on a tight schedule, driving way too fast when, all of a sudden, I came upon a line of slow traffic that was following a slow-moving combine.

This monster was nothing like the little combine I had back in my farming days. In contrast, today’s large behemoths literally take up the entire road – both lanes! They even have escort vehicles in front of them, alerting oncoming traffic to the need to pull off the road at the first opportunity, clearing the way for the large rigs to rumble by.

These large combines are often followed by huge tractors pulling humongous grain wagons. Today’s huge grain wagons are an indispensable tool as they carry the grain from the combines in the field to the awaiting trucks/trailers parked near the road, eliminating much wasted time by the combine driving from the field to the trucks/trailers. It also ensures that the large trucks/trailers don’t get mired down in the fields.



In short, all of this equipment is to save precious time and make the The Harvest more efficient. Please be patient as they travel from farm to farm.

There’s another issue that many of you likely deal with if you live anywhere near crop land... the terrible grain dust during The Harvest. Combining a crop is a very dusty operation, particularly if the combine is harvesting soybeans.

Please understand that the farmer has absolutely no control over the huge amount of dust that is created from harvesting his/her crop. If this grain dust is a problem, my advice is to keep your home’s doors and windows closed when a field near your home is being harvested, particularly if the dust is blowing your way. Also, you can appeal your case to the Almighty, imploring Him to change the direction of the wind, although there are no guarantees that this approach will change your current circumstances.

If you’re a farmer, then you fully understand the wide range of implications of the word Harvest... that make-it-or-break-it season that is the culmination of months of work, planning and preparation.

Special care must be given to maximize efficiency in the harvest before the onset of rainy weather. The fair weather during the harvest often breaks down by mid-November, making The Harvest literally a race to the

finish line. There are at least three dreaded calamities for the farmer during harvest: 1) equipment failure, 2) depressed grain prices and 3) full grain elevators.

Many farmers have a very strong preventative maintenance program for their farm machinery. Still, the inevitable breakdowns occasionally occur, resulting in the often outrageous cost of the breakdown, but even worse, the disheartening delay in The Harvest due to parts availability and time needed for repairs once the parts have arrived. A day with no breakdowns is a tremendous blessing!

As for prices, some farmers have their own grain bins in which to store their crops. This decreases their reliance on market prices at harvest, as well as the dreaded closed sign at local grain elevators because their storage bins are all filled up. Much grain is shipped via the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Low water levels on these rivers (particularly the Mississippi) often hinder the ability to load grain onto the barges and ship it to the desired location. Also, lack of available railcars poses a similar issue for elevators that move grain by rail. Farmers with no grain bins are at the mercy of market prices at harvest, along with the added frustration of finding an open grain elevator.

While The Harvest can be a very exciting time for farmers, it can also be a very frustrating and high stress period as well, requiring long hours of

hard work. To them, it is much more than a job or a vocation – it is a lifestyle and part of their belief system.

With goose bumps on my arms as I type, I’m reminded of these words from the FFA Creed that I memorized while in high school: “I believe in the future of farming, with a faith born not of words, but of deeds...”

I loved the farm life and would probably still be farming, except for one thing... God called me into full-time ministry back in November 1981.

I understand many of the joys and frustrations farmers experience. If you like to eat, join me in thanking our farmers for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. Farmers, we salute you!

District opens bids on new middle school

MP Lawson of Paducah submitted the lowest of three bids for the Crittenden County Middle School addition. Bids were opened Tuesday.

MP Lawson, the company that performed renovations of the Crittenden County Elementary School of a few years ago, submitted a base bid of \$8.5 million. Danco of Evansville submitted a bid of \$9.19 million and A&K Construction of Paducah’s bid was \$8.6 million.

Alternate bids for 10 projects were also submitted by each company for HVAC in the old gym, alarm systems for the existing middle and high schools and tile flooring, lockers, folding partitions for one classroom and a canopy between the middle school gym and new addition.

Crittenden County Board of Education will formally accept one of the bids and some of the alternates at its meeting Nov. 14.

For several years, the school district has discussed building a new high school, new sports complex and other making other improvements on campus. Due to high costs, however, those projects have been scrapped.

Saluting our Veterans

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