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MPD expects change

Marion City Council is expected to consider the resignation of Police Chief Ray O'Neal at Monday night's regular monthly meeting. O'Neal, 61, is a 24-year veteran of the local police force and has been chief for the past 17 years. He is expected to resign as chief, but stay on as a police officer who will be charge of city hall security. With the closure of Crittenden County Courthouse, all judicial court proceedings are being held at city hall. Full-time security is required and warranted, say local leaders.



O'Neal

Mayor D'Anna Browning does not anticipate naming a new chief next week, but confirmed that the next head of MPD will almost certainly come from within the department.

KY 120 closure looms

Highway KY 120 between Marion and Providence will be closed at the county line later this month. The extended closure will facilitate replacement of the bridge or bridges over a slew next to the Tradewater River. The road could be closed for six months. Traffic will have to find a suitable detour, which could create some hardships for work commuters, farmers and commercial traffic. Traffic surveys indicate that between 500 and 600 vehicles travel along that KY 120 route on an average day. The project will cost \$727,224 and will be done by bridge builders Cambry Contracting.



City leaf collection

City of Marion will begin its annual fall leaf collection service late this month. Meantime, burning leaves is permitted after 6 p.m.; however, city leaders urge residents to choose to mow/mulch them instead. Complaints of smoke pollution have already been filed at city hall and Marion City Council plans to further discuss the matter at Monday's meeting, which begins at 5 p.m., at city hall. The town's leaf collection will begin Monday, Oct. 30 in Area 1, which is north of West Bellville Street and East of North Main and Ford's Ferry Road.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16 at city hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 17 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 18 at the new Crittenden County Office Complex.
- Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19 at Crittenden County Office Complex. Testing of the election tabulating equipment will take place.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday Oct. 19 at its office on East Bellville Street.



Crittenden Soils

Here are current Agriculture Property Value Soil Class Assessments in Crittenden County and proposed new figures for 2024.

CLASS	Current	2024
Class 1	None	None
Class 2	\$600	\$710
Class 3	\$500	\$550
Class 4	\$400	\$400
Class 5	\$300	\$300
Class 6	\$225	\$225
Class 7	\$200	\$200
Class 8	None	None

Ag land assessments will be higher in '24

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Next year, Crittenden County property owners will see some increase in the assessed value of agricultural property, but only for the highest quality soil classes.

It will mean higher taxes for some property owners. Yet, the taxable value of raw land in Crittenden County will remain far less than residential or commercial property, thanks to the state's 54-year-old exemption for agriculture properties.

Land owners in Crittenden County could pay around \$1 more per acre in 2024 taxes if their land falls into the highest soil class in the county.

According to Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator Todd Perryman,

Kentucky recognizes eight different soil classes from prime crop ground to unproductive woodlands and wetlands. In Crittenden County, you will find only six types of soil on which property assessments are based.

"There are no Class 1 or Class 8 soils," Perryman said.

That means there are no farms assessed at the highest or the lowest values. In Crittenden County, the best cropland starting next year will be assessed at \$710 an acre. That's a Type 2 soil class. The assessed value is going up \$110 from the current assessment. Likewise, Class 3 soils will see an increase of \$50 per acre to \$550, or the

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Fear This

Fourteen-year-old Adalee Martin of Country Drive in Marion was recently preparing for Halloween by hanging some spooky figures on the lawn in front of her house. City officials have set their annual Trick or Treat on Main Street for 3-6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 31. Stay tuned for more details.

Reading garden developed at CCES to memorialize educator, city leader

STAFF REPORT

A beloved Crittenden County educator and former city councilwoman will be memorialized with a reading garden in her honor.

Friends and former colleagues of the late Phyllis Sykes want to share her love of reading with current students through the outdoor reading garden at Crit-

tenden County Elementary School.

"She deserves it," said Karen Nasser, whose friendship with Sykes deepened through years of working together in the local education system.

Sykes taught hundreds of first graders to read, and her friends



Sykes

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County residents expect relief from city sewer fees

STAFF REPORT

A handful of residents living just beyond the city limits are hoping to get some relief Monday from Marion's sewer and environmental fees. Marion City Council members will have an opportunity next week to approve an amendment to a 2004 ordinance that had peculiarly forced some county residents to pay for something they never used.

There are 55 households outside the city limits that have municipal services (either water or sewer), including those along Airport Road, US 641 South, US 60 East, US 60 West, KY 506, Autumn Lane, Chapel Hill Road, Wilson Drive, Fords Ferry Road, Dogwood Drive, Whipporwill Drive, Pigeon Drive and Starling Lane. Somewhere around a dozen of them have city water, but no city sewer, according to City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield.

Those with water and no sewer could be directly affected by an ordinance amendment on the table Monday. It could give some of them a good bit of financial reprieve.

The amendment reads that the original provision in Ordinance 52.08 (B) which had "required each owner, tenant and occupant of similar property outside the city limits, who is connected to the city water system and receives water service from the city, to connect to the city sewer connection line if available, is hereby repealed."

Hutch and Suzanne Goad are among those who have been seeking release from city sewer charges and environmental fees. They have been paying those charges since March 2010. For 13 years, they have been billed for sewer, and since 2016 the additional environmental fee which was tacked on to help finance development of a new waste water plant. Yet they have never hooked on; never used the service.

The Goads live outside the city, but the home they purchased on Fords Ferry Road in 1982 was served by city water. They use a septic system for waste water; however, they were advised years ago that they would be responsible for sewer fees even if they never used the city sewer line that runs in front of their home, which is inside of a described

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Deaths

Duff

Billy Travis Duff II, 53, of Marion, formerly of Lyon County, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2023 at his home.

He was a member of Suwanee Furnace Baptist Church and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during Desert Storm.

Surviving are his wife, Jennifer Bunn Duff of Marion; an adopted son, Garrett Duff of Marion; a brother, Daniel (Julie) Duff of Spring Hill, Tenn.; a sister, Anna (Roger) Merrick of Cadiz; five nephews; and a niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Billy T. and Drucilla Fralix Duff.

Services were Sunday,

Oct. 8 at Dunn's Funeral Home in Eddyville with Rev. Mitch Coomer officiating. Burial was in Sardis Cemetery Between the Rivers.

Marvel

Regina Sue (Chaney) Marvel, 71, of Marion, formerly of St. Charles and Dawson Springs, died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2023 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was born in Hopkins County on July 1, 1952, to Lewis Elliot Chaney and Margaret Louise Chaney. After graduating from South Hopkins High School in 1970 she married the love of her youth, Bobby Abbott, in 1971. They had two daughters and divorced in 1983. In the 80s she worked at Woodburn Pharmacy in Dawson Springs.

In 1986 she moved to Marion and married Billy

Marvel in 1987. They were married 25 years and divorced in 2013. She worked at the Mattoon Store and Family Dollar during this time.

Marvel loved a variety of music and enjoyed attending concerts. Animals were another love, especially her two dogs who she had for a very long time as well as several cats. She was an avid reader and lover of movies and television.

Surviving are two daughters, Christy Abbott Denton of Henderson and Jenny Abbott (Bradley) McKinney of Marion; three grandsons, Dimitri Nichols of Evansville, Cameron Denton of Henderson and Ethan Torres of Marion; a nephew, Lewis (Karessa) Chaney of Henderson; a niece, Jada (Ross) Agent of Dawson Springs.

There will be no funeral services in accordance with Marvel's wishes.

Bluegrass band entertains area Homemakers Oct. 27

An Old Kentucky Hayride Musical will greet Pennyrile Area Extension Homemakers in Marion Oct. 27. The event will be held at Marion Baptist Church's Family Life Center and will include Homemakers representing Caldwell, Christian, Crittenden, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg counties.

Darl Henley, president of the Crittenden County Extension Homemakers,

said guests will include representatives from the University of Kentucky, Kentucky State University, the Kentucky Extension Homemaker Board and the Pennyrile Area Homemaker officers and chairmen.

Entertainment will be provided by Cutter & Cash and the Kentucky Grass, Marion's bluegrass band, which will treat guests to traditional country and gospel music. The band is pro-

duced by Grand Ole Opry Legend and Grammy award winner Jeannie Seely.

A picnic-style meal will be catered by Marion Pit Bar-B-Q.

Deadline to register is Oct. 13. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Crittenden County Extension Service. There will be no ticket sales at the event.

Contact Rebecca Woodall at (270) 965-5236 for information.

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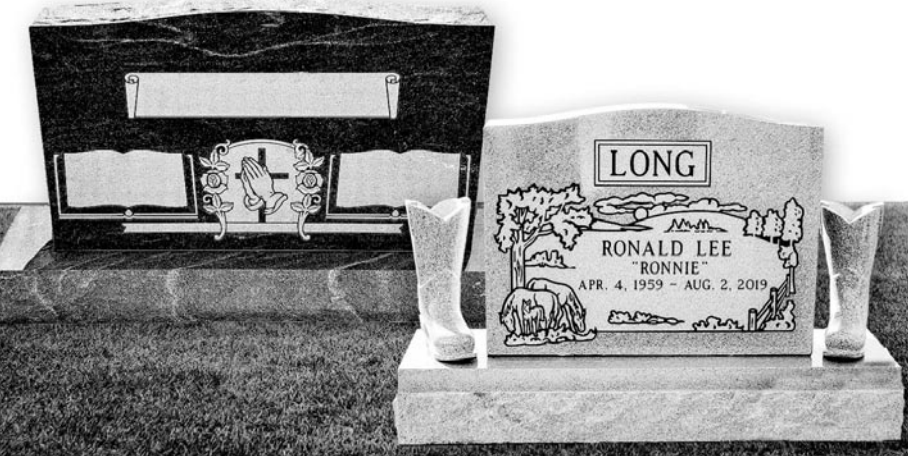
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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
Supplementary Information - Regulatory Basis

For The Year Ended June 30, 2022

GENERAL FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 1,178,500	\$ 1,186,980	\$ 1,277,310	\$ 90,330
Excess Fees	48,560	75,127	75,127	
Licenses and Permits	46,200	46,200	48,723	2,523
Intergovernmental	416,800	416,800	391,580	(25,220)
Charges for Services	110,000	110,000	114,782	4,782
Miscellaneous	138,700	146,245	214,001	67,756
Interest	2,000	2,000	2,836	836
Total Receipts	1,940,760	1,983,352	2,124,359	141,007
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	969,880	1,149,712	1,088,986	60,726
Protection to Persons and Property	394,650	658,650	445,867	212,783
General Health and Sanitation	275,150	284,550	259,299	25,251
Social Services	37,175	47,506	30,327	17,179
Recreation and Culture	59,500	59,500	51,362	8,138
Debt Service		67,560	87,554	(19,994)
Capital Projects	40,000	69,900	69,604	296
Administration	570,834	403,323	364,026	39,297
Total Disbursements	2,347,189	2,740,701	2,397,025	343,676
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	(406,429)	(757,349)	(272,666)	484,683
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds	226,429	226,429	345,422	118,993
Transfers To Other Funds	(170,000)	(170,000)	(352,422)	(182,422)
Financing Obligation Proceeds			18,000	18,000
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	56,429	56,429	11,000	(45,429)
Net Change in Fund Balance				
	(350,000)	(700,920)	(261,666)	439,254
Fund Balance - Beginning	350,000	700,920	700,920	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 439,254	\$ 439,254

ROAD FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 2,883,819	\$ 3,187,282	\$ 3,099,405	\$ (87,877)
Miscellaneous	157,500	157,500	222,493	64,993
Interest	5,000	5,000	10,309	5,309
Total Receipts	3,046,319	3,349,782	3,332,207	(17,575)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Transportation Facilities and Services	47,000	68,625	61,253	7,372
Roads	1,246,100	2,051,652	1,794,179	257,473
Other Transportation Facilities and Services	1,229,760	1,229,760	1,226,400	3,360
Debt Service	194,500	199,250	198,462	788
Administration	852,530	469,571	382,021	87,550
Total Disbursements	3,569,890	4,018,858	3,662,315	356,543
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	(523,571)	(669,076)	(330,108)	338,968
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Financing Obligation Proceeds	150,000	268,531	285,120	16,589
Transfers From Other Funds			345,422	345,422
Transfers To Other Funds	(226,429)	(226,429)	(345,422)	(118,993)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	(76,429)	42,102	285,120	243,018
Net Change in Fund Balance				
	(600,000)	(626,974)	(44,988)	581,986
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	600,000	626,974	626,974	
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 581,986	\$ 581,986

JAIL FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 3,196,250	\$ 3,338,878	\$ 3,217,150	\$ (121,728)
Charges for Services	73,500	73,500	83,623	10,123
Miscellaneous	132,600	132,600	166,341	33,741
Interest Earned	500	500	1,620	1,120
Total Receipts	3,402,850	3,545,478	3,468,734	(76,744)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	2,234,725	2,635,158	2,579,879	55,279
Debt Service	648,700	6,203,700	6,169,282	34,418
Administration	699,425	786,298	618,906	167,392
Total Disbursements	3,582,850	9,625,156	9,368,067	257,089
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	(180,000)	(6,079,678)	(5,899,333)	180,345
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Financing Obligation Proceeds		5,899,678	5,555,000	(344,678)
Premium on Financing Obligation			344,678	344,678
Transfers From Other Funds	170,000	170,000		(170,000)
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)	170,000	6,069,678	5,899,678	(170,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance				
	(10,000)	(10,000)	345	10,345
Fund Balance - Beginning	10,000	10,000	253,153	243,153
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 253,498	\$ 253,498

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,427	\$ (12,573)
Interest	50	50	32	(18)
Total Receipts	20,050	20,050	7,459	(12,591)
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	15,000	18,077	17,338	739
Administration	10,050	6,973		6,973
Total Disbursements	25,050	25,050	17,338	7,712
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	(5,000)	(5,000)	(9,879)	(4,879)
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
Transfers From Other Funds			7,000	7,000
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			7,000	7,000
Net Change in Fund Balance	(5,000)	(5,000)	(2,879)	2,121
Fund Balance - Beginning (Restated)	5,000	5,000	6,109	1,109
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,230	\$ 3,230

STATE GRANTS FUND				
Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
Original	Final			
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$ (20,000)
Total Receipts	40,000	40,000	20,000	(20,000)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	40,000	56,837	28,188	28,649
Administration	20,000	20,000		20,000
Total Disbursements	60,000	76,837	28,188	48,649
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	(20,000)	(36,837)	(8,188)	28,649

FEDERAL GRANT FUND			
Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Original	Final		
RECEIPTS			
Intergovernmental	\$ 200,000	\$ 10,000	\$ (190,000)
Total Receipts	200,000	10,000	(190,000)
DISBURSEMENTS			
Social Services	200,000	10,000	190,000
Total Disbursements	200,000	10,000	190,000
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			
Net Change in Fund Balance			
Fund Balance - Beginning			
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

PARKS AND RECREATION FUND					
		Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
		Original	Final		
RECEIPTS					
Charges for Services	\$	15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 26,954	\$ 11,954
Interest		100	100	297	197
Total Receipts		15,100	15,100	27,251	12,151
DISBURSEMENTS					
General Health and Sanitation		1,000	1,000	715	285
Recreation and Culture		5,000	10,050	8,648	1,402
Administration		59,100	54,050		54,050
Total Disbursements		65,100	65,100	9,363	54,050
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)					
		(50,000)	(50,000)	17,888	66,201
Net Change in Fund Balance					
		(50,000)	(50,000)	17,888	67,888
Fund Balance Beginning		50,000	50,000	50,423	423
Fund Balance - Ending					
	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 68,311	\$ 68,311

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND				
Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	
Original	Final			
RECEIPTS				
Interest	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 630	\$ 130
Total Receipts	500	500	630	130
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government	125,000	125,000		125,000
Administration	1,200	1,200		1,200
Total Disbursements	126,200	126,200		1,200
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	(125,700)	(125,700)	630	1,330
Net Change in Fund Balance				
	(125,700)	(125,700)	630	126,330
Fund Balance - Beginning	125,700	125,700	125,788	88
Fund Balance - Ending				
	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 126,418	\$ 126,418

E-911 FUND

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Taxes	\$ 328,500	\$ 328,500	\$ 322,967	\$ (5,533)
Intergovernmental		800,000	166,186	(633,814)
Interest	250	250	704	454
Total Receipts	328,750	1,128,750	489,857	(638,893)
DISBURSEMENTS				
Protection to Persons and Property	272,600	1,102,063	481,284	620,779
Administration	124,150	94,687		94,687
Total Disbursements	396,750	1,196,750	481,284	715,466
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	(68,000)	(68,000)	8,573	76,573
Net Change in Fund Balance				
Fund Balance - Beginning	(68,000)	(68,000)	8,573	76,573
	68,000	68,000	73,731	5,731
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 82,304	\$ 82,304

ARPA FUND				
	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
RECEIPTS				
Intergovernmental	\$ 853,935	\$ 853,935	\$ 855,231	\$ 1,296
Interest	5,000	5,000	1,629	(3,371)
Total Receipts	858,935	858,935	856,860	(2,075)
DISBURSEMENTS				
General Government		100,000	89,628	10,372
Protection to Persons and Property		36,472	32,265	4,207
Recreation and Culture		10,000	10,000	
Administration	1,712,870	1,566,398		1,566,398
Total Disbursements	1,712,870	1,712,870	131,893	1,580,977
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)				
	(853,935)	(853,935)	724,967	1,578,902
Net Change in Fund Balance	(853,935)	(853,935)	724,967	1,578,902
Fund Balance - Beginning	853,935	853,935	293,826	(560,109)
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,018,793	\$ 1,018,793

CONSTRUCTION FUND			
Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts, (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Original	Final		
RECEIPTS			
Interest	\$	\$	\$
Total Receipts			
DISBURSEMENTS			
Debt Service			
Capital Projects			
Total Disbursements			
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements Before Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			
Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			
Financing Obligation Proceeds			
Premium on Financing Obligation			
Total Other Adjustments to Cash (Uses)			
Net Change in Fund Balance			
Fund Balance - Beginning			
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	\$	\$

Soup on tap at CAF Fall Into the Arts Festival at Fosh Hall on Oct. 21

Community Arts Foundation is hosting a Soup–Ort the Arts fundraising event from 11 a.m., to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21 at Fohs Hall. The lunch is being held in conjunction with the Fall Into the Arts Festival on the same day.

Select from over 50 bowls of hand–glazed bowls by Crittenden County High School students with which to enjoy your hot soup from area restaurants and stores, served with bread and a drink. The bowl will be yours to keep. Price is \$20.

Tickets are available at The Crittenden Press office.

Bale Trail on the move

A map and listing of Crittenden County’s Fall Bale Trail entries is now available on the Bale Trail Facebook page. The scene with the most Like Clicks by Nov. 1 will be crowned 2023 champion. While the trail is free, the program seeks non–perishable food items for Crittenden County Food Bank. A collection box is behind the Extension office on US 60 East.

Next week residents should receive tax bill

Crittenden County tax bills will be mailed Monday. That’s a few weeks later than normal because Crittenden County government has been in the process of moving from the court–house to its new office complex. City of Marion property tax bills were mailed last month. City taxes are due before Nov. 1. After that date, a 25 percent penalty will be applied to all unpaid balances. County taxes are not due until Dec. 31, but taxpayers can get a discount by paying early.

Tolu haunted through Oct.

Tolu Haunted House will continue to be open across the next three Saturdays of October. The haunted venue will stay open from 10 p.m., until midnight on Friday, Oct. 20 following the Rockets’ football game against Caldwell County. Otherwise, the haunted house will be open from 7–10 p.m. The kitchen is open 6–9 nightly. Admission is \$10 adults, \$8 for 12–under. Proceeds benefit the Tolu Community Center, which is the old school house and grounds.

Low flying aircraft will be performing survey

The very eastern part of Crittenden County in the Shady Grove area will be involved in an aerial geological survey over the coming months.

The United States Geological Survey says low–level airplane flights are planned in portions of Kentucky and five other states over the next six months, using airborne geophysical technology to modernize geologic information.

Flights will cover parts of western and central Kentucky, southeast Missouri, northeast Arkansas, northern Tennessee, eastern Illinois and southern Indiana. Up to five aircraft may be active at one time over the course of the survey. The flights will be based out of Paducah; Jonesboro, Ark.; Gallatin, Tenn.; and Sellersburg, Ind.

This effort will feature airborne



geophysical surveys to map parts of the midcontinent along the Kentucky–Tennessee magnetic anomaly. This anomaly, first identified by satellite in the 1980s, has numerous mineral resource deposits around its edges. In addition, the survey will cover parts of areas related to the New Madrid and Wabash Valley seismic zones. The geophysical data will help to shed light on potential natural hazards in the region.

The new data gathered during the flights will be processed to develop high–resolution three–dimensional representations of bedrock composition and structure to depths more than 3,280 feet below the surface.

The 3D models and maps are important for improving our understanding of critical mineral resource potential, water resources, ground–water pathways near legacy mining areas, parameters for infrastructure and land use planning, and potential risks of naturally occurring radon.

The airplanes will fly along pre–planned flight paths relatively low to the ground at about 300 feet above the surface. The ground clearance will be increased to 1,000 feet over populated areas and will comply with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations. Flights will follow flight lines spaced about 1,300 feet apart.

The survey will use Piper Navajo aircrafts equipped with an elongated “stinger” mounted to the back of the aircraft. Instruments in the stinger and inside the cabin will measure variations in the Earth’s magnetic field and natural low–level gamma energy created by different rock types.

KY long-term care 42nd

Kentucky Health News

The American Association of Retired Persons' latest Long–term Services and Supports Scorecard, three years after the COVID–19 pandemic, ranks Kentucky 42nd in the nation. That put the state in the next–to–lowest tier, but that was a move up from the last report, when it was in the bottom tier.

A state’s score is determined by 50 indicators grouped in five dimensions, including affordability and access, choice of setting and providers, safety and quality, support for family caregivers and community integration. Among the 26 indicators with a trend, Kentucky saw "significant improvement" among eight of them, little or no change in 17 of them and a "significant decline" in one of them.

That was in the "home care cost" indicator in this category, which measures the median annual home–care private–pay cost as a percentage of median household income for people 65 and older. Kentucky's percentage increased to 93%, from 77% last year.

The scorecard ranked Kentucky 42nd for affordability and access, which looks at indicators of whether consumers can easily find and afford services or for those who can't afford services.

Public Notice

A copy of the complete audit report of Crittenden County Fiscal Court for the year ending June 30, 2022 including financial statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Crittenden County Office Complex and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Any citizen may obtain from the Crittenden County Treasurer a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information for his / her personal use. Complete copy duplication will be charged at a rate of \$0.25 per page.

Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220, when a financial statement is required by KRS 424.220, are available to the public at no cost by contacting the Crittenden County Treasurer at 200 Industrial Drive, Suite A, Marion, Kentucky 42064, or by calling 270-965-5251.



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The Honorable Andy Beshear, Governor
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Finance and Administration Cabinet
The Honorable Perry A. Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive
Members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor’s Report

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Crittenden County Fiscal Court’s financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompany financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances – regulatory basis of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2022, in accordance with 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 statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, for the year ended June 30, 2022, or the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

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 Fiscal Court Audit Guide 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 Crittenden County Fiscal Court and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Crittenden County Fiscal Court’s management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. This includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. 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 is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court’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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Crittenden County Fiscal Court’s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement (Continued)

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 identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement; however, they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky’s regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws.

The accompanying Budgetary Comparison Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statement as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in this report. The other information is comprised of the schedule of capital assets but does not include the financial statement and our auditor’s report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statement do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statement, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statement, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 24, 2023, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Crittenden County Fiscal Court’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses included herein, which discusses the following report finding:

- 2022-001 The Crittenden County Jail Inappropriately Used Debit Card For Jail Commissary Purchases
- 2022-002 The Jailer Failed To Properly Reconcile The Inmate Account
- 2022-003 The County Did Not Have Adequate Controls In Place To Accurately Report Amounts For Debt On The Fourth Quarter Financial Report

Respectfully submitted,

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Changes happen through seasons

My thoughts this week began, as they often do, by perusing a historical topic which was prompted by something happening today. Occasionally I will see something that immediately hits a nerve I did not know I had. Or maybe it hits from a slightly different direction. This happens a lot with images from the past and firsthand descriptions (pre-photography). Often, two things converge that swirl in many directions at the same time. What you read each week is my attempt to sort through those thoughts and emotions.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

yards. Many children today grow up as the center of activities on a field or in a gym and cannot imagine such an existence. We have changed childhood so much that children are now a significant economic liability rather than an asset. This is not a judgement one way or another – it just is.

I am thinking all of this during one of the most changeable months of the year. October begins in shorts and ends with

jackets. It begins with mostly green leaves and ends in a splash of color before the beauty is let go to begin the cycle again. We embrace this change. We change our clothing, our diets, our activities, and our expectations of the weather. We change our sports and look forward to new seasons of our favorite TV. There is no reason to resist it – it is going to happen. So we adapt – some willingly. Others not so much.

American society has changed a lot in the last century or so. We have made significant progress in the areas of labor and treatment of children if those photos are considered. We have made significant progress in race relations and equality. We, as a nation, are much wealth-

ier than we were 100 years ago. I want to embrace these good changes and work to continue making progress.

And then I consider the changes in technology. This is deceptive because it feels like things are changing in ways that are not seasonal but linear. In some ways this is true, but one only needs to read documents from the past to realize that this world runs in seasons and cycles. We just have different ways to see the seasons and address the changes they bring about.

Then I remember the Uyghurs in China. I think of the thousands pouring into our country at the southern border. I see children working in a dump in a large Central American city. I learn the stories of 12- and 13-year-olds working so they can pay their school tuition. And then I find images of children working in Cobalt mines in the DRC to power our smartphones and electric vehicles.

If I am going to truly embrace the good changes that I have seen in “my world” I should try to do something to see that those changes are effected in the world of others. Pray for all of us to embrace good changes. Work and donate to help those who are actively making a difference. Use your purchasing power to encourage beneficial change and discourage systems that keep inequality entrenched.

Study the past and pay

attention to the present to affect the future. Things will always change, and they will always stay the same.

Ecclesiastes 1:6-11
The wind blows to the south,
and goes round to the north;
round and round goes the wind,
and on its circuits the wind returns.
All streams run to the sea,
but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow,
there they flow again.
All things are full of weariness;
a man cannot utter it;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing,
nor the ear filled with hearing.

What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done;
and there is nothing new under the sun.
Is there a thing of which it is said,
“See, this is new”?
It has been already,
in the ages before us.
There is no remembrance of former things,
nor will there be any remembrance
of later things yet to happen
among those who come after.

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

Repenting of sins restores fellowship

Question: I like to think of myself as a good person, that generally does right. However, if I'm honest, I think judgmental, lustful, greedy thoughts. I gossip about others when I should be praying for them. I tell incidents to make myself better than I am. I'm a believer and follower of Jesus Christ. Will my sinful thoughts and white lies separate me eternally from God?

Answer: We need to recognize our sinfulness and take responsibility for our choices. Sin separated us from God. The Bible declares, “Your iniquities have separated you from your God” (Is. 59:2). Thankfully, Jesus paid the price for our sin, and there is no con-

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

demnation for those who are in Christ (Rom. 8:1).

For a child of God (Christian), however, committing a sin definitely disrupts our intimacy with God. Therefore sinning has major implications. It disrupts our closeness to God, our heavenly Father. It causes a heavy weight of guilt that powerfully pulls us down spiritually, emotionally and physically.

Praise God, our sins (large and small) can be

forgiven and our closeness to God restored! “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 Jn. 1:9). God is kind and loving, and when we repent and turn from our sinful actions, He removes the separation and restores us to His presence.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Community Events & News

- The VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12 at 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.
- The Childress Family will be in concert at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15 at the West Ky. Association of General Baptist building at 134 Ky. 1668, Marion.
- Crittenden County Republican Party will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19 in the new fiscal court meeting room at Crittenden County Office Complex on Industrial Drive.
- The Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at 5:15 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16 at the Lions Club Building.
- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- 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 Childress FAMILY

IN CONCERT

OCT. 15, 2023 • 2 p.m.

West Ky. Association of General Baptists Building

134 State Route 1668, Marion

Reflections

Women's Conference

Deer Creek Baptist Church

Saturday, Oct. 28 • 8:30 a.m.

For more information and to register go to <https://www.dcbcky.com/rwc.html>

"As in water a face reflects the face, so ones life reflects the heart."
Proverbs 27:19

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH

315 Emmaus Church Rd., Salem, Ky.
Rodney Phelps, Pastor
(270) 704-2400
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St. William Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 11 a.m.
Father John Okoro
860 S. Main St.
Marion, Ky.
(270) 965-2477

Mexico Baptist Church

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.
175 Mexico Rd.
(270) 965-4059
MexicoBaptist.org

DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Emmanuel Baptist Church

108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.
Captured by a vision...

Tolu United Methodist Church

We invite you to be our guest
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The People of The United Methodist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Youth 6:30 p.m.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist

Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m.
Bro. Ken Suits, pastor
Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.
Barnett Chapel... where everyone is welcome.

Freedom General Baptist Church

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

Marion Baptist Church

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

SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064
Sun. School for all ages: 10 a.m.
Sun. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.
- We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ, and to make Him known to the community around us. -

Crayne Community Church

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

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church

growing in grace
2 Peter 3:18
Pastor: Tracie Gaudin
Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem
Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

Marion Church of God

334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.
"Where salvation makes you a member."

PINEY FORK CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Speaker: Greg Rushing
SUNDAY School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Bible study 6 p.m.
A new beginning, going forward and looking to the future
Ky. 506 | Marion, Ky.

Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian

585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky. (270) 704-2455
Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884
Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Marion United Methodist Church

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.
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.
"The little church with a big heart"

Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchey
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

Unity General Baptist Church

4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.
Bro. David Perrymann, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Marion Church of Christ

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

Many met demise on local rail

Several accidents involved with the trains of long ago occurred in our county in earlier times. From the archives of The Crittenden Press, the victims' obituaries are interesting and sad to read. They tell of the circumstances of the accidents.

Crittenden Press, Feb. 9, 1911

Minus Bradford Rushing. Resolutions of our beloved brother, a strict member of our noble order, the F. E. & C. U. of A., was struck by one of the Illinois Central's heavy engines which crushed his skull killing him instantly.

On Dec. 25, 1910 the accident occurred. Bro. Rushing was born in Crittenden and was a good law abiding citizen, he was well liked by all that knew him. He was born Jan. 8, 1868 and was married to Miss Alice Campbell on May 9, 1894. To the happy couple there was five children born, of this number one is dead and four are living. They lived close to the community of Mexico.

(Family information tells us that Mr. Rushing had left his home to walk to Mexico on Christmas Eve, after a while when he didn't return home, two of his children went looking for him. They found him near the railroad track where he had been hit by a train. He is buried in the Campbell Cemetery near Mexico.)

Crittenden Press, March 20, 1913

William Duke Haynes, one of the town's best known and highly respected citizens, was struck by the northbound passenger train Tuesday, March 18 near the Kentucky Fluorspar Mill, as he was returning home from his work at the above plant and as a result died two hours later.

Mr. Haynes was carrying a sack of corn on his shoulder and evidently did not hear the approaching train. The cross-beam of the engine struck him just below the waistline and he was hurled 20 feet against the switch tower breaking some of his ribs and his leg and otherwise bruising and lacerating him in many places. He was carried home and remained in a semi-conscious condition until he passed away.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mary Black, a daughter of the late Judge N. R. Black to whom he married Oct. 18, 1863, and two sons, Edward of Sespe Calif., and Charles of this city, and four daughters, Fultie, wife of G. H. Crider of Calif., Willie, wife of County Attorney John A. Moore and Gustave, wife of J. L. Melton, both of this city and Kitty, wife of J. A. Fowler of the county and two sisters, Mrs. Kit Nunn of this county and Mrs. Shennie Drake of Lexington. Mr. Haynes was born Jan. 18, 1839 and was therefore in his 74th year. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.

Crittenden Press, Nov. 1922

Denver Travis Killed By Train Nov. 9. At Inquest Over Body, Corner's Jury Finds Verdict of Accidental Death.

Denver Travis, about

23 years old, was run over and instantly killed by an I. C. northbound freight train a short distance north of the Marion Depot Thursday afternoon of last week. So far as is known, no one saw the occurrence.

The body was found on the railroad track soon after the train passed, the train leaving the Marion station at 12:43 o'clock. The trainmen stated they knew nothing of the occurrence and it is thought by some that the deceased met his death by trying to board the train as it passed.

An inquest was held over the body by Judge E. J. Travis and County Attorney Edward D. Stone. The jury returning a verdict of accidental death by being run over by a railroad train.

Burial was in the James Wheeler Cemetery on Just A Mere Road.

Crittenden Press, January 1924

Wyley Montgomery, 65 years old, a farmer residing near Mexico, this

county, was run over and instantly killed by a southbound passenger train about 11:20 o'clock Sunday morning Jan. 13 between Mexico and Fredonia.

Mr. Montgomery, it is reported, was walking down the railroad tracks near Livingston Tank when the passenger train which leaves here at 11:00 rounded a curve, came up behind him and when the alarm whistle blew, instead of stepping off, started to run down the track and was struck by the engine.

Mr. Montgomery leaves a widow and four children: Ishmere Montgomery of Arkansas; Mrs. Mona Loftis, Mrs. John Tabor and James Montgomery, all of this county.



Trains such as this one ran regularly night and day on the tracks all the width of Crittenden County. There were several accidental deaths caused by carelessness or lack of danger.

Funeral services were held at Caldwell Spring Baptist Church Tuesday, Rev. U. G. Hughes officiating. Interment at Stevenson/Stephenson cemetery on Marion Road. (He has no stone, in an unmarked grave)

Crittenden Press June 12, 1930

Guy Griffith was instantly killed Sunday, June 8 when struck by a northbound Illinois Central freight train, at the Bellville Street crossing. The accident occurred about 6:30 in the evening.

Griffith, going to his home east of Marion, drove his car directly in front of the approaching freight in an apparent effort to beat the train to the crossing. The victim's head was crushed on one side; and the automobile entirely demolished.

In the course of the inquest, testimony was introduced by G. W. Durke, engineer on the train which struck Griffith's car; by J. D. Burgess, fireman; J. W. Griffith, conductor, and T. B. McConnell, brakeman. All these men stated that the train, a through freight, was running at the speed of about 25 miles an hour; that the bell was ringing at the crossing, that the whistle on the train was blown; and that the pilot on the engine struck the rear side of the automobile.

Robert Murphy, of Marion, testified that

Mr. Griffith stopped his car when very near the track, started it again, and when he reached the track turned toward the Marion Milling Company building.

A number of other witnesses were heard, all of whom gave the similar evidence.

The coroner jury, returned the verdict: "We, the jury, find that Guy Griffith came to his death by being struck by a freight train on the Illinois Central Railroad at the Bellville Street crossing, and that same was an unavoidable accident."

Surviving Mr. Griffith are eight children, his wife having died in 1922. The children are: Lois, Preston, Thomas, Matilda, Nelle, Elizabeth, George and James; a sister, Mrs. J. T. Hatcher, of Plicher, Okla.; and a brother, Walter Griffith, of Marion, Ill.

The body was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Foster. Funeral services were held Wednesday with burial in the Love Cemetery.

(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).

ELECTION NOTICE

INSPECTION AND TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

Crittenden County Clerk's Office

Crittenden County Office Complex
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Crittenden County's automatic tabulating equipment for use in the General Election will be inspected and tested beginning at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13 in Crittenden County Clerk's Office in the new Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Dr. in Marion. This is done each year prior to votes being tabulated by the scanning of marked ballots.

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Any person interested in participating in the review of this Integrated Resource Plan should, within ten (10) days of the publication of this notice submit a motion to intervene to Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

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bid notice

SECTION 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed Bids for "2023 Marion City Roof Replacements and Repairs" for the city

owned building affected by the hail damage in the City of Marion, will be received by the City of Marion, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 until 12:00 p.m. (local time) on Thursday, October 19, 2023, and then publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of work includes the new roofing of the city owned building and in the park, Marion, Kentucky. A list of specific buildings and areas will be given to all plan holders. The Bid Packet and Specification may be examined at the following:
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City of Marion (2t-41-c)

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Marion, KY 42064
Case No. 23-CI-00015

LARRY G. TINSLEY AND NAOMI TINSLEY, Plaintiffs v. ELZIE BYRLEY AND UNKNOWN HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, WIVES, WIDOWS, HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEES, REPRESENTATIVE, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON ANY OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED; AND GERNEALLY ALL PERSONS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN; TOLU COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.; Defendants;

Notice is hereby given that an action has been filed against ELZIE BYRLEY AND UNKNOWN HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, WIVES, WIDOWS, HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEES, REPRESENTATIVE, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON ANY OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED; AND GERNEALLY ALL PERSONS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN; TOLU COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., Defendants. The subject of this action is the following tract of land situated in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and more specifically described as follows:

The following described property consisting of two lots situated in the Town of Tolu, Crittenden County, Kentucky on the south side of First Street as show on Plat of said Town as Lots #16 and #17 and being in size 60 x 120 feet each lying side by side and bounded thus: BEGINNING at a stake on the south side of First Street, corner to Farmer Alley; thence S 77 E 210 feet to a stake, corner to Love Alley; thence N 13 E 160 feet to Said First Street; thence N 77 W 120 feet; thence E 160 feet to said First Street; thence N 77 W 120 feet; thence with said street to the beginning.

SOURCE OF TITLE : This being the same property conveyed to Larry Tinsley and wife, Norma Kaye Tinsley, from Larry Tinsley and wife, Naoma Kaye Tinsley, and Lisa Large by deed dated February 14, 1984, of record in Deed Book 142 page 433, in the Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

Parcel 2:
A certain lot or parcel of land, lying and being in Crittenden Couty, Kentucky in the town of Tolu, Kentucky and bounded and described as Follows:

Beginning at a stake on the South side of First Street, at the East corner of Martin Alley; running thence with linen of same S 13 W 160 feet to a stake; Thence S 77 E 120 feet to a stake; thence N 13 W 116 feet to a stake; thence N 47 W 69 ½ feet to a stake; thence N 68 ½ W 61 feet to the beginning.

There is excepted from the above boundary and not conveyed by this deed That portion of said property conveyed by former grantors to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for right-of-way for highway purposes.

SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to Larry G. Tinsley and his wife, Naoma Tinsley by Joseph Earl Jones and wife, Brenda Faye Jones by Deed dated October 6, 1990 and recorded in Deed Book 158, Page 563, Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

Parcel 3:
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This being the same property conveyed to E.A. Byrley by C.R. Brazell and wife, Cora Brazell, Deed dated February 6, 1928 and recorded in Deed Book 55, Page 331, Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

Anyone interested in this action should contact Cobie D. Evans, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 99, Smithland, Kentucky (270) 928- 4620.

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7-2 Croatian would firm up Wildcats; Davis wants to play in NFL

Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook editor/publisher Chris Dortch has not seen 7-2 Croatian Zvonimir Ivisic play in person but he has watched numerous tapes of the newest member of the UK basketball team.

“He is unbelievable and a huge difference maker based on seeing him against international competition,” Dortch said. “I cannot truly relate that competition to SEC basketball but it is easy to see he is a big-time rim protector. He is a great rim runner and lob catcher. He can also shoot the 3.”

Dortch admitted that Ivisic does remind him of former Gonzaga star Chet Holmgren, the second overall pick in the 2022 NBA Draft.

“But he is maybe even stronger and more nimble than Holmgren,” Dortch said. “If Kentucky gets him eligible, and it looks like he is, it will add to a team that at one time people were panicking over because of the lack of players Cal had at one point this summer.

“If Ivisic is as good as what I saw on tape, and I like to think I know talent, I can't see him being anything but a huge help.”

Kentucky assistant coach Orlando Antigua

agrees with Dortch.

“Zvonimir is a unique player that can play a couple positions. He is very skilled and mobile and has a great motor with incredible length which allows him to be a great rim protector,” Antigua said.

Blue Ribbon has Kentucky 11th in its preseason poll. Six SEC teams are in the top 25 with UK ranked below Tennessee (6) and Arkansas (8). Texas A&M (17), Alabama (19) and Mississippi State (20) are also in the top 25.

“We know it is going to be a tough league,” Dortch said. “I think this will be Rick Barnes’ best team at Tennessee. They have a 6-5 freshman, Freddie Dilione, who is throwing passes like Pete Maravich did. (Zakai) Ziegler, who tore his ACL late last season, is already back on the court doing some things. They have (Santiago) Vescovi and (Josiah)-Jordan James back. They added two shooters they desperately needed.

“Arkansas never ceases to amaze me with what they do with transfers. I think they are going to be loaded and I look at them as a team that could compete for the (national) championship.

“It’s just a loaded league and Kentucky is

going to be able to play with anybody. Do they have a guy like (Anthony) Davis who can dominate? I don’t know. Maybe Ivisic will be that guy.”

When Trevor Wallace was coaching his son Trevin he would not “allow him to be average” because he knew his son had “greatness” in him.

“Then one day when he was 10 he told me, ‘Daddy, one day I am going to repay you and take care of you,’” Trevor Wallace said.

Based on how the Kentucky junior linebacker has played this season, he likely will have to consider putting his name into the 2024 NFL draft. He’s been among the team leaders in tackles and tackles for loss and has been one of the leaders on UK’s highly ranked defense.

“We have mentioned a couple of things (about the draft) based on what he does this year and what level we are looking at for next year,” Trevor Wallace said. “He wants to be better than last year to determine what he should do.

“Anything he does best for him longevity-wise will be based on what is best for him and what he thinks. He will talk to his coaches about everything and what is best for him. But that’s all for after the season ends, not now. He just wants to win games

and be the best player he can be right now.”

Wallace is the team’s third leading tackler with 31 stops in six games that includes five tackles for loss and 3.5 quarterback sacks. He’s also forced a fumble and made an interception.

Kentucky might not have beat No. 1 Georgia but Georgia coach Kirby Smart certainly knows what a special player UK defensive lineman Deone Walker is and said he was “extremely athletic for a large man.”

Smart even said UK does more with Walker than what he did with Jordan Davis, one of the nation’s most dominant collegiate defensive lineman and the 13th pick in the 2022 NFL draft.

“They don’t play him at the zero nose. They move him out to the five technique. They dropped him against Florida on the interception play. It’s amazing, you’ll see a human being at 6-6, 350 (pounds) dropping,” Smart said before the game.

“And they mix it up with the guy. He’s a talented player. We recruited him here. He’s gotten better. He’s kind of a wrecking ball in there. He knocks people back.”

Walker did have two solo stops, two assists and one pass deflection against Georgia but he also had a costly personal foul penalty that did not go over well with UK coach Mark Stoops. However, Smart made sure to talk to Walker on the field when the game ended.

Like almost every other major college football player, Kentucky running back Ray Davis hopes to play in the NFL and certainly has made NFL scouts pay attention to him with his play so far this season. Still, the 5-9, 215-pound Vanderbilt transfer knows the more versatile he can be, the more valuable he will be to NFL teams.

That’s why during an appearance on the SEC Network he said he would rather make a

“highlight catch” than a big run.

“I want to show how versatile I am. I’m not just a one-dimension back. I can do it all. I can pass-block, I can catch, and I can run. Also, the defensive coordinator, you gotta pick and choose. Either you’re gonna stop the run or stop the pass. I can do both,” Davis said.

“I can go out there and line up in the slot and I can give your safeties and linebackers some work, or I can get up behind the box and run it.

“Just having that ability to be multidimensional. I never want to put myself in a box. You look at the running backs today in the NFL today, that’s the way it goes – being able to be a three-down back and being able to do a lot of different things.”

Davis was UK’s best offensive player in the lopsided loss to Georgia. He ran for 59 yards on 15 carries and had two catches for 36 yards and a touchdown.

Happenings from the CA office

Time flies and more so when you are busy. Since taking office as your county attorney on Jan. 1, believe me, time has flown. So much so, that I wanted to share with you an update on what is happening in the Crittenden County Attorney office and what has been happening.

I want to thank The Press for allowing me to have this space. Our local community is very fortunate to have a newspaper like The Crittenden Press and we would be less special if someday we did not have it.

Primarily the county attorney office is responsible for representing the county fiscal court and prosecuting violations and misdemeanors (crimes with sentences less than 365 days and/or fines less than \$500). So let me give the highlights in those areas.

With respect to the County Fiscal Court, it is an honor to represent Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and our magistrates. There is a sense of comradery at the meetings with everyone working together trying to make Crittenden County better. One action I have taken was applying to the Kentucky Department of Archives for a



Bart FRAZER
CRITTENDEN COUNTY ATTORNEY

grant to codify the county’s ordinances. This \$13,000 grant, if awarded, will organize and digitize the county’s ordinances and make them available online for the public. The fiscal court supported this grant and pledged to maintain the system going forward.

For the prosecution duties of the county attorney, since taking office, I have worked very closely with local law enforcement to streamline the days which they are needed in court. Working with District Judge Ben Leonard, the court schedule has been rearranged so that officers spend less time waiting for their cases to be called. The result of this is less wasted time for the officers inside and more time outside in our community.

Like you, I watch the news and am distressed to see how our country does not look familiar to me. There is a general lack of respect for our law and law officers. You can rest assured that this county attorney supports our great law enforcement officers who work bravely to keep our homes safe.

In the future, and not to wear out my welcome with The Press, I will update you regarding the work of your county attorney’s office. In closing, I want to publicly thank my staff that has worked hard to get the office up and running. All of us sincerely appreciate the opportunity to work for Crittenden County.

50 YEARS AGO

October 11, 1973

■ A preacher in Lola told his congregation to be sure to return for revival for a real treat. Mrs. Ollie McFalls, a Lola resident, played banjo and sang as she had been for better than half a century. Music was important to her since she learned how to play guitar. And as she grew older, it was perhaps more important than ever.

■ Sophomore class officers at Crittenden County High School included Dale Decker, treasurer; Billy Turley, president; Pam Heady, vice president; and David Perryman, reporter.

■ Billy Wayne Jones, was selected to receive the Harry H. Hale Jr. Sportsmanship Award given by the Marion Country Club. The presentation was made by Orville Pfunder. Jones' plaque remained posted at the clubhouse listing the names of the annual winners. Other winners of special awards given out were Jack McWilliams, Doc Fritts, Sam Smith, Roy Boisture, Jack Easley and John Tabor.

■ The West Kentucky Cattlemen’s Association was born 50 years ago this week. The meeting was attended by more than 60 area cattle raisers who were interested in forming the association. The major objective of the association was to upgrade and promote the cattle industry, both beef and dairy, in the area. An urgent objective that was addressed immediately upon establishment of the association was to control and prevent rustling of cattle in this area.

25 YEARS AGO

October 8, 1998

■ The youngsters at Quality Day Care got a preview into the life a fireman during a demonstration by Marion Fire Chief Red Howton. Youth pictured in The Press were Emily Owen, Brynna McDowell and Whitney Williams.

■ Middle school defensive end Jordan Roberts slapped down a pass by the Murray quarterback to complete an undefeated season. Middle school Rockets finished their season with the best record in history.

■ Crittenden County senior Terri Travis was crowned homecoming queen during pre-game festivities at Rocket Stadium. She was escorted by Doug Campbell.

■ Antique tractors made up a big part of the lives of two Marion brothers. Billy Joe and Tom Crider collected old tractors for many years and amassed a total of 12 antique tractors between them. They looked for tractors which don’t seem to be what everyone else had. They had several tractors from the earlier half of the century including a 1926 McCormick Derring. That specific tractor probably would have been purchased for around \$800 in the 1920s but was worth about \$2,000 in 1998.

■ Wonderful, mouth-watering, tender, spicy barbecue was what earned Melburn

Conner bragging rights in two categories of the first ever Heritage Days barbecue contest. He returned the following year to face the challenge and claim victory once again. He was selected as the first-place winner in the ribs and Boston butt barbecuing competitions and awarded second place in the barbecue chicken category.

■ The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce welcomed area residents to the Second Annual Heritage Days Festival. The festival was started in 1997 as a way for the Chamber to offer an entertaining, and also educational, weekend of events for residents in Crittenden and surrounding counties. The festival, which featured the history, heritage and hobbies of the county’s residents, offered something for everyone.

10 YEARS AGO

October 10, 2013

■ Crittenden County High School students were participating in an aerospace program offered for individuals interested in aviation, aeronautical engineering or aviation management. Five students were enrolled in Introduction to Aviation including Jantzen Croft, Jake Ellington, Dylan Rushing, Tyler Cummins and Jonathan Suggs.

■ It was harvesting time at the FFA Alumni test plots across from Par 4 Plastics. Crittenden County High School agriculture advisor and teacher Larry Duvall said data collected from the test plots indicated high yields from the corn harvest. Duvall said the lowest yield indicated a harvest of 195 bushels per acre. The highest yielding plot was 245 bushels per acre.

■ It was Community Workers Week at Tiny Tot Day Care. The daycare was visited by volunteer firefighter John Robertson and a Crittenden County ambulance. The Tiny Totters included Lathen Lynch, Kendra Guess, Cooper Robertson, Kendall Hoover, Emerye Pollard, Gracie Fowler, Ella Hoover, Charlie Rogers, Grayson Travis, Tucker Hardin, Lila Curnel, Drake Young, Hudson Stokes and EMT Maria Belt.

■ Trish Millburn loves books. The Crittenden County native and author discussed her collection of more than 1,000 books in the personal library at her Nashville home. Millburn served as a guest speaker for fifth graders at Crittenden County Elementary School and took questions from students in Cindy Crabtree’s fifth grade class on the writing process, to aid them in the construction of their class book of poems.

■ Rocket Noah Dickerson was looking for a place to run during the matchup with Marshall County as the Marshalls way-layed Rockets 43-0. Dickerson got his first start at quarterback after senior Travis Gilbert was sidelined with a knee injury.

*Read Brenda Underdown’s
Forgotten Passages column
at The Press Online*

between newspaper issues.

GARDEN

Continued from page 1 and current educators say a reading garden is the perfect way to remember her.

The first major fundraising event for the project will be Friday, Oct. 20 at Diary Queen, where former employees will return to help serve.

Dairy Queen will donate a percentage of sales to the reading garden project, and Nasserri will personally match up to \$1,000 raised during the Friday night event.

Anyone interested in

participating in a banana split eating contest should contact Nasserri at (270) 704-0164.

The exact plan for the garden is still in development; however, Nasserri said the area will have seating and will be colorfully designed to make it an inviting area for students to sit and read.

More than \$500 has been donated to the project, and anyone who is interested in making a contribution can make checks payable to Phyllis Sykes Reading Garden, c/o Crittenden County Elementary School, 120 Autumn Lane, Marion,

KY 42064.

Nasserri and a committee formed to develop plans for the garden will incorporate a lending box for students to share books during the school year or during summer months.

Sykes had an extensive Raggedy Ann collection, including books, some of which Nasserri intends to use to stock the lending library.

Several items from Sykes’ Raggedy Ann collection will be sold during a silent auction during the Dairy Queen fundraiser.

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Sports Events

THURSDAY
Volleyball at Christian Fellowship

FRIDAY
Football at Mayfield

SATURDAY
Cross Country at Graves County
MS Football hosts Green County
Jr Pro Football at Caldwell County

FOOTBALL

MS first playoff game

Crittenden County Middle School (5-3) will host Green County 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14 at Rocket Stadium in Middle School Football Playoffs. Crittenden received a No. 3 seed in the First Region bracket. Green County is a No. 6 seed. A victory in the first round will put CCMS on the road against No. 2 Campbellsville on Oct. 19 or Oct. 21. The regional championship game would be on Oct. 28. Owensboro Catholic is the No. 1 seed in the region. There are four regions across the state and CCMS is playing in the 8th Grade Division 3 bracket. The state semifinals are on Nov. 4 and the state title game will be Nov. 11.

Class 2A High School
FIRST REGION

District One		
Mayfield	1-0	5-1
Crittenden County	1-0	4-3
Murray	0-1	5-2
Caldwell County	0-1	0-7
District Two		
Owensboro Catholic	1-0	7-0
Fort Campbell	2-0	5-3
Todd Central	0-2	3-5
Edmonson County	0-1	1-6

SOFTBALL

Register for old-timers

Players interested in participating in the upcoming CCHS Lady Rocket softball old-timers celebration and game on Sunday, Oct. 29 at Marion-Crittenden County

Park are asked to text their name and graduation year to softball coach Chris Evans at 270-704-0435.

The event will recognize Crittenden's 1991 softball team, the very first to play the sport in high school, and the 1995 softball team, which was the first to play fast-pitch. The event will begin with batting practice at 1 p.m., and the old-timers game will start at 2:45 p.m.

Players from all eras are encouraged to participate whether during batting practice or play. The team will accept donations from those participating.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 19 - Oct 31
Squirrel	Aug 19 - Nov 10
Dove	Sept 1 - Oct 26
Deer archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Turkey archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Deer crossbow	Sept 16 - Jan 15
Raccoon hunting	Oct 1 - Feb 29
Turkey crossbow	Oct 1-22
Deer youth hunt	Oct 14-15
Deer muzzleloader	Oct 21-22
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

Youth rifle deer hunt

Saturday and Sunday will give youngsters age 15-under a chance to deer hunt with modern firearms. Statewide bag limits and licensing requirements apply.

Rockets smoke Ohio County 40-6

Crittenden County dominated Ohio County 40-6 Friday on the road in a non-district game.

Ohio County, a 5A team, fumbled the ball three times and threw an interception on its only pass. The Rockets also covered a kickoff deep in Eagle territory that led to a touchdown. Brayden Mahnke and Tyree McLean recovered fumbles that also led to scores.

Crittenden had ideal field position the entire game, starting a series only once on its own end of the field with the varsity squad in play. CCHS's JV boys finished the game up after the Rockets enabled a running clock with just over three minutes left in the third quarter with a 40-0 lead.

The Eagles only score came on a quarterback run on the game's final play against the CCHS reserves.

Rocket quarterback Micah Newcom was precise with his passing, completing 19-of-26 for 176 yards. Camron Belcher led receivers with 53 yards on three catches. Four more receivers had three or more receptions. Crittenden did not have much success running the football, gaining just 48 yards on 24 attempts.

The defense was key, getting four take-aways, including an interception by Gabe Keller, his fourth of the sea-



Crittenden County all-purpose player Tyree McLean was back in action after being sidelined the first part of the season with an injury. He caught 3 passes and kicked a couple of extra points.

son.

Ranked as high as No. 7 in some statewide polls, the Rockets will be at No. 4 Mayfield this week for a key First District Class 2A matchup.

"It was good to see some of the young guys in tonight toward the end and make some plays. It was just a good overall night to have one of these kind of wins," coach Gaige Courtney said. "Ohio County is a big, physical 5A team and we respected them, but you have Mayfield on the horizon. So you didn't want your guys thinking about that, you just

want them to take care of business."

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Crittenden	0	0	0	6
Ohio County	21	12	7	0

SCORING PLAYS

C-Micah Newcom 1 run (Casey Cates run) 7:59, 1st
C-Caden Howard 35 pass from Newcom (pass failed) 4:10, 1st
C-Tyler Belt 2 pass from Newcom (Tyree McLean kick) 2:19, 1st
C-Gabe Keller 6 pass from Newcom (kick blocked) 8:46, 2nd
C-Belt 1 run (kick failed) :26, 2nd
C-Keller 2 pass from Newcom (McLean kick) 3:31, 3rd
O-Lucas Kramer 31 run, :00



Zech McGahan
Midway University



Dylan Yates
Kentucky Wesleyan



Luke Crider
Thomas More



Tyler Boone
Murray State

Podcasting part of lineman Yates' experience at Kentucky Wesleyan

Rockets finding way on collegiate teams

Former Rocket Dylan Yates isn't having much trouble finding his way around the football program at Kentucky Wesleyan College and his love of the game has been parlayed into something new – the broadcast booth.

Yates, a 2022 graduate of Crittenden County High School, is a 6-1, 240-pound redshirt freshman who played sparingly in his first season in 2022, but is getting more time this fall on special teams and at defensive tackle. He's hoping to earn a starting role at defensive end by next fall. His on-the-field success is no surprise based on his career as a Crittenden County High School football player who was a multi-year all-conference player. He is the all-time sacks leader at his alma mater and part of three district championships.

What's been surprising, even to himself, is his natural evolution as a broadcaster. Yates and a teammate host a weekly podcast produced by the on-campus radio station.

Although he's majoring in criminal justice, Yates has found a love for work in college media. He gets paid as part of a work-study program to write news, record segments and DJ for the radio. Now, he's producing a regular podcast, which features personal insights, football Xs and Os and discussions with guests such with players, coaches and others from the Panther football program.

"It's interesting having conversations with other athletes, getting different perspectives," Yates said. "Broadcasting has been something different for me. As a player you just focus on getting better every day and helping your team. Behind the mic, it's sort of the same, but

it's helping your teammates in a different way. We talk about their lives, about their journey, about things they might be going through. I have to take a step back and look at football like a broadcaster would and not as a player."

The podcasts also delve into the guests' walk with God.

Yates took the work-study job at the radio station as a freshman and is growing to love broadcasting. He's even considering adding it as a second minor.

He and his football Panthers lost last weekend to former teammate Luke Crider's Thomas More team, but Wesleyan is having a good season. The team is 3-3 after winning only two games all of last year.

Kentucky Wesleyan, as a private Christian college, has strong ties to the local religious community. It has partnerships with 12 churches of various denominations as well as on-campus services and religious organizations.

•Zech McGahan is a sophomore at Midway University, a private Christian institution between Frankfort and Lexington, where he plays offensive line for the Eagles football team, which is 1-3 this season.

Midway plays sprint football, which is a full-contact, intercollegiate, varsity sport and has the same rules as regular college football, except that all players must weigh 178 pounds or less.

McGahan has played in every game this year and appeared in all six last season as a freshman. He graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2021 and is majoring in health sciences.

•Tyler Boone, a 2021 CCHS graduate, is an inside linebacker at Murray State where he's played mostly on special

teams this season and has participated in every game.

The career tackles leader in high school at Crittenden County, Boone is a redshirt sophomore at MSU. He was part of three district championships as a Rocket linebacker, but the going has been less lucrative at Murray where the Racers have won just four games over the past two seasons. MSU was 2-9 last fall in its final season in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Racers are 2-3 this season.

Boone, 5-11, 227 pounds, is the first CCHS athlete to play Division I football since Brad Hart played at the University of Kentucky from 2006-2009.

Murray State is a first-year member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

•Luke Crider, a 2022 graduate of CCHS, is a redshirt freshman at Thomas More in northern Kentucky's Greater Cincinnati area. A 6-2, 185-pound quarterback, Crider has been in a backup role since joining the Saints out of high school. As a three-year starter for Crittenden County High School, Crider racked up multiple passing records and is the team's only player with 3,000 yards passing and 500 yards rushing. He played in one game as a freshman and completed a pass, but has not seen any action so far this season while the team has gone 4-2.

Crider is a business major. Thomas More is a private Roman Catholic university in Crestview Hills, Ky., that serves about 2,000 full- and part-time students.

The football team joined the Division II Great Midwest Athletic Conference last season, the same division as Kentucky Wesleyan.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

CCHS VOLLEYBALL

Crittenden County's volleyball girls beat Hopkinsville in straight sets Monday night at home on senior night. CCHS has four seniors on the roster.

By beating Hoptown 25-14, 25-10, 25-6, the Lady Rockets improved to 13-13 overall this season and 10-7 since interim coach Savannah Tays took over the program.

CCHS will be the No. 1 seed for next week's Fifth District Tournament at Livingston Central. The event will be played Tuesday with Crittenden taking on the winner of Trigg vs. Livingston in the nightcap.

Crittenden has won the last five straight Fifth District championships. In fact, the girls have not lost a single set against district competition over six seasons.

CCHS is No. 4 in the Second Region power rankings. University Heights is No.

1 followed by Christian County and Union County. Crittenden has lost to UHA three times this season, winning just one set in those encounters, and it lost to Christian County twice, winning one set in those matchups. The Lady Rockets have not played Union this season. The regional tournament will be played at Caldwell County.

In a match previously unreported, CCHS suffered a disappointing five-set loss at Hopkins Central last Tuesday, 13-25, 25-23, 25-13, 14-25, 16-14.

CCHS CROSS COUNTRY

Crittenden County harriers raced against some of the top schools and fastest runners in western Kentucky last weekend at the Daviess County Classic cross country meet at Owensboro.

Several CCHS runners posted per-

sonal best performances, including Presley Potter, Mary Martinez, Ella Whitney, Zack Rustin, Noah Martinez, and Maddox Watkins. Season best times were recorded by Asa McCord, Karsyn Potter and Ella Geary.

CCHS finished 19th out of 22 teams in girls' competition where there were 200 entries. The Rocket boys were 34th out of 34 teams against 338 runners. Following are individual results.

GIRLS			
57	Mary Martinez	11	22:27.67
136	Presley Potter	9	24:51.07
146	Ella Whitney	10	25:23.65
151	Ella Geary	10	25:34.30
182	Karsyn Potter	12	27:59.80
BOYS			
168	Asa McCord	11	19:51.17
292	Zachary Rustin	8	23:36.45
293	Landon Starkey	10	23:39.91
318	Noah Martinez	7	24:54.08
324	Maddox Watkins	8	26:01.99



Commissioned by the City of Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission, local artist Elizabeth (Kirby) Rodriguez painted a mural on the side of a downtown building with the blessing of its owner. It was completed over the last few days.

City agenda full for Monday meeting

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council will meet Monday night, and it will have plenty to discuss from the ongoing water crisis and fall leaf collection to a changing of the guard at the police department (see page 1) and consideration of amending an ordinance about county residents who pay sewer and environmental fees (see page 1).

As Marion inches closer to beginning work on its hobbled Lake George levee, there will be a need to determine how that will be paid for up front until the Kentucky Emergency Management provides reimbursement. The city is considering a line of credit at a local lending institution to help come up with the more than \$1.7 million it will need for the work.

Construction of a coffer dam and repair to the back side of the levee will begin within weeks. The two projects will take five to six weeks to complete. A coffer dam is a temporary water barrier that will be built to seal off a leaking pipe that runs through the earthen dam. It is believed to have been at least part of

Flag mural reminiscent of former Old Glory

Local teacher and artist Elizabeth (Kirby) Rodriguez has completed her second highly-acclaimed public mural, this one on the wall of a downtown building owned by Johnson's Furniture and Appliance. The painting is somewhat reminiscent of another flag mural once featured on the former Marion City Hall on East Bellville Street before it was torn down several years ago.

Rodriguez and some of her students painted a similar flag as part of an on-campus Veterans Memorial inside Rocket Arena.

Mayor D'Anna Browning spearheaded the project on Main Street. The mayor said Rodriguez was paid for materials and her time.

"I am so pleased with how that turned out," the mayor said. "A lot of us remember the flag mural on the old city hall. I have always felt like that has been missed in downtown. Now, we have a new one to cherish."

the cause for the levee to begin weeping in the spring of 2022, which set off a series of emergency responses, including a purposeful breaching of the dam. Lake George is the town's source of raw water which is used to manufacture drinking water for the city.

Marine Specialties Inc., of Frankfort, Ky., is the primary contractor for the work. It will also be overseeing the repair of a large chunk of the levee that was peeled off during the initial response in 2022.

The project calls for massive amounts of fill

material and rip rap sized rock. Tim Thomas, Marion's consultant hired to help solve the water problems, said about 1,600 dump truck loads will be needed to complete the work. That much heavy-traffic wear on the narrow access road that runs from Chapel Hill Road to the lake would almost certainly destroy it. Plans are being discussed of possible alternatives for getting material to the site, which is being complicated by weight limits on bridges along potential haul routes.

West Kentucky Workforce Board member wants to stage regular job fairs in Marion

Marion resident Fred Stubblefield would like to create monthly job fairs in Marion.

Stubblefield is a member of the West Kentucky Workforce Board, which governs Kentucky Career Centers in Paducah and Hopkinsville.

His plan is to mirror in-

formal job fairs at the WKWB's career centers, allowing local businesses to recruit employees at the monthly events.

Stubblefield asked for the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's support Tuesday, Oct. 3 to begin developing the events. He hopes to get

the plan organized by the end of October.

"We are hurting for every type of skill here, and young people need careers," Stubblefield said.

Businesses who are interested in participating can contact Stubblefield at (270) 832-5730.

Leadership WKY accepting applications

Leadership West Kentucky will begin accepting applications for the 2024 class on Nov. 1.

Deadline to apply is Dec. 1. Notifications will be made by Dec. 15 for individuals selected to participate.

Leadership West Kentucky is a six-month program for community leaders in the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance's (WKRCA) 14-county service area including Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken and Trigg.

Programming includes meetings and educational presentations

about the counties, industries and tourism served by the WKRCA.

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

Orientation will be held Jan. 17-18 in Paducah.

Tuition in the amount of \$800 includes six sessions – one monthly, February through May, concluding with graduation

June 27.

Applications are available at www.wkrca.org/leadership-west-kentucky/

Additionally, Leadership West Kentucky is accepting sponsorship opportunities for the 2024 program. Tennessee Valley Authority is one of the sponsors for next year.

Platinum sponsorship is \$2,500; gold sponsorship \$1,000; and silver sponsorship \$500.

Businesses who wish to participate as a sponsoring agency should contact the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance at (270) 443-1746, ext. 817 or email info@paducahchamber.org.

Saturday eclipse will max out at noon

Western Kentucky will experience the peak of Saturday's Annular Solar Eclipse at high noon. An Annular Solar Eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the Sun and Earth while the Moon is at its farthest point from Earth. The Moon will cover about 65 percent

of the Sun. The entire eclipse event will last almost three hours, beginning at around 10:30 a.m. Remember to use eye protection while viewing the eclipse. Sky watchers are particularly excited about next year's total solar eclipse on April 8.

VALUE

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equivalent of about 50 cents per acre in taxes.

Based on 2023 state and local property tax rates, Crittenden Countians pay between \$2 and \$7 an acre annually in ad valorem property taxes, depending on their soil classes. Most large tracts of land in this county have multiple types of soil, so a formula is used to determine the effective value for the entire property as a whole.

Assessed values of the county's least productive soils, Classes 4 through 7, will not change in 2024.

The state mandates that counties re-evaluate their property values every four years. This will be the first time since 2016 that Crittenden County's agriculture

property assessments have gone up.

Perryman said assessments are going up in 2024 because renters are paying more for agriculture land. He said in Crittenden County the average cropland rent per acre in 2022 was \$107 and average pastureland rent per acre was \$23.

Perryman said state recommendations called for a much higher increase in assessed values, but through his research, comparing nearby counties with similar soil types, Crittenden's hike was mitigated to some degree.

Assessed values still lag well below the fair cash value of undeveloped property. Perryman said that based on recent transactions, the average price per acre right now is more than \$3,000.

For tax purposes, agri-

culture land values are purposely discounted in order to protect Kentucky farmland by giving tax relief to property suitable for farm production. This exemption from "fair market assessment" was initiated by a constitutional referendum in 1969 to protect farm owners from rising property tax assessments, particularly in developing areas.

A new Crittenden County landowner might have paid \$3,000 an acre or more for property this year, but if it has a Class 2 soil base – the second highest class in Kentucky and highest in this county – the assessed value is still only \$710 per acre for tax purposes. The amount of real property tax a landowner pays is determined by the rate and the assessed value.

FEES

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250-foot zone that is spelled out in the original 2004 ordinance.

That ordinance says it applies to "the City of Marion, Kentucky and to persons outside the city who are, by contract or agreement with the city, users of the City Publicly Owned Treatment Works."

When the city started billing him 13 years ago for sewer, the Goads didn't think they had an option other than paying the bill.

"They told me it was a state law. That if sewer was available, we had to be on it or pay for it," Hutch Goad said.

Their first bill in 2010 was \$15.40, but the cost

went up markedly when the environmental fee was attached. The fee has gone up twice since it was originally implemented in 2016 from \$12 a month to \$41.51 on the most recent bill. Including the sewer cost, their bill last month was for \$57.41.

"I balked at it when they first told me," Goad said, but eventually was compelled to pay the fee, and required to buy a sewer tap-on although it was never used. The couple had installed a new field line for their septic system the year before they were required to pay the city sewer bill.

Carroll Collins, who has lived next door to the Goads outside the city limits since 1999, said he was told the same

thing years ago. He has also had city water since he moved into the home. Despite having spent several thousand dollars to upgrade his septic system, Collins went ahead and tapped on to city sewer. He paid the tap on fee, which he said was around \$400 back then, and hired a certified plumber to connect his house to the city line.

"They didn't give me any choice. They said I had to hook on to it," Collins said.

It's unclear if residents like him have any recourse since they tied on as ordered, but the Goads should be able to petition the city to be relieved of paying the sewer bill if the ordinance amended is codified next week.

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