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ONE DOLLAR

Heart attack cause of death, not sting

A man visiting the area from Germany was stung by an insect last week while touring the Amish community and later died of a heart attack. Medical authorities do not believe the sting figured into the death of Peter Wandinger, 80, from Nuernberg, Germany.

The incident spilled over into the public when a private vehicle rushing him to town from KY 91 North pulled over into the front drive of Marion Fire Department just before 4 p.m., last Wednesday. There, first responders administered CPR and he was taken by ambulance to Crittenden Community Hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.

Crittenden County Coroner Brad Gilbert said the cause of death was cardiac arrest. The coroner said that while the purported insect sting may have triggered some anxiety, he said the deceased did not have any signs of anaphylactic shock or fatal allergic reaction. The man also had a history of heart problems.

Wandinger's body will be transported back to Germany.

Local officials familiar with the situation said Wandinger was visiting family, vacationing in the area.

Back from Fall Break

Students in Crittenden and Livingston counties are on fall break this week. Both school districts will also be off Monday, Oct. 14. Classes resume Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Dates: Things to Do

- Saturday nights in October, the **Tolu Haunted House** will be open.
- Homecoming Parade is at 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17 on Main Street in downtown Marion.
- Cutter and Cash and Kentucky Grass will present their fall **Old Kentucky Hayride** music and variety show starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19 at Fohs Hall.
- Octoberfest** is Saturday, Oct. 19 in Smithland as the town at the confluence of the Cumberland and Ohio rivers celebrates its 225th anniversary. Historical tours, 5K race, vendors, entertainment and more will be on tap during the festival.
- Friday, Oct. 25 is deadline for **write-in candidates** to file for the November election.
- Thursday, Oct. 31 **Trick-or-Treat on Main Street** in Marion.
- Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 1 p.m., there will be a formal **dedication ceremony** for the planned new Crittenden County Judicial Center.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 14 at the board of education office.
- Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the courthouse.
- Crittenden County Republican Party meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday Oct. 15 at the county office complex.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court meets at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 17 at the county office complex.
- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m., Oct. 15 at Rocket Arena.

CITY OF MARION

\$1.8M for line repair, smart meters

STAFF REPORT

Marion is getting another figurative shot in the arm to aid its recovery from the 2022 water crisis.

City leaders learned late last week that \$1.8 million is being available from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA), through its Kentucky WWATERS Program, which was this year funded by the Kentucky General Assembly.

The money will be used for replacing aged water lines in

Marion and to install a sophisticated metering system. No local match is required for this grant.

Application was made for the money in August and it should be available by the end of the year, said Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning.

The mayor applauded the work of Marion water crisis consultant Tim Thomas and the city's contract engineer Alan Robinson for helping pull the application together in short notice a few weeks

ago.

Electronic metering will save time and improve leak detection, the mayor said.

Because Marion is currently under an emergency declaration by the governor, it made the town's application stand out among many others from across the state and ensured that Marion was a perfect candidate for the grant funds, Browning said.

The electronic metering

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Ashwood Solar I Project south of Fredonia in Lyon County 2 weeks ago.
Photo by Brian Boyd

Sunny Side of Town

Solar Power Generation

The following table ranks the best states – and Kentucky's rank – for solar energy production (shown in thousand megawatt-hours) in June and July of 2024.

State	MWh	%Power
1. California	8,770	26.80%
2. Texas	4,669	14.27%
3. Florida	2,188	6.69%
4. Nevada	1,685	5.15%
5. Arizona	1,668	5.10%
36. Kentucky	48	0.15%

Solar farm plans for just south of Marion

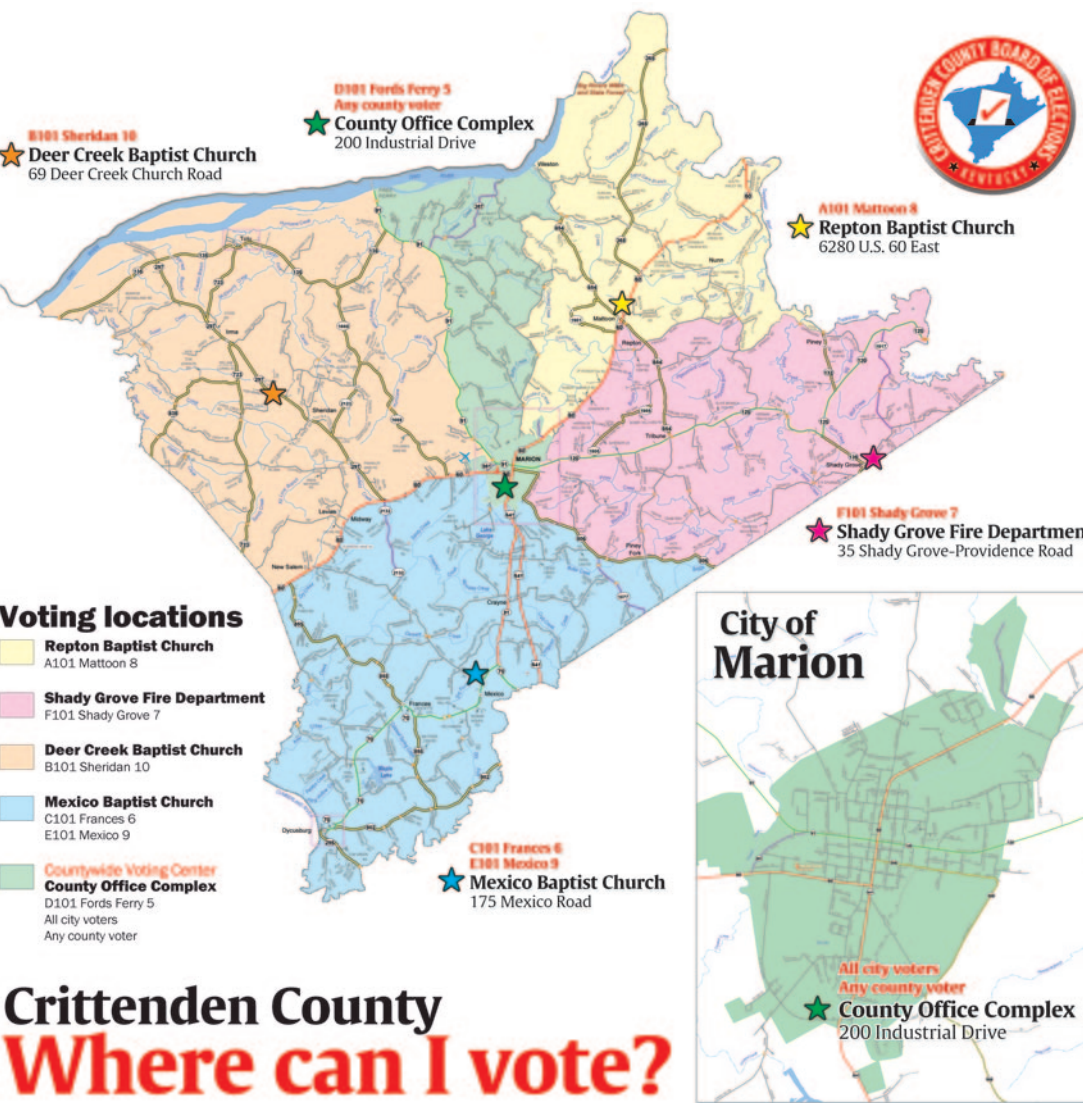
STAFF REPORT

The Ashwood Solar I Project situated in the heart of the Fredonia Valley is now one year into construction. Most of the 226,000 solar panels planned for the 250-acre site have already been installed. This land, previously used for generations

as row-crop farmland, is being transformed into one of Kentucky's largest solar farms.

Scheduled for completion in early summer 2025, the Ashwood Solar I Project broke ground in September 2023 and, once operational, will generate 86 megawatts of clean energy. As Kentucky's solar energy sector continues to expand, more projects like Ash-

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Crittenden County Where can I vote?

Clerk encourages early voting options

As the excitement builds for the upcoming election on Nov. 5, record numbers of voters are expected to cast their ballots. However, you don't have to wait until Election Day to make your voice heard. Early Voting will be available at the Crittenden County Office Complex on Oct. 31, Nov. 1, and Nov. 2.

"We encourage as many

people as possible to come out early," said County Clerk Daryl Tabor. "We're anticipating over 4,000 local voters. If everyone waits until Election Day, they could face wait times of up to 30 minutes just to check in."

Tabor hopes that nearly 50

percent of those voters will take advantage of the three days of Early Voting, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. With nearby schools and local factories letting out around 3:30 p.m., Tabor assures voters that as long as they are in line by 4 p.m. on Thursday or Friday of

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Hate, hate hate, hate

As Election Day looms closer, the distance from sanity, reality and truth seems to widen, leaving me with a persistent ache in my head, a growing weight of hate. I've come to realize that I hate politics. I hate Facebook. I hate the divisive rhetoric that fuels prejudice and fear.

I hate wickedness, addiction and the heavy clouds of depression. Alzheimer's and dementia have earned their spot on my Hate List, along with all diseases, chronic pain and the everyday annoyances like dry mouth, cramps, headaches and allergies. You might say I have a general aversion to pain.

I hate empty pews, unfaithfulness, fear and crime. To be honest, I even hate the little things: shaving, wearing contacts, and glasses. Loud music drives me up the wall, especially songs where I can't make out the lyrics. One might say that I live in a constant state of frustration.

Taxes? I hate them, though I understand the necessity of paying our fair share. And those outrageous gasoline prices? They infuriate me, not because of supply and demand, but because they stem from fear and politics – both already high on my Hate List.

It might be hard to believe, but deep down, I even hate golf, board games and cards. Rain on game day? That's another entry in my Hall of Fame of Hate.

Cancel culture irritates me more than anything I can imagine, rivaling the worst of societal ills. I despise indecision, greed, apathy and unfairness. Homelessness is a shared burden of hate; it's a situation we can all agree is unacceptable.

Uninformed critics, unfounded rumors and closed-mindedness deserve a prominent place on Mount Rushmore of Hate, alongside the decline of decorum in public life. I detest ticks and chiggers, ranking them above snakes and briars.

It's a sobering thought that there are probably other things I hate, but I can't recall them at this moment. The Bible warns us that hatred stirs up strife, while love can cover all offenses. It reminds us that true love for God is incompatible with hatred toward others and that often, our hatred for others reflects our own self-loathing.

So, Lord, hear my prayer: Please forgive me for allowing my heart to fill with so much hate.

Yet, in all honesty, I love you – well, most of you – and I cherish this community. I pray we can collectively steer clear of hatred. It's simply too painful to bear.

Chris Evans has been editor of The Press for over 30 years and is the author of South of the Mouth of Sandy, a true story about crime along the Tennessee River. You can find it on Amazon or wherever books are sold.



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About Town

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Deaths

Noel

LaDonna “Donna” Ann Noel, 69, of Marion, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024 in Marion.

She enjoyed yard sales, cheese-cake, Days Of Our Lives and spending time with her family, especially her grandkids.



Surviving are two sons, Robby (Amanda) Jackson of Marion and Kenneth Wayne (Susan) Jackson of Mayfield; a daughter, Deborah Woodward of Mayfield; five grandchildren, Haylee and Hunter Jackson, Tanner and Alex Jackson and Skyler Woodward; four great-grandchildren, Kannon and Brantley Jackson and Daxter and Bristol Woodward; four sisters, Karen (Steve) Sprague of Grand Rivers, Kim Noel and Donna “Wivell” Farley of Salem, Connie (Jerry) Johnson of Salem and Gaye (Rondale) Lynch of Grand Rivers; and a brother, Teddy (Ernesta) Noel of Lola.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Jackson; her parents, Ted and Elaine (Trail) Noel; a brother, Gene Noel; and two sisters Faye Noel and Janelaine Noel.

Services were Saturday, Oct. 5 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro Chris Penn officiating. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.

Gerard

Joey Allen Gerard, 62, of Dawson Springs died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024 at Baptist Health Deaconess Hospital in Madisonville.

He had been an employee of Rocket Oil where he served as a gas station attendant for 30 years. He enjoyed deer hunting, NASCAR and spending time with his dog, “Rocky,” described as his pride and joy.

Surviving are two brothers, Gary (Sabrina) Gerard of Marion and Rodney (Sandy) Gerard of Oglesby, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews and “Rocky.”

He was preceded in death by his mother, Barbara Raineri and several aunts and uncles.

Paid Obituary

Davidson

Barry Glen Davidson, 61, of Marion, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Clark of Marion; brother, Chris Davidson of Marion; a sister, Julie Wright of Marion; two step-children, Julie Felton and Johsua Yearry; three grandchildren, Rory, Isabelle and Thomas Felton; and a cousin, Darron Millikan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Marsha Davidson.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association or American Parkinsons Disease Association.

Johnson

Anna Lee Hughes Johnson, affectionately

known as Nancy, 85, of Clarksville, Tenn., was called home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. Born on April 28, 1939, in Marion, she was the cherished daughter of William Ivo and Myrtle Mae Hodge Hughes.

A devoted servant of the Lord, she was a long-standing member of the First Baptist Church of Dover and later attended Living Hope Church in Clarksville. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, inspiring those around her.

Johnson was a licensed cosmetologist and dedicated her career to serving her clients at A Cut Above in Clarksville. She was the founder of Queen City Beauty College, where she passionately guided and mentored her students, instilling in them the values of hard work and creativity.

She had a zest for life, enjoying afternoons spent bargain shopping and watching her favorite show, Days of Our Lives. Her quick-wit and style will be remembered fondly by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Surviving are two devoted daughters, Shari (Brad) Thompson of Clarksville and Nancy (David) McCormick of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; five cherished grandchildren, Jenni Brien, Darrell Brien, Corey Thompson, Matthew Thompson and Anna Noelle Thompson; and three adored great-grandchildren, Austin Hidalgo, Timothy James Thompson, and Jonathan Thompson.

In addition to her par-

ents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ray Franklin Johnson, and her sister, Nina Ruth Gass.

Services were Saturday, Oct. 5 at Anglin Funeral Home with Bro. Stephen Head officiating. Burial was in Salyers Cemetery in Benton, where family and friends served as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10004 or the American Epilepsy Society, 135 South LaSalle St. Suite 2850, Chicago, IL 60603.

Paid Obituary

Gilmore

Lula Ellen (Easley) Gilmore, 97, of Hendersonville, Tenn., died peacefully on Saturday evening, Oct. 5, 2024 at Alive Hospice in Nashville. She was a life-long beautiful, accomplished seamstress and homemaker, and ever-present support system for family and friends alike.



To all that knew her, she was a kind and gentle spirit with a smile for everyone that needed one. She was also a wonderfully loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt many times over.

Surviving are a daughter, Leigh Ellen (Wayne) Shepherd of Freeport, Fla.; two sons, Geoffrey Gilmore of Hendersonville and Brian (LaDonna) Gilmore of Hendersonville; grandchildren, Christina (Jonathan) Burke, Matthew (Cheri-

Crittenden Homemakers celebrate 75 years

STAFF REPORT

A rising interest in homesteading is validating the original intent of Kentucky’s Extension Homemakers Association.

Next week the organization celebrates 75 years in Crittenden County.

Once a source of canning, sewing and cooking instruction, the Homemakers organization has evolved through the years just as women in the home have.

Women of the house in 1949 typically did not work outside the home. Instead, they – like young mothers today - learned skills to help improve the home and family.

“It’s coming back around,” said retired Extension Agent Nancy Hunt. “There were a lot of workshops on how to can and preserve vegetables and meat – there were big workshops in the county on that.

“Now we are kind of reverting back to that with interest in home gardens and doing things yourself for your family. Some are of the opinion that it saves money but quality certainly is better than going to a store buying something canned.”

Crittenden County’s two remaining homemaker clubs – After Hours and Challengers – have broadened their offerings from canning and baking to financial literacy, fitness walks and mental health topics among others.



75th
Homemaker Week
October 14-18

Monday, October 14
75 Years and Still Glowing Twilight Walk
5:30 p.m., Marion City-County Park
Glow Bracelets provided

Tuesday, October 15
Homemakers Game Night
3-6 p.m., Extension Annex

Wednesday, October 16
Show Olympic pride by stopping by
Extension Office to write note of encouragement for
Crittenden County Special Olympics competitors

Thursday, October 17
•Participate on the Homecoming parade float:
line up at 4:30 p.m.
•Homemaker Homecoming
Reception at Extension Office immediately
following Homecoming Parade

One of the most popular classes offered through Crittenden County Extension Homemakers currently is the Thursday line dancing class at the Crittenden County Senior Center.

“They are loving line dancing,” said Rebecca Woodall, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent.

Additionally, an average of 12 hobbyists attend the monthly “Hooks and Needles” class, to learn techniques for needlepoint, embroidery and quilting. There is also a Passport Club that takes regional trips together.

Homemaker groups began in 1912 from the University of Kentucky’s Cooperative Extension Service’s early attempts to connect and educate rural women through home demonstration clubs or tomato clubs. Today they continue with programming that helps make domestic lives easier including home economics, new technologies, agricultural skills and food conservation and preservation. By 1939, 59 counties were members, and 108 counties had joined the federation by 1958, including Crittenden

County.

Woodall said in Crittenden County, many women attended Homemakers clubs while their children were small.

“Most were stay-at-home moms back then, and someone provided childcare during Homemakers meetings, then many became less involved in Homemakers because they began working after kids were old enough to attend school.”

There are 47 active Homemaker members today, the oldest has been involved for 51 years. The youngest is 41 years old.

Daily activities are planned during KEHA Week, and Woodall is hosting an informational meeting Thursday, Oct. 24 for anyone who would like to learn more about the organization.

“It is for Millennials ages 28-43 and Generation Xers ages 44-59 but still, any age is welcome,” Woodall said.

That meeting begins at 6 p.m. Four or five individuals in that age range interested, and Woodall hopes to learn things that would be beneficial to them in a homemaker group.

lyn) Langley, Jaime Pare, Brittany (Lawson) Watson, Dalton Gilmore, Ethan (Carla) Gilmore and Breanna (Dakota) Wink; and 12 great-grandchildren Emma, Hayden, Lena, Garon, Gavin, Avery, Arden, Atley, Anakin, Asher, Wyatt and Warren; and a sister, Wanda Ditty of Springfield, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lourenzia Alfred Easley and Minnie Latisha Underdown Easley; and her husband, Douglas Gilmore and many siblings.

A special thanks to McKendree Manor Assisted Living Memory Care Unit and Alive Hos-

pace for the compassionate and loving care.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11 at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Billy Parrish officiating. Visitation is 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Burial is in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Oct. 10

- Line dancing begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
- Line dancing for kids is from 11 a.m., to noon at Veterans Park.
- Virgil Jones VFW in Marion will meet at 6:30 p.m., at 412 N. College St., in Marion. Refreshments served after meeting.

Monday, Oct. 14

- Twilight Walk in the Park begins at 5:30 p.m., at Marion City-County Park.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

- After Hours Homemakers meet at 5 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.
- Game Night hosted by Crittenden County Homemakers will be held from 3-6 p.m., at the Extension Annex for any adult interested.
- Crittenden County Elementary SBDM meets at 4 p.m., in the school library.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

- Walk in the Park begins at 3 p.m., at Marion City-County Park.
- Crittenden County Extension District Board meets at noon at the Extension office.

Thursday, Oct. 17

- Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library meet at 6 p.m., in the library meeting room.

Saturday, Oct. 19

- All-you-can eat breakfast will be held from 7-10 a.m., at Salem Masonic Lodge 81. The lodge is located at 237 W. Main St., Salem. Cost is \$6.

Thursday, Oct. 24

- Crittenden County Public Library Board meets at 5 p.m., in the library meeting room.



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THANK YOU

The family of Paul Lowery would like to express our gratitude towards all of those that extended their love and support during our time of grief.

We deeply appreciate all of the food, gifts, prayers, and donations to the ALS Association. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness.

With Love,
Karen, Jenny, Julie and Emily

A proclamation was signed by Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom this week recognizing Oct. 13-19 as Kentucky Extension Homemakers Week. Pictured are local Homemakers and representatives (front from left) Darl Henley, outgoing county president; Yvette Wilson, county treasurer; Nancy Hunt, county Homemakers treasurer; (back) Rebecca Woodall, Extension agent; Brandi Potter, Homemakers president; and Micki Crider, Area Food, Nutrition and Health Chair.





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Paducah chef Bradley Legend of Food champ

Paducah Chef Sara Bradley has reached legendary status after winning a recent Food Network cooking contest.

Bradley is owner of the Freight House restaurant near the riverfront in Paducah. She was recently judged to be the first ever Legend of the Food Network cooking show "Chopped."

On the final episode last week, Bradley outdueled three other finalists by preparing an appetizer, an entree and a dessert that earned her the \$50,000 grand prize.

Bradley won \$25,000 for herself, and \$25,000 for her charity of choice, which was Paducah's Maiden Alley Cinema. She also gave her half of the winnings to the other chef in the finals, who was competing to raise money for research of the bone disease afflicting his daughter, reported the West Kentucky Star.

Bradley previously competed on Bravo's "Top Chef" in 2019, in which she was the runner-up. Later she competed on "Top Chef: World All-Stars" and was a finalist.

Old KY Hayride set for Saturday 10/19

Cutter and Cash and Kentucky Grass will present their fall Old Kentucky Hayride music and variety show starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19 at Fohs Hall.

The program typically lasts almost three hours and features local talent. Organizers say this will be perhaps the best show ever with some surprise guests.

All proceeds from the show go to the Crittenden County Food Bank. Crittenden County Lions Club will be providing hot concessions. Call 270-704-2591 to reserve tickets.

Owensboro MLB ump hangs up his blues

Longtime Major League Baseball umpire Larry Vanover of Owensboro has retired. This season, at age 69, he became the oldest umpire in major league history.

Vanover was an MLB umpire from 1991 to 1999 and 2002 to 2024. He called two All Star Games, in 1999 and 2013, and the 2016 World Series. He was promoted to crew chief in 2015.

Tripp Gibson, from Mayfield, is now the only active MLB umpire from western Kentucky.

Atmos has tips for saving winter energy

Colder weather may impact the amount of natural gas you use. To save energy and money, Atmos says customers should consider these energy-saving tips where safe to do so:

- Lower your thermostat to 68 degrees during the day and 58 degrees when you are away from home.
- Reduce your shower and bath time. Showering and bathing can account for 40 percent of your home's hot water use.
- Operate your clothes washer, dryer, and dishwasher only when fully loaded.
- Unless a fire is burning, close your fireplace damper to prevent warm air from escaping up the chimney.
- Do not use a pool heater. Instead, run your pool pump during the coldest part of the day to circulate the water and prevent freezing.

Elementary students who miss 15 school days will trigger law

An article in the Courier-Journal last week has brought light to a new state law that mandates school districts notify their local prosecutor's office when an elementary student accumulates 15 unexcused absences.

Experts say anxiety, transportation, poor housing, food insecurity and lack of access to health care are among the reasons kids miss school and it's gotten worse in the last few years for a variety of reasons.



Schools across the country and the commonwealth have struggled with attendance at alarming rates in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Louisville newspaper reported. In the 2022-2023 school year, about a quarter of students across the country were chronically absent, meaning they missed at least 10% of the school year, according to the American Enterprise Institute. Before the pandemic, only 15% of U.S. students missed that much school.

If the parent of an elementary school student does not correct the attendance issue, they could be charged with unlawful transaction with a minor, a misdemeanor that carries up to a year in jail and/or up to a \$500 fine.

Parents of middle and high school students who miss a significant amount of school will not face charges under the new state law. Instead, older students can be referred to the Court Designated Worker Program, which can lead to a status offense.

Rep. Comer accepts intern applications

Congressman James Comer (R-Ky.) is accepting Spring 2025 internship applications for college students interested in serving in his Washington, D.C. or Tompkinsville office. This opportunity provides local students with a unique chance to gain hands-on experience in public service. The deadline to apply for a Spring 2025 internship is Friday, Nov. 1.

To apply for an internship in the D.C. or Tompkinsville office, interested applicants can visit <https://comer.house.gov/internships> and complete the online application. If you would like further information on internships with Congressman Comer, contact his office.

Free KY Virtual Library

KY TODAY

The state's public K-12 districts will receive free Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) memberships for the 2024-25 school year, thanks to a partnership between the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE).

This membership provides schools with unlimited access to over 60 high-quality research and educational databases, shared digital archival collections, a courier service to facilitate interlibrary loans and subscriber discounts to additional databases.

"We are excited to be able to provide school librarians, teachers and students with these valuable research and instructional tools," said Ilona Burdette, executive director of KYVL, which is a unit of CPE. "This partnership is consistent with our mission to provide Kentuckians with equitable access to the information they need and the tools to use it effectively."

Over 300 Kentucky institutions belong to KYVL, including colleges and universities, public libraries, K-



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12 schools, hospitals, the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, and more. Annual membership dues enable KYVL to purchase statewide licenses for shared resources and services, resulting in considerable cost savings for the state.

Kentucky Virtual Library resources are available to the general public through participating Kentucky libraries. Contact your local member library for a password that allows access from home. Library contact information is available in the Kentucky Public Library Directory.

KYVL has been providing all these services since 1999.

Amazon in Paducah

Paducah will soon open a last-mile Amazon distribution center in its Industrial Park West, which leaders there say will improve delivery in western Kentucky, and areas of Tennessee, Missouri and Illinois.

The announcement was made late last week. Paducah's mayor said Amazon will employ about 200 people at the more than 70,000-square-foot facility. The announcement by Greater Paducah Economic Development Corporation, said it was unclear when the facility will open. Other spinup companies are expected to emerge due to Amazon locating there.

Air Evac crew dies in crash in N. Kentucky

Three crew members on an Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter died after it crashed in northern Kentucky near Owenton on Monday.

A statement from the medical helicopter company - which also operates out of Marion - said one of its helicopters - Air Evac 133 - crashed while responding to an emergency call at around 6 p.m. Victims were identified as Gale Alleman, Bethany Aicken and James Welsh. All were pronounced dead at the scene, according to Kentucky State Police.

The helicopter was based out of Grant County and the crew was flying to pick up a patient when the crash happened.

City of Marion seeks bids for water lines

A request for bids has been issued by the City of Marion as it seeks to begin work replacing aging water lines in town. Some of the lines date back to earlier days of the 20th century.

This week, the city's engineer posted a request for bids to replace 2,175 feet of 6-inch water line on West Depot Street, plus other smaller lines and fire hydrants. Bids are due later this month. The project will be funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

City officials have said replacing aged water lines is key to improving water quality.

Marion has also recently learned it will be getting \$1.8 million in grant money to continue replacing water lines and installing a smart meter reading system (see page 1 for details).



50 YEARS AGO

October 10, 1974

■ Nurse Francis Teer and secretary Grace Jones were preparing to send letters home to parents of Crittenden County students, requesting permission to administer tuberculin skin tests to determine whether students had been exposed to tuberculosis.

■ The Sears Catalog Store announced its opening in English Manor Shopping Center in downtown Marion.

■ Winners of Crittenden County's Punt, Pass and Kick competition sponsored by Ford Motor Co., were Al Simmons, age 8; Steve Browning, age 9; John Martin, age 10; Harold Henry Hunt, age 11; Paul Wayne Akridge, age 12; and Brett Ramage, age 13.

25 YEARS AGO

October 7, 1999

■ An effort to save the Blackford Bridge that linked Crittenden and Webster counties was initiated by Brent "Danny" Witherspoon.

■ Attending a meeting of Crittenden County Retired Teachers were Louise Watson, president; Ada White, Harold Grace, Richard Grainger and Imogene Winstead and Helen Moore, who led a sing-a-long.

■ Crittenden County Middle School Rockets finished their season 7-1. In two years combined, CCMS' record was 20-3-1 under Coach Steve Carter. In their final game, Brad Hart had four touchdowns and Demetric Moss two.

■ Crittenden County's area code changed from 502 to 270.

10 YEARS AGO

October 9, 2014

■ Tiny Tot Day Care students taking a tour of an Air Evac helicopter that landed on their property were Kate Epley, Noah Moss, Trae Clelland, Charlie Rogers, Landry Pollard, Alana Winn, Ella Hoover, Gabe Shoemaker, Cooper Robertson, Hudson Stokes, Emery Pollard, Drake Young, Grayson Travis, Jordyn Hodge, Gracie Fowler, Kiley Hunt, Spencer Brown, Caden Penn and Tucker Hardin.

■ Noah Dickerson caught a record 11 passes in a single game during a 42-6 loss to Marshall County, breaking the previous record held by T.K. Guess.

■ Junior Pro football defeated Caldwell White in three games. Crittenden scoring came from Gabe Mott, Caden McCalister and Xander Tabor in the fifth- and sixth-grade game and Preston Morrison and Jack Reddick in the third- and fourth-grade game.

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Forgotten Passages column
at The Press Online
between newspaper issues.

Letters Policy Election Subjects

The Crittenden Press accepts and encourages letters to the editor on a variety of subjects. Letters should be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday the week before publication. Submissions must include only the author's name (no multiple names or groups), address, including hometown, phone number and signature. Neither phone numbers nor exact addresses will be published. They are for our records only in order to authenticate a letter's author. Letters should typically not exceed 300 words. No letters will be accepted supporting or opposing political candidates in the week prior to the election. Email your letters to us at the-press@the-press.com. **ATTENTION: The Press will accept no letters regarding local elections for publication the Thursday before the Nov. 5 Election. Deadline for endorsement letters is Oct. 18 for publication Oct. 24, 2024.**

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MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of September 2024 to the same month in 2023. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year's monthly average.

CATEGORY	SEPTEMBER 2024	SEPT 2023	AUGUST 2024	2023 YR TOTALS	2023 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	2,512	1,606	1,630	24,766	2,063.8
Criminal investigations	10	8	11	133	11.1
Domestics	7	13	7	82	6.8
Felony Arrests	4	3	3	55	4.6
Misdemeanor arrests	2	4	3	93	7.8
Non-criminal arrests	7	7	9	99	8.3
DUI arrests	0	1	0	9	0.8
Criminal summons served	4	3	2	46	3.8
Traffic citations	17	20	19	189	15.8
Other citations	16	27	22	307	25.6
Traffic warnings	5	1	4	48	4.0
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	4	8	6	63	5.3
Security checks/alarms	61	63	81	741	61.8
Calls for service	207	211	245	2,463	205.3
Code Enforcement	26	—	17	—	—



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Kenergy’s move to provide fiber internet is picking up steam here

STAFF REPORT
The much-anticipated Kenergy/Connexon Fiber project aimed at bringing high-speed broadband to Crittenden County residents is making steady progress, according to Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.
After weeks of seeking updates on the initiative, Newcom has shared details regarding the current status of the project.
“We are moving closer to bringing fiber to our county, but there is still a significant amount of work ahead,” said Newcom.
The project, designed to extend high-speed fiber broadband to underserved rural areas, is currently focused on the Sturgis feeder area in Crittenden and Union counties.
Newcom outlined the multi-step process involved in the fiber installation, emphasizing the various stages that need to be completed before service can be activated for Kenergy customers. Each phase involves different contractors specialized in specific aspects of the buildout.
Make Ready Engineering is currently underway. This initial phase involves assessing the existing electrical infrastructure in Crittenden County. Contractors are evaluating utility poles to determine what adjust-

ments are needed to prepare them for fiber installation.
Make Ready Construction (MDR) will be next, Newcom said. Following the engineering assessments, crews from MDR will make physical modifications to the power infrastructure. This could include replacing poles or rearranging power lines to make room for the fiber.
Construction will bedone be done by Ervin Cable of Union County. In this phase, the fiber itself is installed, either on poles or underground, usually along existing power routes.
Splicing will be handled by Connexon. Once the fiber is installed, the splicing team from Connexon joins fiber strands and activates the light signal that will allow for data transmission.
Lastly will be what is called drops and that will be done by Vonalas. In this stage, fiber strands are "dropped" from the mainline fiber to bring the connection closer to homes or businesses of Kenergy members.
Vonalas will also handle the final stage, which involves scheduling installations inside homes or businesses to activate broadband service.
Newcom pointed out that significant progress has been made in Henderson and Daviess counties where the fiber

network is nearing full implementation. As work in those counties wraps up, Newcom expects an increase in construction activity in Crittenden County.
"While we are getting closer, it's important to understand that we still have a lot of groundwork to complete before actual connections are made for customers here," he added.
Residents can expect more updates as the project continues, with hopes that more resources will be allocated to Crittenden County in the coming months as work in nearby areas concludes, Newcom added.
With the growing need for reliable broadband, especially in rural areas, this project is anticipated to greatly improve connectivity and provide better internet access for homes and businesses throughout the county, the judge said.
Kenergy/Connexon Fiber project has been a topic of interest and concern for many Crittenden County residents, as reliable internet has become an essential service for work, education and daily life. While the timeline for full implementation remains uncertain, the latest developments bring renewed hope that high-speed broadband is on its way.

SOLAR

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wood are beginning to reshape the energy landscape across the state.
Kentucky is seeing a surge in solar projects. One of the most ambitious is the Unbridled Solar Project, set to span 1,680 acres across Webster and Henderson counties. Upon completion, it will be even larger than the Ashwood project, with the capacity to generate 160 megawatts of solar energy.
Meanwhile, Boulevard Associates, a Delaware-based company headquartered in Juno Beach, Fla., is planning a solar farm in Crittenden County. The company has already secured leases for around 1,000 acres between Chapel Hill Road and KY 2132, just outside the city limits. These leases, secured from six or seven different landowners between the spring of 2023 and June 2024, are for a minimum of 30 years, with an option for two five-year extensions.
Local residents are beginning to see signs of development. Roy Todd, who lives on Nipper Road, says a solar test panel has already been installed on a neighbor's farm in a crop field behind his home. While Todd doesn't mind the project, he notes that his four-acre property is now surrounded by hundreds of acres leased for the solar farm.
“It doesn't bother me,” Todd said. “I don't blame the people for leasing. As far as I know, it looks like this thing is going in.”
Other neighbors, like Amy Kelly, who owns Jus Chillin Farm, a nearby 85-acre property, have also heard about the project but remain in the dark regarding specific details.
The solar leases filed at the Crittenden County Clerk's office indicate

that the project could start within the next couple of years, once regulatory approval is secured. Boulevard Associates is expected to follow the same trajectory as other large-scale projects across the state.
A large power transmission line that runs across one of leased tracts makes this a viable project. Without a transmission line, there would be no way to upload electricity generated by the panels onto the national power grid.
Elsewhere in Kentucky, another solar farm in Caldwell County, proposed along KY 91, is moving closer to groundbreaking. Industry experts project that Kentucky's solar capacity will grow substantially, with estimates forecasting a total of 3,370 megawatts over the next five years.
Once a solar farm begins producing power, the property on which it sits loses its farm exemption, and property owners' taxes go up – in some cases perhaps as much as fivefold.
Crittenden County's largely agrarian tax base has minimal land-use regulations. The City of Marion has a Master Plan and zoning ordinances that were implemented over 20 years ago, which provides some local regulatory authority over such enterprises.
Solar companies other than Boulevard have probed local government leaders over recent years, seeking information on potential developments. However, these leases secured by Boulevard are the only existing agreements in this county, based on local public records.
In March, Caldwell County Fiscal Court approved an ordinance aimed at regulating the development of solar farms within the county. The ordinance addresses

potential issues related to soil erosion, water runoff, large-scale agricultural land loss and environmental impacts on local flora and fauna.
With the passing of Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 278.718, which became effective on June 29, 2023, local government ordinances and permits, enacted under provisions of home rule, are granted primacy over state-level regulations concerning solar energy projects. This statute ensures that local governments have the authority to impose stricter regulations than those outlined in KRS 278.700 through 278.708, particularly in areas such as setback requirements.
The Caldwell County Fiscal Court's ordinance establishes specific safeguards designed to mitigate potential nuisances caused by large-scale ground-mounted solar energy systems. These measures are intended to protect neighboring properties and public rights-of-way from adverse effects associated with solar farm developments.
Fredonia Mayor Jim Seibert said Ashwood Solar last week gave Fredonia a \$10,000 donation to help it pay for expenses associated with a damaging storm a few months ago. The solar company had pledged \$5,000 at the time of the damage, but doubled the contribution last week. Seibert said the money was split between the Lions Club, American Legion and groups that orchestrate Thunder in the Valley and the fall Halloween festival.
The mayor said Ashwood is currently the largest water customer on the Fredonia system and solar farm construction workers have brought an economic windfall to the area on various fronts.

CITY

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system will allow meters to be read and monitored for unusual flow from a major a leak to dripping faucet, Thomas said.
“These meters are very sensitive, and the water department will be able to monitor the system by zones, which will help it more readily locate leaks,” he added.
Thomas said meter reading takes about 4.5 days a month under current measures. The remote-read meters are a smarter way to keep an eye on the system, the mayor added. Some of these types of systems also provide for

auto phoning mechanism 24/7 if the computer detects atypical water usage, which might indicate a running toilet or outdoor hose left on.
The intelligent metering system will report usage data directly back to city hall, so manually reading meters will largely become a thing of the past. Of course, it will take time to deploy the new meters throughout the city.
State and federal dollars have been a lifeline to Marion's recovery from its water crisis that began in April 2022 when Lake George developed a leak in its levee. Since then, the city has benefited from more than \$8 million in direct funding or pledged financial support from government programs.

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Having good roots is vital

Religious Outreach

Trees are amazing. They provide oxygen for us to breathe. They provide wood, which is durable and beautiful, from which we build our homes and the furniture we put in them. They provide fruit and nuts for us and the animal kingdom. The roots of a healthy tree reach deep into the soil to extract water and nutrients. Some have the capacity to reach into the tiniest of cracks in rock and find a way to thrive. They provide shade in the summer and their fallen leaves provide protection for millions of creatures in the winter. They may not move, but they are vibrant and dynamic forms of life without which we would soon die.

We use tree imagery when describing people and relationships. When describing our place of birth or ethnicity, we may speak of our roots. There is the proverb, "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree." We may talk about coming out from under the shadow of a parent or mentor. The importance of knowing where we have come from cannot be overstated – even if it is from a less than desirable place. Having good roots is vital to living a good and productive life.

The wonderful thing about human beings is our ability to have some control over the type of soil our roots grow. We can't do anything about when, where, and to whom we were born. But we can decide where we are going to get our spiritual, social, and emotional nourishment from this day forward.

Spiritual roots, like the roots of a tree, are not seen. They lie beneath the surface, and they take nourishment out of the sight of the trunk, branches, leaves, and fruit. If it isn't the right type of soil the tree will not thrive. If it is in the

wrong place, the tree will not grow or produce fruit. If those things are good and the tree is in a healthy place it can withstand all sorts of weather and produce fruit for whoever or whatever needs it.

The hymn-book of the Bible begins with the image of a tree planted in a good place.

Blessed is the one who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

They are like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper. (Psalm 1:1-3, RSV) To emphasize the importance of where we are planted in our lives, the prophet Jeremiah has encouraging words. Keep in mind the catastrophe that happened in his lifetime. He spent years warning of impending doom, but few listened. For those who did there is this,

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." (Jeremiah 17:7-8, RSV)

Putting our roots down into the soil of a rich spiritual life helps us to withstand life's occasional challenges. Better than that, it helps us to do so without fear. We may "fear" for our families, our community, our nation, or the state of the world. But those who believe in God ultimately have nothing to fear. There

is no room in the life of one who claims belief in God to have anything to do with trying to create a fear response to current events in others.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus speaks of false prophets being known by their fruit. I believe that a sound tree provides the safety of shelter. It provides good fruit for those around it to be nourished in faith. A sound tree does not fear, nor does it create fear in others. A sound tree heals relationships rather than driving wedges between people.

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? So, every sound tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears evil fruit. A sound tree cannot bear evil fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits. (Matthew 7:15-20, RSV)

Pay attention to the soil from which you are nourished. Pay attention to those to whom you are listening. Pay attention to the fruit you produce.

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■ 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.

■ Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.

■ Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. 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 4-5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

Why God allows children to suffer is difficult to answer

Question: Why does God allow children to endure abuse, suffering and pain?

Answers: I don't know why God would allow them to endure these awful things. Some things we will never know or understand until we get to heaven and can ask our loving God.

One possible reason is we live in a fallen world where sin affects many things. When Adam and Eve sinned the fall of man happened. God cast them and all mankind to follow out of their perfect environment and brought hardship into their lives of ease. Pain in childbearing increased (Gen. 3:15) and the ground was cursed causing people to painfully toil in providing for their livelihood (Gen. 3:17, 18). As a result of man's sin, everyone has to endure hardship and that includes precious children.

Another possible reason

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

is God allows terrible things to happen to good and bad people alike. Satan is always trying to cause harm and chaos in the lives of all of God's creatures (1 Pet. 5:8). God doesn't put a fence around believers and children to keep them from all

harm. If He did, people could be bribed into turning to God for a good life instead of living for Him out of love and loyalty.

While God doesn't protect children, youth or adults from abuse, suffering and pain, everyone can turn to Him for help in times of trouble. "The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress" (Ps. 46:11).

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

THANK YOU

The Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone who participated in the golf scramble on Sept. 7 at Deer Lakes Golf Course.

A special thank you to the hole sponsors, door prize sponsors and those who traveled out of state to play.

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Marion, Ky.
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Father Jody Joseph

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Pastor: Morgan Smith
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Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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- The end of your search for a friendly church -

Fluorspar Mining at Mexico and Frances

This is an interesting article about our fluorspar history. Rich and promising was the outlook of the spar mines at this time in Crittenden County history. The Mexico and Frances areas of the county were busy with all the mines that dotted the landscape. What a busy place it must have been.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press, May 2, 1912

Mining Notes From Mexico

The Press reporter visited the village of Mexico recently and was surprised to note the thousands of tons of fluorspar in the yards there ready for

This spar belongs to the Kentucky Fluorspar and Marion Mineral companies. Mexico is the natural shipping point for a large-scope of our mining territory, embracing the Riley, Pogue, Yandell, Tabb, Wheatcroft and other mines, and the town will certainly grow with the prospective expansion of the mining business and has a bright prospect just ahead.

It has two general stores, well stocked and thriving, besides other business plants, and it has our old friend Squire Myers, who is watching over things. Keep your eye on Mexico, she's accomplishing.

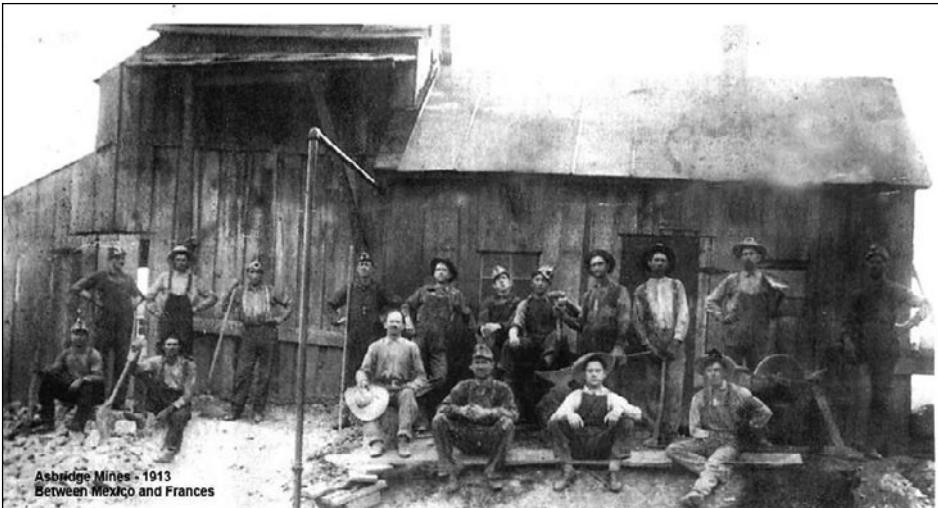
The name Mexico never has seemed just right for the class of a town that Mexico is. There's too much enterprise, go-aheadiveness, bustle and hustle to be handicapped with the name of a foreign country.

Somebody every now and then says, "No one has ever made a profit in mining Fluorspar." The Pigmy Mining Company over at Mexico says differently.

Why, Prof. Wright of Louisville, picked out the name "Pigmy" or why he selected a section of land that none of us thought of, he only knows. But here's a fact, every 30 days the Pigmy Mining Company, through the management of Prof. Wright, packs down \$1,600 worth of profit and there's but little fuss made over it; and another thing, the spar is not being forced, 400 tons only are mined and shipped, just \$4 per ton is the profit made on it by the Pigmy and this allows the second man to make a fair profit for his work.

Sixteen hundred dollars each month for the Pigmy stockholders! We raise our chapeau to Prof. Wright. We say, Prof., you are all right and your definition of pigmy should be changed. It's not a dwarf, 14 inches in height. It's an elephant 1,600 feet high and the Lord only knows how long.

This Mexico country,



Asbridge Mines and workers in 1913.



Fluorspar storage and loading yard located near the depot at Mexico, Ky.

but a few miles south of Marion, is a whole lot of country. Here's the Hoosier Mining Co., W.H. Whittaker, President, building a hotel that will cost over \$5,000 and he's building it for the employees.

Mr. Whitaker says, "This is to be my home hereafter and the home of many of my Michigan friends - people who know all about the copper country of Michigan and the zinc fields of Wisconsin and Illinois. Of course the Hoosier Company has a good thing, an especially strong thing in zinc; more zinc is in sight just now than we ever thought could be sold or used in America."

The Blue Grass Mining Co. is operated by Mr. Murray Saunders. A large tonnage of fluorspar is being made ready for shipment. Two shafts are in evidence here and the product is looking very good. Both shafts are producing large amounts.

The American Fluor Spar Mining Company is another high-grade spar property over here. It is in charge of Mr. Yandell and its output is solid

and substantial. The quality is exceptionally strong with the possible exception of considerable iron ore (limonites), which at present unfits it for anything except open hearth fluxing.

Fred Clement is over at the Yandell shaft and he had gone down 200 feet at that point for the Kentucky Fluor Spar Company and is just ready to put a hole through at the bottom of the shaft to the vein of fluorspar a hundred feet away.

In the ordinary walks of life this vein a hundred feet away might not be there when Fred arrived but Harry Haynes has charge of the interests of the Kentucky Co. and its dollars to brass tacks the vein will wait for Fred's arrival.

The Marion Mineral Co., under the efforts of Fred Clement and Johnson Crider and other way up mining people, had a good thing and don't forget it. They really made more money selling gravel spar at about \$3 per ton on board cars at Mexico, mining it from the Pogue property.

Another lucky investor is F. A. McClellan of Edyville and of Golconda and of Kansas City; he stays right by the machines and remains on the job always until after

the whistle blows.

He has his shaft, which is right next to the Pogue property, nearly 200 feet in depth; at this point he will run a level to this mother earth's store house of fluorspar.

With the Ebbie Hodge mine, which is in the hands of leasers, our resume of things especially Mexicanic for this week is concluded.

Mining Notes From the Frances Community

At the Asbridge mine another new shaft has just been completed. This is the second new shaft sunk on this property and all the levels from both shafts are in fine spar.

Parish mine is hard at work and is raising a fine grade of spar and lots of it.

The Sam Matthews' mine has a new shaft down 75 feet. This shaft will be sunk deeper to cut lump spar instead of gravel.

At the Tabor mine, the breast level shows spar six- to 10-feet thick and the underhand shaft shows 12 feet high and six feet thick. Both these valuable properties are owned by R. C. Haase and others of St. Paul, Minn. These mines are well situated for railroad transportation, being two miles from the I.C.R.R.

Wagons may be seen either on the road or the yard, sometimes in company with several others hauling or loading the products of the mines from about 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The depots at Mexico and Crayneville both are kept busying with the unloading and loading of the products from the surrounding mines.

A little west of Marion the Franklin Mining Co. and the Roberts Fluor

Spar & Lead Co. are busily hauling coal preparatory to pumping out the shafts to resume mining.

The Eclipse Mining Co., Mr. J. B. White, Supt., is running a drift on the Commodore.

The zinc ore that is being outputted at this property is of much more than the usual Joplin percentage in metallic zinc and increases in tonnage as the depth is gained. During Mr. White's incumbency as manager of this property, he has personally made himself the good friend of every man and judging from his pleasant personality, every lady in that section of the county, Mr. White, you are most welcome.

At the Memphis it is reported that "some-

thing is doing;" that there have been developments during the past few days that mean a great deal to this county, but Mr. Reed, who is just as nice as they make them and will give one all the information about Tennessee Coal mines and how to raise chickens on fluorspar grit won't say a word about the Memphis

This ends another visit to the great fluorspar county reported by the Press Scribe in the year of 1912.

(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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NOVEMBER

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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

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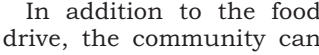
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Crittenden County is not having an organized bale trail this year.

Starting Friday, Oct. 8, local elementary and middle and high school campuses will launch a heartwarming new initiative in partnership with area animal shelters called Rocket Rescues. As part of the program, students will be greeted each Friday by friendly, adoptable dog or cat as they enter the school building. The animals, accompanied by volunteer handlers from local shelters, will be carefully selected to ensure calm and friendly interactions. The goal of Rocket Rescues is twofold: to give students a positive and enjoyable start to their day and to help animals in need find loving homes. School officials hope the initiative will raise awareness about pet adoption and encourage families to consider bringing home a new furry friend. The featured pets will be showcased for adoption on the school's social media.

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Rocket sports schedule

FRIDAY
Football hosts Ohio County

MONDAY
Volleyball hosts Henderson County

GOLF

The first Pig Glow event

The inaugural Pig Golf Tournament, named in honor of longtime club member and volunteer Doug Phelps, is Saturday, Oct. 26 at The Heritage Golf Course in Marion. The event will feature a glow golf format with a 2-person scramble. Participants will play 9 holes in the afternoon followed by 9 holes at night. Entry fee is \$50 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, food, a glow ball, mulligans and tosses. To register, call or visit the pro shop a 270-965-5415.

FOOTBALL

Junior Pro Results

Crittenden County beat Union County 21-0 in a third- and fourth-grade division Junior Pro football game Saturday. QB Davis Polk led the way with 1 rushing touchdown and 2 passing TDs. Ayden Oliver and Dagen Taylor caught the scoring passes. On defense, Koleson Tinsley had 7 tackles, including 5 for loss and Kayson Atwell had 7, including 3 for loss and a safety. The team is now 3-2 on the season. The fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets won 13-0 over Union behind 2 TDs by Eli Taylor, improving to 4-1 on the season.

TRACK AND FIELD

Potter joins MSU track

Karsyn Potter, a 2024 graduate of Crittenden County High School, has officially joined the track and field roster at Murray State University. Following her performance at the KHSAA State Championships last spring, Murray State's coach initiated a meeting to discuss her role on the team and the upcoming schedule. Potter is set to compete in her first meets in December, where she will participate in both the discus and hammer throw events – her first time attempting the hammer throw, which is not an event in high school.

OUTDOORS

Youth deer weekend

Youth deer hunting is this weekend, Oct. 12-13, for young hunters, ages 15 and under. Youth can use modern firearms, including centerfire rifles, slug guns or muzzleloaders. Ages 12-15 need to have a current Kentucky hunting license and deer permit before they can take part. These can be purchased online or at local retail vendors, including Hodge's in Marion. Additionally, hunters ages 12-15 must have completed a Hunter Education certification. For those 11 and under, certification isn't required. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult who can immediately take control of the firearm if needed. A one-year Temporary Hunter Education Exemption Permit is available free online.

Hunting Seasons

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

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Squirrel Fall	Aug. 17 - Nov. 8
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Turkey Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Turkey Crossbow	Oct. 1-20
Deer Youth	Oct. 12-13
Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 19-20
Turkey Shotgun	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1
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

Last 10 seconds sink Rockets

STAFF REPORT

Everything unraveled on the Rockets over the last 10 seconds of their trip to Murray last week.

Despite a strong start, Crittenden County was unable to overcome six turnovers and stalled offensive drives, falling 37-27 to Murray High on Friday night in both teams' initial Class 2A First District matchup of the season.

Crittenden had early opportunities to establish control of the game, reaching the red zone twice in the first half. However, both trips ended in turnovers, setting a troubling tone. In total, the Rockets committed six turnovers – three coming from mishandled kickoffs, which greatly hampered their momentum.

Quarterback Quinn Summers shone in the first half, completing 15 passes for 146 yards. His biggest play came early when he connected with CamRon Belcher on an 80-yard touchdown pass to give the Rockets a 7-0 lead. Summers also found Tyree McLean twice for touchdowns in the second quarter, the second coming on a 4-yard pass.

However, even with a 20-13 halftime lead, Crittenden's offense struggled to capitalize on further opportunities. In the third quarter, Summers completed just one of eight pass attempts, netting zero yards as Murray's defense clamped down. Rocket receivers had trouble creating separation, and Crittenden's offense was unable to find any rhythm.

Summers did finish the game with a career-high 106 rushing yards, adding a late 28-yard touchdown run with about three minutes left to tie the game at 27.

However, the Rockets could not overcome their miscues as the Tigers sealed the win with a 32-yard field goal and a fumble return touchdown in the final 10 seconds.

"I thought the kids fought hard, especially in the fourth quarter," Rocket coach Gaige Courtney said. "Just too many mistakes."

He said miscues on special team "opened up the game for (Murray) and gave them a lot momentum."

Murray High, now 6-1, rallied behind quarterback Wyatt Robbins and a balanced offensive attack. Robbins completed 24 of 36 passes for 280 yards, and added a rushing touchdown in the third quarter to help turn the tide.

Amarion Bomar's 9-yard touchdown run late in the second quarter helped the Tigers close to within 7 by halftime. In the third quarter, Robbins connected with Nebraska-commit Jeremiah Jones for an 11-yard touchdown pass that gave Murray a 27-20 lead, which they never relinquished.

A field goal from Hank Fronza with just 10 seconds left extended the lead to 30-27. Hoping for a miracle, Crittenden tried to lateral on the kickoff reception to keep the play alive with time ticking off the clock, but fumbled. Murray's Tristen Dennis scooped and scored from the 25 and Murray won by 10.

"The score doesn't tell the whole story," the Rocket quarterback said, pointing out that his team was two plays away from being up three touchdowns in the game's opening minutes.

"The first drive our defense gets a big turnover and I go down running the ball and fumble on the five. I take full blame for that and I had an interception – just



Rocket linebacker Brayden Poindexter (15) reacts to a fumble recovery by teammate Brayden Mahnke at Murray. The Tiger QB was hurt a bit on this play, but recovered.

Last week scores

FOOTBALL IN WEST KY

Caverna 60, Fulton County 12
Graves County 46, Apollo 28
Hopkinsville 41, Calloway County 7
Mayfield 47, Caldwell County 14
Paducah Tilghman 49, Logan County 14
Russellville 48, Ballard Memorial 24
Owensboro 21, Marshall County 14

missed opportunities," Summers added. "The third quarter was kind of a mess. If we play four full quarters, we're the best team in our district."

For Summers, that interception at the Murray one-yard line to end the half, was his first in 122 passes dating back to the Union County game.

Despite the loss, Crittenden showed offensive firepower, totaling 398 yards of offense to Murray's 424. Summers finished with 258 passing yards on 20 completions, including six catches for 116 yards by Belcher. However, the Rockets' five lost fumbles and a lackluster second-half passing attack ultimately proved too much to overcome. Caden Howard caught 6 passes in the matchup, setting a new school record for catching a pass in 27 straight games. He is now No. 2 on the all-time reception list.

Murray, meanwhile, continued its strong season, picking up 21 first downs and narrowly outgaining Crittenden on the turf with 144 rushing yards to the Rockets' 140. Robbins led the Tigers' rushing attack with 57 yards, while Simon Rickman and Bomar contributed 48 and 39 yards, respectively.

The Rockets will need to regroup and clean up their execution on special teams and in the red zone as they prepare for this week's matchup. The loss drops Crittenden to 2-4 overall and 0-1 in district play. The Rockets will be at home against non-district opponent Ohio County Friday. Ohio County comes in winless. Meanwhile, Murray improved to 6-1 and 1-0 in district competition. The Tigers will be idle this week then play district foes Caldwell County and

Mayfield over the next two Fridays.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Crittenden	7	13	0	7
Murray High	0	13	14	10

SCORING PLAYS

C-CamRon Belcher 80 pass from Quinn Summers (Adri Berry kick) 5:47, 1st
C-Tyree McLean 17 pass from Summers (Berry kick) 10:15, 2nd
M-Wyatt Robbins 14 run (Elias Houk kick) 7:56, 2nd
C-McLean 4 pass from Summers (Berry kick blocked) 5:02, 2nd
M-Amarion Bomar 9 run (kick fail) 1:16, 2nd
M-Simon Rickman 2 run (Houk kick) 3:27, 3rd
M-Jermiah Jones 11 pass from Robbins (Hank Fronza kick) 2:00, 3rd
C-Summers 28 run (Berry kick) 3:06, 4th
M-Fronza 32 field goal :10, 4th
M-Tristen Dennis 25 fumble return (Fronza kick) :03, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: CCHS 18, MHS 21
Penalties: CCHS 10-89, MHS 9-85
Rushing: CCHS 22-140, MHS 35-144
Passing: CCHS 20-40-1, 258; MHS 24-36-1, 280
Total Yards: CCHS 398, MHS 424
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 5-5, MHS 2-2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing
CCHS: Summers 14-106, Jacob Carder 5-19, Brayden Mahnke 3-15. MHS: Robbins 14-57, Rickman 8-48, Bomar 13-39.

Passing
CCHS: Summers 20-40-1, 258. MHS: Robbins 24-36-1, 280.

Receiving
CCHS: Belcher 6-116, Caden Howard 6-56, Dakota Sosh 3-37, McLean 3-33, Carder 2-16. MHS: Jones 10-104, S.Davis 1-14, Martin 6-98, Rickman 1-8, Bomar 3-31, Dennis 3-25.

Defense
CamRon Belcher 4 solos, 6 assists, interception; Landon Curry solo, 4 assists; Brayden 9 solos, 2 assists, 3 TFLs, fumble recovery; Tyree McLean 11 solos, TFL; Kaiden Travis 4 solos, 2 assists, 2 sacks, caused fumble; Braydin Brandsasse 3 solos, TFL; Jacob Carder 3 solos; Caden Howard solo, assist; Keegan Pierson 2 solos, 2 assists, TFL; Brayden Poindexter 8 solos, 4 assists, TFL; Dakota Sosh 2 solos, assist; Trae Taylor 2 solos, 3 assists; Gaige Markham 5 solos, 2 assists, TFL, fumble recovery; Eli Lovell solo, assist.

Players of the Game
Players of the Game: Defense Tyree McLean, Offense CamRon Belcher, Special Teams Adri Berry, Lineman Brayden Brandsasse.

Records: CCHS 2-4 (0-1), Murray 6-1 (1-0)

CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

CCHS VOLLEYBALL

Crittenden County will puts its No. 1 ranking in the Second Region on the line Monday when the Lady Rockets host Henderson County. It will be a rematch of Crittenden's only loss to a team in its region this season. The Lady Colonels beat Crittenden in four sets in late August. Since then CCHS has reeled off a number of wins and won the All A Classic regional title.

The Lady Rockets are now 17-4, with three losses in the All A state tournament. Henderson comes in at 13-13. Its only loss in the region was to Union County last month.

•Last week, CCHS beat University Heights in straight sets 25-23, 25-15, 25-12 at Rocket Arena. Of the team's 34 total kills, Brooke Winstead had 8 and Hannah Mott 7. Carly Porter posted 4 blocks and Mary Stephens had a half dozen digs. Lilah Sherer had 23 digs and Stephens scored 6 aces.

CRITTENDEN CROSS COUNTRY

Crittenden County's cross country team competed in a 5K race at Daviess County on Saturday, with both boys and girls turning in notable performances.

In the boys' division, Crittenden County placed 21st out of 23 teams. Asa McCord led the way, finishing 66th overall with a time of 18:45, competing against 184 runners. River Rogers followed closely behind, placing 81st with a time of 19:08. Landon Starkey (132nd, 20:56), Jayden Gibson (136th, 20:58), Noah Martinez (162nd, 22:47), and Zach Rustin (164th, 23:19) rounded out the team's effort.

For Livingston Central, Carson Taliaferro was the top finisher, placing 153rd in 22:05. Phillip Wilson followed at 157th with a time of 22:26, while Hunter Wilson and Sawyer Champion finished 179th and 182nd with times of 27:07 and 30:01, respectively.

In the girls' division, Mary Martinez led Crittenden County, placing 34th out of 118 runners with a time of 21:54. Ella Whitney came in 76th at 25:35, and Taylor Haire finished 113th with a time of 30:26.

LADY ROCKET SOCCER

Crittenden County's defense was strong early against Lyon County (9-8) in the opening round of the Fifth District Soccer Tournament Monday at Cadiz. However, the Lyons opened up a 1-0 halftime edge and won going away 5-2, eliminating CCHS from post-season play. Junior Ella Geary and sophomore Kylie Bloodworth scored for CCHS. Sophomore Ruby Peek and freshman Kaylin Coleman had assists. Sophomore keeper Macibelle Hardesty had 11 saves and was shot on 24 times. Crittenden's season closes out with a 5-11 record.

•Crittenden beat Paducah Tilghman 4-3 last week at Marion to finish its regular-season schedule. Adri Berry and Bloodworth scored two goals apiece for CCHS while Coleman, Madison Walker and Geary each had assists. Hardesty had 11 saves as keeper. CCHS won its last two regular-season matches.

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High school tops district in test improvement

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County High School recorded significant improvement on the spring state testing. Students increased scoring on the Kentucky Summative Assessment by 23 points from the previous year, earning a “green,” or second-highest rating, on Kentucky’s five-color performance chart.

The high school went from an orange rank on 2023 testing with an overall index score of 51.7, to a green rank with an overall index score of 74.4 in 2024. The school increased in all five indicators – reading, math, social studies, science and combined writing; post-secondary readiness; quality of safety and climate survey; and graduation rate. Its score places Crittenden County High School among 55 of the state’s 228 high schools to secure the green distinction, according to Tiffany Blazina, Crittenden County public relations coordinator.

Supervisor of instruction Rhonda Callaway said the sizable increase is a testimony to the value of hard work and dedication on the part of educators and test-takers.

“Everyone rolled up their sleeves and got to work,” Callaway said.

High school principal Josh Cook echoed Callaway’s sentiments.

“The perseverance and sheer determination shown by both our staff and students is just remarkable,” Cook said. “We look forward to using this momentum to further our growth and achievement this school

Detailed report of state assessment data for all three schools can be accessed by visiting the Kentucky Department of Education’s website at education.ky.gov.

year and beyond.”

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 the five tested subjects; English language learner progress; quality of school climate and safety; post-secondary readiness and graduation rate data at the high school level.

Students are tested in grades 3-8, 10 and 11.

In each subject tested, students are ranked as either Distinguished, Proficient, Apprentice or Novice. The goal being proficient or distinguished.

Scores are calculated by combining current year performance, called “status,” and improvement from prior to current year, called “change.”

Crittenden County Middle School’s index fell slightly from 2023 to 2024; however, it also secured an outstanding “green” performance rating for the second consecutive year. Out of 319 middle schools in the state, CCMS is one of 91 to



High school students were treated to “green” cookies as a reward for their hard work toward earning the green-level recognition in statewide testing.

earn that classification. CCMS’ overall index score was 68.2 in 2024.

Crittenden County Elementary School’s index fell slightly in 2024 to an orange ranking. Principal Sarah Riley said that while there are areas for improvement, she is proud of the results of the school climate survey, where an increase of

five points was observed (79 percent in 2023 to 84.3 percent in 2024) and in its safety rating, which earned an eight-point gain, increasing from 71.7 percent in 2023 to 79.7 percent in 2024.

“We also reduced our novice numbers in science,” Riley said. “We know we have opportunities for improvement, and

we are confident that we are on the right track to achieving our goals. As we near the first quarter of the new school year, we will begin looking at preliminary benchmark testing and develop plans to ensure our students meet and exceed expectations.”

K-8 Supervisor of Instruction Jenni Gilkey says student growth is at the heart of instruction.

“Obviously, we take state testing very seriously and value the data it provides us, so that we can customize our approach to instruction and assessment,” said Gilkey, “but test scores alone do not define our students or their capabilities. One of our district core values is excellence, which we define as being better tomorrow than we are today. That’s exactly what we are working toward.”

The system has several key goals:

- Promote higher levels of student learning and achievement.
- Reduce achievement gaps and ensure equity.
- Build a culture of high expectations and continuous improvement.
- Communicate a clear and honest understanding of strengths and areas for improvement in schools and districts.

The public can view a detailed report of state assessment data for all three schools by visiting the Kentucky Department of Education’s website at education.ky.gov.

School personnel moves at CCMS

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Middle School will be under different leadership when classes resume Tuesday, Oct. 15 after fall break.

Principal Kara Turley announced late last week to middle school parents through an electronic school communication platform that she is stepping down.

The announcement was later made publicly on Crittenden County School District’s social media.

Turley wrote in the announcement that she will be assuming the role of the school’s sixth grade language arts teacher.

The school also said former sixth-grade teacher Amber Cavanah, who is new to

CCMS this year but taught social studies at Dawson Springs for several years, is moving to eighth-grade social studies.

Superintendent Tonya Driver declined to discuss reasons for the personnel changes.

It is unclear whether the moves were in response to a controversial mock wedding at the middle school in September.

Driver said an investigation by school officials into that matter is complete.

At least one teacher, a social studies instructor, who was accused in a public meeting by parents and others of participating in or helping to organize the wedding, is no longer at the school, according to parents with children at CCMS.

VOTE

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Early Voting, they will be able to vote that day.

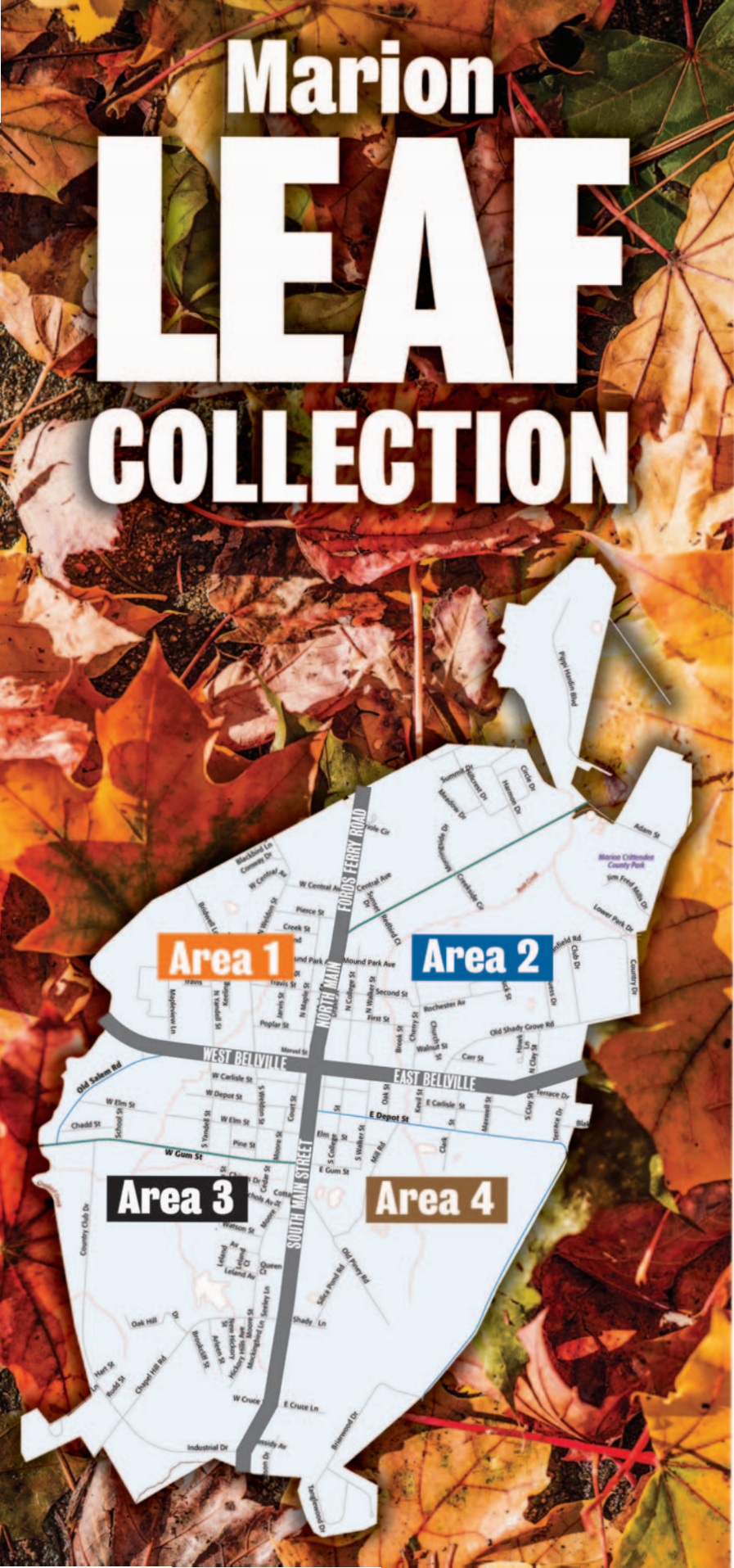
On Election Day, the County Office Complex, located at 200 Industrial Dr., in Marion, will serve as the sole polling place for all 2,000 Marion voters. Residents in rural Crittenden County may want to consider voting at their local polling locations on Nov. 5 to avoid potential delays.

Polling locations at Shady Grove Fire Department, Repton Baptist Church, Mexico Baptist Church, and Deer Creek Baptist Church

will be open on Election Day from 6 a.m., to 6 p.m.

To ensure a smooth voting experience, it’s essential to bring a photo ID for quick check-in. In case of long lines, election workers may enforce a statutory 4-minute time limit for completing ballots once voters enter the booth. Given that ballots may be two-sided and include lengthy constitutional amendment questions, Tabor encourages voters to review their ballots and educate themselves on the amendment issues and candidates beforehand.

Monday was the last day to register to vote in this election.



Area 1

N. of West Bellville
W. of North Main- Fords Ferry Rd.

Oct. 7, 8, 14, 21, 28
& Nov. 4

Area 2

N. of E. Bellville
E. of N. Main-Fords Ferry Rd.

Oct. 9, 15, 22, 29
& Nov. 5

Area 3

S. of W. Bellville • W. of S. Main

Oct. 10, 16, 23, 30
& Nov. 6

Area 4

S. of E. Bellville • E. of S. Main

Oct. 11, 17, 24, 31
& Nov. 7

Random days will be on:
Oct. 18, 25, Nov 1, 8

OCTOBER 1-NOVEMBER 8	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		Oct. 1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	10	11
	* Area 1 *	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	
	14	15	16	17	18
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Random
	21	22	23	24	25
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Random
	28	29	30	31	Nov .1
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Random
	4	5	6	7	8
	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4	Random