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## By the Numbers



### Can you afford the American Dream?

The USA Today newspaper recently surveyed Americans about goals associated with their American Dream. Here are data from responses, showing what those folks considered to be part of their dream, and the costs.

Retiring in comfort	86%
Affording quality health care	86%
Owning a home	85%
Raising a family	78%
Owning a new car	72%
Yearly vacation	71%
Caring for pets	66%
Having a wedding	55%

The USA Today found these lifetime costs for achieving these American Dreams.

Retirement	\$1.6 million
Owning a home	\$957,594
Owning a new car	\$900,346
2 children w/college	\$876,092
Health care	\$414,208
Annual vacations	\$180,621
Pets	\$39,381
Having a wedding	\$38,200

### Homecoming events shuffled due to ref shortage in football

Crittenden County High School has shifted its Homecoming Week schedule after a shortage of referees



forced the football game to be moved up a day. The Rockets will now play their Homecoming game Thursday, Oct. 2, at Rocket Stadium. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. on the field with kickoff at 7 p.m. The game had originally been scheduled for Friday.

Because of the change, the Homecoming parade will roll Wednesday, Oct. 1. Parade lineup begins at 4 p.m., and the procession starts at 5 p.m. It is expected to last about 30 minutes.

The girls' Powderpuff football game has been moved to Friday at 6 p.m. at Rocket Stadium, with freshmen playing seniors in the opener followed by sophomores against juniors. Winners will meet in a final game.

Homecoming dance for high school students is set for Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8 to 11 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Community Prayer will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4 at the empty lot next to The Press.
- Marion Code Enforcement Board will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 13 at city hall.
- Livingston County Board of Education will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 13.

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Crittenden-Livingston Water District Superintendent Abbie Adamson is trying to dial in on costly leaks with a listening device that helps find underground problems.

## Whispering purrs of trouble

### CLWD's chief listening in on pipes, trying to locate troubling water leaks

STAFF REPORT

A summer of cracked ground and shifting soil has left the Crittenden-Livingston Water District (CLWD) scrambling to keep up with a rash of water main breaks, forcing boil-water advisories and stressing an already thin maintenance crew.

In just the past two months, customers have been told at least twice to boil water before drinking it after sudden main failures drained lines and reduced pressure. Superintendent Abbie Adamson said the district's four-man crew is working 50- to 60-hour weeks trying to keep up with leaks spread across 710 miles of pipe.

"It's really been eye-opening to me this year," said Adamson, who has led the district since January after 12 years on staff. "We fix 15 or 20 service leaks and then one big main break wipes out all of that progress."

The district reported water loss of 38.8 percent in July and nearly the same in August. Water loss, a key measure of how much treated water escapes before reaching customers, often translates into millions of gallons wasted.

Much of the problem stems from dry conditions. As the earth contracts, buried pipes shift, crack and give way. Adamson said neighboring districts are seeing the same issues. This has been the worst year she remembers for water main breaks.

"When the ground is this dry, it just moves," she said. "That causes main breaks and service line breaks, leak after leak."

The district is also at the limit of its treatment capacity. Its Pinkneyville plant on the Cumberland River south of Salem produces 2 million gallons per day, barely enough for current customers and not enough to provide Marion much help since the city's own system began to falter. CLWD is in the process of doubling capacity to 4 million gallons per day, a project that will eventually allow it to fully supply Marion and perhaps other nearby districts.

To help locate hidden leaks, Adamson has turned to technology, a listening device that detects the sound of running water underground. "You put the probe down into a

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## Officials say halt to meals on wheels gets limited stay; plans are evolving

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's Meals on Wheels program will keep running, at least for the next seven weeks, after emergency funds were found to temporarily extend service. Without that lifeline, deliveries would have ended this week due to a \$1.5 million shortfall in the Pennyrlie region's senior meal budget.

The Sept. 30 deadline to "pause" services was reported last week at The Press Online and by other regional news outlets. The welcome update was issued Tuesday morning in a joint news release by Pennyrlie Area Development District (PADD) and Pennyrlie Allied Community Services (PACS).

On a typical weekday in Crittenden County, about 31 meals have been delivered five days a week to homes, another 15 are picked up "curbside" as carryouts, and 10 to 20 are served inside the Senior Center on North Walker Street. Curbside meals had already been slated to end Sept. 30. That service was described by officials as a holdover from the pandemic.

Hours before the service was to cease, a joint effort by the PADD and PACS had bought some time.

Jason Vincent, executive director of PADD, said his agency committed \$140,000 in emergency funds, which PACS agreed to match. With



that combined \$280,000, and after consulting with county judges across the district, officials decided to keep service open to all current clients, yet only three days per week, for the next seven weeks.

"This plan doesn't fix the

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## Our age of way too much

Once upon a time, a school could get by with a chalkboard, a dog-eared set of somewhat out-dated encyclopedias, and a few buses that rattled their way to class or hauled a ball team to a county rival next door. Football had hand-me-down gear, baseball boys shared bats, and if you were lucky enough to have a gym, you played basketball

in it until the lights burned out. Now we measure a district's worth by whether every child has a Chromebook, every team has three sets of uniforms, and whether there are two gyms, one for practice, one for show. And there's a sport for everyone, even those without much game.

Don't get me wrong, I love the culture of school sports and I'm part of it. But there's a creeping suspicion we've carried things too far, particularly at the younger ages where we're still supposed to be learning lessons more durable than a pair of new cleats and a \$500 bat.

That spirit of excess doesn't end at the school doors. It follows us home. There's a television glowing in every room of the house, but nobody watches because everyone's face is bent toward a smartphone screen. We buy the fastest internet we can, and then another device to make the signal reach the back porch. We keep cable too, just in case we need to see the weather map or UK play basketball. There's a doorbell that snaps photos of neighbors like they're suspects in a sting, and we congratulate ourselves for being "connected," even if most of what we're connected to is utter noise.

Even our trash has grown sophisticated. Garbage bags now come with pull-up straps, perfume and heavy-duty linings, sold in boxes that cost as much as a Saturday's groceries once did. Their very design screams "disposable," yet we treat them as indispensable. Back in Grandma's day, trash was a simple affair. Burn barrels took the paper, pets or goats ate the scraps, cans were buried out back, and glass jars and plastic tubs lived second lives holding beans, buttons or leftovers. Waste hardly existed.

Now, curbside trash pickup arrives with a monthly bill higher than Mom and Dad's first mortgage in 1969. A man pays more to throw away his trash today than his parents did to put a roof over their heads.

Perhaps this is why the tax bill creeps up, why insurance premiums balloon like a sprained ankle and why there's barely enough money left for what actually matters, such as clean water, smooth roads and a little dignity. We keep piling "more" on top of "too much," and the result isn't progress at all. It's debt, decay and a community that's richer in gadgets but poorer in sense.

Chris Evans, a newspaperman since 1979, has been editor of The Press for more than 30 years and is the author of *South of the Mouth of Sandy*, a true story about crime along the Tennessee River. You can find it on Amazon or wherever books are sold.



Chris EVANS  
Press Editor & Publisher  
*About Town*

## Deaths

### Knight

Donna Sue Knight of Lakeland, Fla., and Salem, died Friday, Aug. 15, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born June 20, 1952 to Chester and Elizabeth Knight.

She devoted more than 50 years to her work as a hairdresser, where she built lasting friendships

and brought care and joy to her clients. After retiring, she found happiness tending to her flowers, visiting with family and neighbors, and feeding the animals she cherished.

Surviving are two daughters, Carla Foote and Crystal Belt; her mother, Elizabeth Knight; four sisters, Judy Knight



Doom, Sandy Hardin, Charlotte Davis, and Kristi Knight Vance; a brother, Michael Knight; three grandchildren, Jordan, Joshua, and Jake Foote; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Chester Knight.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Sept. 27 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Paid obituary

# The Good Ol’ Days

“Memories.” This one word surely must evoke many thoughts about your past. Hopefully, most of those memories are pleasant and bring a smile to your face. (People who smile a lot are typically healthier and tend to live longer. Yes, it’s true — look it up!)

“High school.” Those two words should bring to mind even more memories about this four-year segment of your life, including the good, the bad and the ugly. But again, hopefully most of these are good memories for you.

“Reunions.” Oh my goodness! Those eight little letters point us in an entirely different direction as we relive some of the good ol’ days of our high school years, sharing memories with those with whom we walked those hallowed halls of yesteryear.

Perhaps you’re wondering why I have mentioned memories, high school and reunions all in the space of the last three paragraphs. Actually, I just attended the 50th reunion of the LCHS Class of 1975. (At this point, I need to clarify for some of you outside Livingston County that LCHS stands for Livingston Central High School.) It is hard to wrap my mind around the fact that it has been 50 years since I walked across the stage of the original Livingston Central High School, currently Livingston County Middle School, in Burna and received my diploma. Hopefully, it was a proud moment for my parents; it sure was a proud moment

for their son. Graduation night, what a wonderful memory! And then, as quick as a blink, our 126 class members set out to make the world a better place.

Fast-forward 50 years... I began helping the organizers of our recent reunion more than a year ago by searching online

for addresses of many classmates with whom we had lost touch. What a time-consuming task, but it was a labor of love. One of the most surprising and most difficult things I discovered while working on the project was making a list of deceased members of our class, some of whom were dear friends. Out of 126 classmates,

our list of deceased includes 37 members, if we found them all. (Some did not actually graduate with our class, choosing to drop out along the way.) It was a sobering realization that almost 30% of our classmates have already passed away.

The date was set earlier this year for the reunion at a restaurant in Paducah on a recent Saturday in September. When the big day arrived, I made the 77-mile trip to Paducah. As I walked into the building, the room was alive with excitement as folks reminisced about the good ol’ days and shared updates about their lives. I looked around the room and thought to myself, “Who are all of these old people?” Then, just as quickly, I realized I was one of those old people — these are my people. It was also obvious that time had been more kind to

some than others. Some of my friends remarked that I had not changed in appearance a bit since high school. I thanked them for the compliments but secretly wondered who their optometrist was.

I couldn’t help but notice that many classmates had picked up some extra pounds since 1975. I belong to that group as well, having added 30 pounds since my graduation weight of 165. I was surprised when someone remarked that I was “still skinny.” (She really should make an appointment with her eye doctor!) Another classmate said she looked forward to reading my articles in this newspaper; what a compliment.

Have my classmates and I made the world a better place? I like to think so. The week before our reunion, a couple of my buddies from the class were on a mission trip to North Carolina, rebuilding a house for an elderly couple whose home was washed away in flooding from Hurricane Helene last year. Vocations represented from the LCHS Class of 1975 include teacher, preacher, pharmacist, dentist, mechanic, carpenter/contractor, computer technician/programmer, drug company representative, rock quarry employee, doctor, nurse, hospital administrator, farmer, postmaster, car salesman, coal miner, plumber and water company operator/manager, and these are just the ones I know about.

As our Class of 1975 continues striving to make the world a better place, what about you? Choose today to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem, for the glory of God. You’ll be glad you did.

## Four local candidates signal plans to seek re-election

A handful of Crittenden County incumbents are already signaling their intentions to run again in 2026. Jailer Athena Hayes, County Attorney Bart Frazer, Sheriff Evan Head and County Clerk Daryl Tabor have each filed their spending intents for the upcoming primary election.

The filing period for 2026 races officially opens Nov. 5, 2025, when candidates can begin gathering signatures. The deadline for partisan candidates to appear on the primary ballot is Jan. 9, 2026, at 4 p.m. Independent, political organization and political group candidates must file by April 1, while the general election filing deadline for required petitions and certificates is June 2.

Kentucky’s primary election is set for May 19, 2026, and the general election follows on Nov. 3. Polls will be open from 6

a.m. to 6 p.m. Voter registration deadlines are April 20 for the primary and Oct. 5 for the general.

Additionally, the last day to change parties and vote in the primary is Dec.

31; and deadline to file for non-partisan office (city, school board, conservation district) for the general election is also June 2, 2026.



### Crittenden County Animal Clinic

#### SURGICAL PROCEDURES

Crittenden County Animal Clinic performs surgical procedures including spays, neuters, a variety of small animal surgeries castrations, enucleations, lacerations, dentals and extractions.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Attention: Kerosene, Propane, Fuel Oil, Coal and Wood Vendors**

Beginning November 3, 2025 through December 12, 2025, Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. (PACS) will be administering the Subsidy Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). From January 6, 2026 through March 27, 2026, or until all monies have been expended, PACS will be administering the Crisis Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

If you or your company is interested in becoming an approved vendor for the LIHEAP Components, you may obtain a Vendor’s Application Packet from Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc., P.O. Box 549, 1100 South Liberty Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240. You may call (270) 886-6341 to request a packet to be mailed to you.

The completed application and signed Vendors Agreement for both Subsidy and Crisis Programs must be returned to PACS Central Office no later than October 16, 2025.

A Vendors Meeting will be held at the following locations on specified dates and time:

<b>Oct. 15, 2025 10 a.m.</b> Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. 1100 South Liberty Street Hopkinsville, KY 42240	<b>Oct. 16, 2025 10 a.m.</b> Lyon County Senior Center 631 W. Dale Avenue Eddyville, KY 42038
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*LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Families and Children.*



## Quilt gets fininshing touches

Hooks & Needles Homemaker Specialty Club members are putting the finishing touches on a quilt stitched by many hands. Pictured are (seated) Victoria Edward and Darlene Abel, (second row) Emma Guess, Katrina Scott, Nancy Lanham, Janice Clack and Sandy Well, (back) Emily Guess, Mona Lozen, Sue Ledford, Kathy Thompson and Edith Harris.

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### NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-15 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR OF 2025

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its special called meeting held on September 17, 2024 , at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a regular called meeting of the City Council held on September 15, 2025, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

**This Ordinance levies an ad valorem tax on each One Hundred Dollar of Fair Cash value of the below listed property in the City of Marion, Kentucky:**

\$ .2290 per One Hundred Dollar	Real Property
\$ .2710 per One Hundred Dollar	Personal Property
\$ .2290 per One Hundred Dollar	Public Utilities
\$ .229 per One Hundred Dollar	Motor Vehicles
\$ .229 per One Hundred Dollar	Motor Boats

These assessments are due by November 1, 2025. If paid after a 25% penalty will be assessed. and shall bear interest at the rate of ten per cent (10%) per annum.

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

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270/965-2261 September 22, 2025

# Quarter of students miss enough school to be ‘chronically absent’

There is a plan to improve figures

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

National chronic absenteeism rates have eased slightly from their pandemic-era highs but remain far above pre-2019 levels – still more than 50 percent higher in many states. Today, roughly one in four students misses enough school to be considered chronically absent, meaning they are absent for at least 10 percent of the school year.

Research consistently shows that students with high rates of absenteeism are far less likely to graduate on time and more likely to struggle academically. Patterns of absenteeism often start early: Children who are frequently absent in kindergarten and first grade are much more likely to fall behind in reading and math and face greater risks of dropping out later. As Crittenden County Director of Pupil Personnel Diana Lusby emphasizes, every day in school is a crucial step in building the foundation for lifelong learning.

To help improve student outcomes, Crittenden County has partnered with SchoolStatus to launch a data-driven attendance management solution designed to reduce absenteeism and re-engage students and families. Lusby said the new system, SchoolStatus Attend, will go into effect tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 26, and will proactively address attendance challenges, streamline intervention processes and empower staff with real-time insights.

“Improving attendance is about more than compliance,” Lusby said. “It’s about opportunity. This new system gives us the



CCHS students Camden Nash and Parker Phillips enjoy an ice cream cone while walking on campus.

clarity and tools to intervene early and connect with families in meaningful ways.”

SchoolStatus Attend automates many of the district’s current attendance outreach processes, ensuring letters go out on time. SchoolStatus also helps build a culture of encouragement by combining real-time student data insights with positive reinforcement, celebrating improved and excellent attendance.

Celebrating such gains in attendance, according to Crittenden County High School Principal Josh Cook, is a top priority.

“We want our students to be here,” Cook said. “Not only does good attendance instill habits that future employers desire and expect, but missing a day of high school can mean missing out on opportunities to

learn, grow and celebrate with classmates.”

The high school joins both the middle and elementary schools in regularly hosting unannounced culture-building events, such as National Ice Cream Day last week, when students and staff enjoyed their favorite ice cream cones as school administration arrived in classrooms and offices with the sweet surprise.

The vision of Crittenden County Schools is to launch students to personal success in an ever-evolving world. District administrators are excited that SchoolStatus Attend will contribute to that vision.

For more information about the SchoolStatus Attend launch and its impact on district attendance initiatives, contact Lusby at [diana.lusby@crittenden.kyschools.us](mailto:diana.lusby@crittenden.kyschools.us).

## MEALS

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problem, but it does prevent us from going on a complete pause right now,” Vincent said. “At least everybody will continue receiving meals for a while longer.”

If the governor’s office does not reallocate additional funding by mid-November, local officials say the program will be forced to scale back again. Deliveries would remain at three days per week, but the client list would shrink.

In that scenario, officials will have to reassess everyone and begin cutting back, starting with those who have less need, Vincent explained.

The priority will be for seniors with the highest level of risk, those who are homebound, frail or without support systems.

Early estimates suggest as many as 400 or

more clients across the Pennyriple region could lose home-delivered meals for the rest of the fiscal year. That figure would likely include some in Crittenden County.

The Pennyriple region, which includes Crittenden, Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Livingston, Lyon, Muhlenberg, Todd and Trigg counties, normally serves more than 750 seniors with week-day home deliveries. Under current funding levels, that number could be cut by 60% or more.

PACS and PADD says the shortage stems from a \$10 million statewide gap in meal program funding for Kentucky’s Area Development Districts.

Cuts could affect drivers, cooks and other personnel.

While deliveries are in question, the senior center dining room in Mar-

ion remains unaffected.

“The main reason senior centers exist is to bring people together,” Vincent said. “Socialization has a huge impact on the lives of seniors, and we want as many people coming into the center as possible.”

Here is what the immediate changes look like:

- For this week, deliveries were made Monday and Tuesday, and will also be on Friday.
- Starting next week, the schedule will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for deliveries.

For some seniors, meals might stretch across two servings, but Vincent noted most portions are not large enough to serve as multiple meals.

Questions about eligibility or other matters should be directed to Pennyriple Aging and Disability Resource Center at 1-866-844-4396.

# WOLF WEEK

A howlin’ good fall break!

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11:30am Saving the Red Wolf  
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2–4pm Wolf Mask Kids Craft

**SUNDAY, OCT. 5**  
1:30pm Red Wolf Treat Time  
3:30pm Sunday Funday: Coyotes

**MONDAY, OCT. 6**  
1:30pm Red Wolf Treat Time  
2–4pm Puppy Play-Doh (craft)

**TUESDAY, OCT. 7**  
1:30pm Red Wolf Treat Time  
3:30pm The Great Wolf Schnozz

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8**  
1:30pm Red Wolf Treat Time  
3:30pm Wide World of Wolves

**THURSDAY, OCT. 9**  
1:30pm Red Wolf Treat Time  
3:30pm Eat, Prey, Love

**FRIDAY, OCT. 10**  
1:30pm Red Wolf Treat Time  
3:30pm Canine Crash Course

**SATURDAY, OCT. 11**  
All Day Scavenger Hunt  
10am–12pm Skins and Skulls  
1pm–3pm Animal Track Craft  
1:30pm Red Wolf Treat Time  
3:30pm Top Dogs

**SUNDAY, OCT. 12**  
11:30am Mis-snake-en Identity  
1:30pm Red Wolf Treat Time  
2:30pm Campground Critters  
3:30pm Sunday Funday: Red Wolves

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# Kentucky legislators will again consider selling sponsorship to Welcome Centers

STAFF REPORT

A proposal for the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly would allow Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to establish sponsorship agreements for the state’s welcome centers and rest areas, creating a new revenue stream for maintenance and upkeep.

According to reporting by Kentucky Today, Rep. Peyton Griffiee, R-Mt. Washington, prefiled the measure after a similar bill he introduced in 2025 did not receive a hearing. The idea, he said, is a commonsense approach to help keep facilities operating without relying solely on taxpayer funding.

“This is a common-

sense measure designed to create an additional source of revenue, enabling welcome centers and rest areas to help cover their costs through sponsorship agreements,” Griffiee said. He noted that similar programs in Virginia and North Carolina have proven effective.

Under the proposal, private individuals or businesses could sponsor a rest area or welcome center, with sponsorship acknowledged on signage inside the facilities as well as on interstate and state highway rights-of-way nearby. Sponsors would be responsible for the cost of manufacturing, installing, and removing those acknowledgment

signs when agreements end.

The legislation also spells out policies and requirements for such agreements, including the design and placement of signs.

Griffiee said welcome centers and rest areas serve as vital gateways for visitors and residents traveling across Kentucky. Proper upkeep, he added, ensures safety, promotes tourism, and improves the overall travel experience.

As Kentucky Today reported, lawmakers will return to Frankfort in January to begin the 2026 session, where the measure will be up for consideration.

## County’s First Project Planned Near Joy Livingston’s fiscal court finalizes ordinance to regulate solar farms

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County Fiscal Court recently gave final approval to a new ordinance regulating large-scale solar farms.

The measure establishes licensing requirements for commercial solar energy systems, including setbacks, screening and mandatory decommissioning plans. Applicants must submit detailed site plans, provide financial surety for cleanup, and secure Fiscal Court approval before construction.

Among the key rules are 500-foot setbacks

from homes, churches, schools and city limits; fencing and evergreen tree buffers; and a requirement that developers agree to update decommissioning plans every five years. Violations could result in fines or even license revocation. The court had considered even larger setbacks.

The ordinance was first read July 22 and passed on second reading in late August. Judge-Executive Michael Williams and magistrates Bill Lipham, Brad Hunter and Klay

Southern voted in favor. Magistrate Mark Long was absent for the second reading.

As far as is known, the only solar farm close to becoming a reality under the new ordinance is on private property between Hampton and Joy. That project has been under discussion for more than a year and appears to be the furthest along locally.

The ordinance mirrors actions taken in other counties as western Kentucky weighs the benefits and impacts of utility-scale solar development.

## Crittenden County Rescue Squad Annul Fundraisers for 2025

CRITTENDEN COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD’s yearly fundraiser for this year is about to begin. You should be getting your letter in the mail starting **next** week.

Again, this year we are sending out letters asking you for a donation.

**YOU WILL NOT BE CALLED FOR A DONATION, nor will anyone be going door to door asking for donations** - we will **ONLY** be mailing out donation requests to all Crittenden County residents.

You will receive an envelope with a letter and a self addressed envelope (addressed to **Crittenden County Rescue Squad, Inc, P.O. Box 346, Marion, KY**) in the mail in the next couple of days. Simply put your donation in the envelope and send it back to us.

**100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO THE RESCUE SQUAD.**

**Please remember** - Crittenden Co. Rescue Squad is 100% volunteer and is funded by your donations! We **DO NOT receive any money from your Fire Dues.** We never charge for any of our services, and are the only group in the county that does auto extrication and water rescue. Our member’s are 100% volunteer and never receive any pay for the work they do.

The **CRITTENDEN COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD** would like to say “Thank You” for your continued support and donations.

If you would like to help your community and would like to join, we are gladly accepting new volunteers!

# UK Ag offering free webinar on updates on agronomic crops, pest management

University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will kick off its Fall Crop Protection Webinar Series later this month, offering farmers, consultants and industry professionals the chance to hear the latest research and recommendations on crop pests and diseases.

Hosted through the Southern Integrated Pest Management Center, the series will run Thursday mornings from Oct. 30 through Nov. 20. Each session will begin at 9 a.m. and last one hour.

The webinars are free and open to agriculture and natural resource county extension agents, crop consultants, farm-

ers and others, whether they live in Kentucky or outside the state. Pre-registration is required online here: [ukrec.mg-cafe.uky.edu/events](http://ukrec.mg-cafe.uky.edu/events).

More information is available by calling the UK Research and Education Center in Princeton at (270) 365-7541.

Continuing Education Units will be available. Certified crop advisers may earn 1 CEU in Integrated Pest Management per webinar or 4 CEUs total for attending all four. Kentucky pesticide applicators will receive 1 CEU in Category 1A (Ag Plant) for each webinar attended.

The lineup of speakers includes:

Oct. 30, Dr. Carl

Bradley, Extension plant pathologist: Research Update on Red Crown Rot of Soybean.

Nov. 6, Dr. Raul Vil-lanueva, Extension entomologist: Delayed Appearance or Declining Insect Pest Numbers in Field Crops in Recent Years.

Nov. 13, Dr. Kiersten Wise, Extension plant pathologist: Stopping Southern Rust: Scouting, Spraying, and Staying Ahead.

Nov. 20, Dr. Travis Legleiter, Extension weeds specialist: Defense Wins the Ryegrass Battle

The series is designed to provide timely updates on agronomic crops and integrated pest management practices.

## Sturgis presented award just 2 years after being ‘lost’

City of Sturgis was named the 2025 Green River Area Development District (GRADD) Community of the Year at a September luncheon, an honor that recognizes collaboration and innovation to improve quality of life.

Mayor Billy Adams accepted the award on behalf of the city council and residents, reported to the Sturgis News. Last year’s winner, Mayor Ray Greenwell, presented the award.

The recognition comes just two years after Sturgis faced the possibility of bankruptcy and dissolution. In 2023, the mayor and city council had resigned, and the city was described as “lost.” But with new leadership and guidance from Union County Judge-Executive Adam O’Nan, officials chose to rebuild.

Through discipline and determination, the city returned to compliance with the Department of Local Government, restoring credibility and setting the stage for new projects. With more than \$4 million in grant funding, Sturgis is upgrading its wastewater treatment plant and replacing aging water lines.

From the brink of collapse to a model of resilience, Sturgis’ turnaround made it a clear choice for GRADD’s highest honor, according to the Sturgis News.

## High school juniors will now take SAT

Kentucky high school juniors will begin taking the SAT as the state-funded college admissions exam starting in spring 2026, according to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

As reported by Kentucky Today, the state has awarded a four-year contract to the College Board to administer the SAT Junior State Administration at a cost of \$30 per student, a rate that could save Kentucky as much as \$350,000 annually.

KDE had previously partnered with ACT, but that contract expired June 30, 2025. With the new agreement, juniors will take the SAT during the regular school day to meet state testing requirements.

Education Commissioner Robbie Fletcher said the move will give students access to free, personalized practice through Khan Academy as well as a new digital format that is shorter, adaptive and designed to be more student-friendly, with faster score reporting.

The KDE noted that students and families will have a wide range of supports to help them prepare, including guides to understanding scores, resources showing how SAT results connect to college opportunities, and parent-focused tools to encourage preparation and reduce test anxiety.

## Friends of Library hosts bookmark contest this month

Friends of Crittenden County Public Library reminds the public of its 20th anniversary bookmark design contest, which runs through Sept. 30.

The contest is open to all county residents, library card-



holders, and students in Crittenden County schools, including homeschoolers. Cash prizes will be awarded in four age groups: 3-6, 7-12, 13-17 and 18 and older.

Entry forms and rules are available at the library, from the bookmobile librarian, and through school art teachers and librarians. Contestants may choose between two themes: “My Favorite Book” or “Why I Love My Library.”

Winners will be recognized at a reception Oct. 16 at the library. For details, contact Library Director Regina Merrick at 270-965-3354 or Friends event chair Jenny Zimmer at 513-675-3633.



## Magnolias encore at Badgett Playhouse

Community Arts Foundation’s rendition of Steel Magnolias is hitting the road. The cast will perform one show Nov. 8 at Badgett Playhouse in Grand Rivers. Tickets go on sale Oct. 1.

The play features local actresses Lindsay Sizemore, Holley Curnel, Katie Keen, Terra Haire, Trish Gage and Brittney Meredith-Miller, along with the voice of Cole Foster. It is directed by Teresa Foster and produced by Kim Vince.

The production opened at Fohs Hall the weekend before last with two shows.

## Byford reappointed to election board

Jared Byford has been reappointed by the State Board of Elections to a four-year term as the at-large Republican member of Crittenden County Board of Elections (CBE). By statute, the CBE consists of the county clerk, sheriff and local individuals nominated by the respective Democratic and Republican state party committees. Kathleen Guess is the at-large Democratic member.

## USPS decides to not raise prices in Jan.

The U.S. Postal Service will not raise postage prices in January, giving newspapers and other mailers a break from the twice-yearly increases of recent years.

Postmaster General David Steiner recommended holding rates steady for Market Dominant products, including news-

paper postage and First-Class Mail, and the USPS board of governors agreed. The price of a stamp will remain unchanged until at least mid-2026.

## Atmos makes donation toward overdue bills

Atmos Energy is donating \$1.5 million to help customers in eight states pay overdue utility bills and prepare for the winter heating season.

The funds will be distributed through nonprofit partners, including the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, Bluegrass Community Action Partnership, Lake Cumberland, Multi-Purpose CAA, West Kentucky Allied and Pennyryle Allied Community Services.

“This donation will benefit elderly residents, individuals with disabilities, veterans, families in financial hardship and others who need immediate access to funds,” said Kay Coomes, public affairs manager.

Customers seeking help can call 211, visit the website at-mosenenergy.com/assistance or contact Atmos Energy’s customer service at 888-286-6700. Assistance is also available through federal and state programs, including LI-HEAP and Atmos Energy’s Sharing the Warmth initiative.

## Prime members may get settlement cash

Amazon Prime members could soon receive refunds averaging about \$37 to \$40 each after the company agreed to a \$2.5 billion settlement with the Federal Trade Commission.

The deal resolves claims that Amazon enrolled customers in Prime without their consent and made cancellations unnecessarily difficult. Of the total settlement, \$1.5 billion is earmarked for refunds to nearly 40 million consumers the FTC says were improperly locked into subscriptions. Individual payouts will vary depending on how many people file claims, but refunds are expected to land in the tens of dollars—not hundreds.

In addition to the refunds, Amazon must keep cancellation simple, ending what regulators called the “Iliad Flow,” a four-page, 15-step process that drew federal scrutiny.

The FTC will announce details on how customers can claim their refunds in the coming months.

## Day on Commission

Charlie Day has been appointed to the Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission, representing Crittenden County Commerce. Day, a local banker, replaces Kayla Maxfield on the commission.

## Trump’s coal push

The Trump administration on Monday announced it will open 13 million acres of federal land for coal mining and spend \$625 million to modernize coal-fired power plants. Officials also cut royalty rates on coal leases from 12.5% to 7%. For Kentucky, the move could offer a short-term boost to coal mines and plants in the state, preserving jobs and extending operations. However, experts caution that natural gas and renewables remain cheaper and more competitive, meaning the long-term decline of coal is unlikely to reverse.



### From the Press Archives – 50 Years Ago

Fifty years ago, teachers from the Crittenden County School District gathered at the home of Mrs. B.M. Westberry for a tea honoring Mrs. C.L. Frazer, who had dedicated 21 years to local classrooms. Friends and colleagues presented her with a silver tray in appreciation of her service. Pictured (from left) Gladys Hillyard, Lorene Cox, Mary Syers, Marie Frazer, Velva Damron, Vera Stenbridge and Annabell Alexander. A half-century later, this snapshot reminds us of the friendships, traditions, and lasting impact of local educators who shaped generations of students.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### October 1, 2015

■ The Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce recognized P & H Farms Cattle Co. with a first-dollar certificate at the Farmers Market in Marion. The farming operation was founded by Phillip Parrish and Chris Hooks in 1996, and since then the business had grown rapidly. Receiving the award were Natalie Parrish and sales representative Charlie McClure.

■ Emmanuel Baptist Church hosted a trap shoot at Crittenden County Gun Club. Pastor Curtis Prewitt said he organized the shoot to show that Christian fellowship can be experienced not only at church but also at a gun range.

■ The Lady Rocket soccer team held onto second place in district play. The girls were 2-2 in the district and 4-12 overall. Trigg County beat the Lady Rockets 4-2 at home, with Kali Travis scoring both goals on assists by Nikki Shoecraft and Alexis Tabor.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### October 5, 2000

■ Marion was awarded the initial bronze-level entry into the Renaissance Kentucky program at the Kentucky League of Cities annual convention in Louisville. City Administrator Barry Gilbert and Mayor Mick Alexander accepted the award on behalf of the city.

■ The Crittenden FFA Chapter sent nine members to attend the leadership conference in Princeton. The event was designed to teach leadership skills not only in the FFA chapter but also in the real world. The nine students selected were Nicole Sexton, Rayln Hunt, Jenna Haugen, James Riley, Michael Wright, Scott Rich, Robert Holloman, Jeremy Binkley and Vince Mitchell.

■ The third- and fourth-grade Rocket football team remained undefeated after beating Clay and Sturgis over the weekend. Crittenden’s heavy rushing put Sturgis away early. Rodney Robertson rushed for 59 yards and two touchdowns, and Gaige Courtney added 26 yards and a touchdown.

## 50 YEARS AGO

### October 2, 1975

■ Mel Chambers, a past president of the Marion Rotary Club, was an honored guest speaker at the club’s regular meeting. Rotarians honored Chambers with “Mel Chambers Night,” the surprise theme as they said their good-byes to him and his wife before they moved to the Kentucky Lake area.

■ M & Mac Auto Parts held first place in the Men’s Crittenden County Bowling League. Pippi Hardin was the highest-scoring individual that week with a 550, followed by Randy Davidson with a 492.

■ Mrs. Linda Cook and Miss Helen Moore were received into full membership of the Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an international honor society for women educators. Cook was head of the science department at CCHS, and Moore was a first-grade teacher at Fohs Hall.

## Before- and After-School program offered

A new before- and after-school program, Champions, provides flexibility to Crittenden County parents in need of child care services. Hosted at Crittenden County Elementary School, Champions offers a structured learning and play environment for children in preschool through fifth grade.

Talented and nurturing teachers provide STEM exploration, indoor and outdoor play, and homework assistance, allowing parents who may need to be at work early or stay late the flexibility to manage challenging schedules. The center operates weekdays from 6:30 to 8 a.m. and after school until 6:30 p.m. On Fridays, it is open 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for preschool students. Site Director Essance McGuire said a variety of financial assistance options are available. Some families may qualify for tuition rates as low as \$20 a week. Call 800-246-2154 or email [essance.mcguire@discoverychampions.com](mailto:essance.mcguire@discoverychampions.com) for more information.

# Crittenden Press Letters to the Editor

## Reader questions US 641 status in Crittenden County

To the Editor:

For US 641 in Crittenden County, the dirt work is 95% complete, all bridges are complete, all rip rap and gravel work is complete, the road bed is complete, just needs pavement and stripes. All that taxpayer money spent to be so close to finished! I recently had a conversation

with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 1 (KYTC) and asked them “What’s the holdup on Highway 641 from Fredonia to Marion?”

Their response was, “The northern portion of the US 641 project in Crittenden County has been completed and was recently designated as the Mike Cherry Memorial Highway. Portions of this project in Lyon and Caldwell counties are in the state’s Six-Year Highway Plan and are currently in the acquisition phase.”

I responded that “One side is completed, the other side only needs minor dirt work and pavement, all the bridges are done.”

KYTC’s response was “The project along that section was completed as a super two. There are no planned projects in the area you described.”

My thought is that it is a shame Mike Cherry is not here to see the unfinished work.

Many travelers from western Kentucky and southern Illinois use this route every day. I live near Paducah and use this route very often.

It’s not just a local concern. Encourage your elected officials to finish this highway!

David Sorrells  
Paducah, Ky.

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# Finding a new song for a divided world

If you have ever been to a stadium with tens of thousands in attendance, you have either chanted or sung words or sounds together in support of your team. If you have been to a concert there is a chance that at some point the audience, either by invitation or spontaneously, began singing with the performers. These are moments of solidarity and unity. It is amazing how much we crave that feeling – even if it is over something as insignificant as a ballgame or a night of entertainment.

These insignificant events get etched into our memory. For those who attend frequently it becomes part of them. The events may be insignificant, but the effects are not – either socially or personally. At stadiums

(especially during football season) we know the “opponent.” We do not care about what those singing with us think about social or political issues. We care that they are wearing the right color, and they are singing with us. That clarity is what makes it so meaningful.

We see the same thing after disasters. People help each other because we understand what we are doing and why we are doing it. There

are so many good and wonderful things to do that build up and encourage – community projects, food banks, tutoring, volunteer coaching. The list is endless. These are things that unite us as human beings. This is much more descriptive of my experience in life than what I see from those who

have an interest in keeping us stirred up.

Some songs get etched into our being because we hear them in a context that causes them to transcend what even the songwriter could have imagined. Couples have “our song.” I am of a generation of which some albums are the “soundtrack to my life.” Some songs that bring joy to one person cause another to cry – or both – because it was heard at a moment.

My faith tradition has a wonderful musical heritage. We sing songs and hymns with four-part harmony. There is something that happens to the mind when human beings sing together. Something greater that all of us is present. It is as though we are all transported to a different plane of existence. It is as though every voice contributes exponentially to the experience. Everyone occupying their own space but supported by all others sharing together a common lyric but varying notes that cooperate. It moves us and it can

only be done together, in agreement, and for each other.

Our nation needs songs that we can sing together. Our churches need to find their voice once again and stop being part of the problem. Christianity in America will fail again if we do not set aside the lure of the principalities and powers and sing the songs that lift God and life.

Isaiah 42 offers us a “New Song”, one that I believe we desperately need. And will always need.

“I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,

nor my praise to graven

images.

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise from the end of the earth!

Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.”

This word from Isaiah is a place to start. We may argue about the best way to be light or how we might best free people from darkness. I have an idea though that the answer will not begin with a (D) or an (R). It will not answer to a platform built at a convention.

Christians should be involved but the platform begins with the cross. It begins with understanding that we all are loved by God. It is not for us to take vengeance. It is for me, so long as it depends on me, to live at peace with everyone.

Our neighbors are not our enemies. They are

our neighbors. It seems those whom we have elected during the last few election cycles prefer us to forget that truth. The name-calling and hateful rhetoric and blaming needs to be called out and stopped. Can we find a song to sing together?

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Sean NIESTRATH

Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

## Sharing your faith: Trusting God’s power and authority

**Question:** I know Jesus wants us to share our faith with others, but I am very awkward trying to do so. I don’t feel I have the right to encourage others to accept Jesus into their lives. Anyway, isn’t evangelism the pastor’s job?

**Answer:** You are right—evangelism is the pastor’s job and he should do it! You are also right in realizing Jesus wants you to share your

### ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison



faith with others, too. Some of His last, urgent words to His followers before He ascension were “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations” (Mt. 28:19) and “you will be my witnesses

in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Jesus promised His authority to His followers for inviting others to become Christians. He prefaced His command in Matthew 28: 19 with the words, “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me” and He concluded the command by telling them He

would always be with them in every situation especially in evangelizing others. Also, He promised His power. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses (Acts 1:8).

What it comes down to is, “do you have the faith and willingness to share your faith with others?” God will keep His promises to help you be a verbal witness

for Christ. Are you willing to trust in His authority and power to speak up for Him? Faith demands action. Choose someone with whom you can share your faith journey. Pray for this person before sharing your faith.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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■ Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 4-5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

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

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

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredo-

nia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of severe weather.

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

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

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# Remembering Cochran’s legendary Implement Days

Marion’s first Implement Day was April 3, 1911. The hardware firm of T. H. Cochran & Co. conceived the idea of arranging a big display and demonstration of the various farming implements carried in their immense stocks and of having factory experts present to explain the advantages of the various machines to those who had never used them.

When you see or hear the name of T. H. Cochran and Co., you think of hardware. When you think of hardware your mind naturally reverts to the name of T. H. Cochran and Co. The two names are synonymous.

The beginning of the firm started about the year 1893, T. H. Cochran & A. J. Baker opened a hardware store in Marion. Several years later Mr. A. J. Baker sold his interest in the store to Mr. A. J. Pickens, who, some two years afterward sold out to two of his salesmen, Lawrence W. Crider and J. Alvis Stephens. The firm has been successful from the start and they report that the present year promises to be the biggest one in the life of the firm.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press we revisit some of these much anticipated Implement Days.

### Implement days of yesteryear

April 8, 1915 – Cochran & Company’s Implement Day was a wonderful success. The register in their store confirms over 1,800 names of persons who visited their ware room. This firm recently took in \$2,000 in cash on one day and we would not be surprised if Mon-

day’s business exceeded that. All Marion and Crittenden County should be proud of a firm like Cochran and Company.

### April 13, 1923

One of the best days in the history of T. H. Cochran’s business. Monday, April 9 was the 12th Annual Implement Day for the firm of T. H. Cochran and Company, and as usual, drew a big crowd to town. The store and premises were crowded from morn-

ing till late in the afternoon. Twenty extra salesmen were employed and they passed the day in demonstrating, selling wagons, plows, harrow, cultivators, etc., and it is reported they all had to ‘run their legs off’ figuratively speaking.

Many wagons loaded with hardware were driven from the store during the day and one customer, fearful of getting home late, had to leave untended to.

### April 9, 1926

The 15th annual Implement Day will be held next Monday, April 12, the April county court day. From all indications, the day will be a big one and the merchants are looking forward to a large crowd. Thousands of people from all parts of Crittenden and from her near neighbors, Livingston, Caldwell and other counties will be here.

To the T. H. Cochran and Company hardware firm, do the merchants and people of the community owe this day, the idea originating with the managers of that store 15 years ago.

Cochran’s always having a complete line of “ev-



Thomas H. Cochran and staff stand by one of their cases in the Cochran’s Hardware store. Mr. Cochran started the popular “Implement Day” back in 1911. From left are Mr. Cochran, Clara Nunn and Miley Hill (back) Lawrence Crider, Will Crider and Dow Little. Picture was made in 1926.

everything in hardware,” will have on display all kinds of farming implements from the most inexpensive hoe to heavy farm machinery. Not only can they demonstrate to the farmer many pieces of equipment he must have before he possesses a real farm outfit with which to carry on his work efficiently, but many of the needs of the housewife can be supplied in this complete store, oil stoves, ranges and the smallest kitchen utensil as well as the needs of the household laundry. Sportsmen, too, can find what they want at Cochran’s.

### April 12, 1929

Despite the heavy rain of Sunday night and the cold drizzle which fell the greater part of Monday, the streets of Marion were well filled with people of Crittenden and adjoining counties.

The occasion was Implement Day now in its 18th year and held each ensuing year on County Court Day which is in April. It has never failed to draw a large crowd to Marion and many of the local merchants take this opportunity of offering sales values to the public and of distributing souvenirs and favors to all who visit their places of business.

The school P. T. A. served a dinner and

lunch in the Armory with most satisfactory financial results. The Finance Committee of the Woman’s Club sold hamburgers, cold drinks and homemade candies from the band stand in the court yard.

### March 12, 1937

Monday marks the date for Implement Day for Crittenden and adjoining counties. Special preparations have been made by merchants to induce all to visit the city and as the days of yore predictions are that many hundreds of visitors will be here during the course of the day.

The day is sponsored by T. H. Cochran Co., who will have a special representative to explain the advances made in various types of farm equipment.

With the original announcement of the past week, merchants have added feature prices for the day in order to make the Red Letter time of the year.

This day is, to this area one, looked forward to by

many and preparations were made in advance to enable all to attend. The day is strictly a Crittenden County day and devoted to the interest of its citizens and to those of adjoining counties.

### March 8, 1940

Monday is to be Implement Day according to L. E. Crider of T. H. Cochran & Co., sponsors of the event. The day is one that is unrivaled in Crittenden and adjoining counties and annually draws crowds to the city that are the largest of the year. Last year an estimated crowd of 4,000 was in attendance. This year a crowd of 5,000 is expected.

Similar to past years, prizes will be offered in certain events and entertainment furnished free of charge. In the afternoon at one o’clock, a picture show will be offered. This event is free and we want everyone to attend.

All types of modern farm machinery and equipment will be on display as will labor saving devices for housewives.

Foremost of all will be the new Farmall-H, middle sized tractor of the new McCormick-Deering company. Attractively styled in the well-known red, it features modern design that is practical in the field. The machine is powered by a 4-cylinder motor that is capable of any performance for which the tractor is designed.

Knox and Enterprise coal ranges, Perfection and Boss oil ranges electrically and gasoline powered machines will

be attractive to housewives, in addition to all known household appliances and labor saving devices.

A full line of field and garden seed and lawn mixtures and everything in hardware will be found at the establishment which is the largest in the area.

Red Spot paints, varnishes, enamels, and other similar necessities are to be found for any purpose from barn paint to the most discriminating colors for interior home work in decorating. The displays are more varied than before. Mr. Cochran is a director of the paint company and therefore the selection is larger and more varied than found in other establishments of proportionate size.

The Cochran’s Hardware building which was built new in 1905 after the great fire, sits empty today. The hardware store closed its doors in February 1986. Us older generation, as we pass by the empty building, remember those busy days when Marion was the place to go for whatever you might need, and wish the historical building could once again be in use.

*(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).*

## WATER

Continued from page 1

Meter box, put on the headphones, and you can hear if there’s water moving,” she explained. “Cody Kirby does it with Caldwell County Water District. He came down last week and showed me how to use it, and helped me find a leak we had been looking for.

“But many leaks seep straight into the county’s karst topography, never surfacing. That makes public tips valuable. Adamson urged residents to report suspicious wet spots along roadsides or unusually green patches of grass during dry weather.

“If you see something, call us,” she said. “It helps.”

The district has already repaired a number of leaks over the past 10 weeks or so, with more certain to come before fall rains settle the ground.

While CLWD battles daily repairs, the broader water picture in the region remains unsettled. Marion’s water crisis has helped draw millions of dollars in state, federal and local aid since 2022. Marion continues to need supplemental water from CLWD, and improvements are being made toward that goal despite both districts struggling to keep leaks plugged. Elsewhere in this edition, see more on CLWD’s efforts to help provide drinking water to Marion.

For Adamson, the challenge is balancing the daily emergency repairs with the long-term expansion needed to keep pace with demand. The district has already contracted a local company, M&G Construction, to help repair lines and is considering hiring another crew just to take pressure off its own maintenance department.

It’s been a balancing act, Adamson said, one that’s been particularly difficult this summer and early fall.

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### NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

#### ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-007 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Notice is hereby given that the Fiscal Court of Crittenden County Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on September 18, 2025 , at 8:30 o’clock a.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Ordinances of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the Fiscal Court held on August 21, 2025, at 8:30 o’clock a.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

**This Ordinance adopts and reaffirms the Crittenden County Administrative Code and incorporates it by reference.**

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

PREPARED BY:  
/s/ Robert B. Frazer  
ROBERT B. FRAZER  
CRITTENDEN COUNTY ATTORNEY  
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270/965-4600  
September 23, 2025

### NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

#### ORDINANCE NO. 25-O-008 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

Notice is hereby given that the Fiscal Court of Crittenden County Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on September 18, 2025 , at 8:30 o’clock a.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Ordinances of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the Fiscal Court held on August 21, 2025, at 8:30 o’clock a.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

**This Ordinance allows for the operation of street legal special purpose vehicles as set forth in Section 1(1) of the 2025 Ky. Acts Ch. 89 upon the roads and highways within Crittenden County except US Highway 60 and US Highway 641.**

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

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Estate yard sale, starting at 8 a.m., Friday & Saturday, Oct. 3-4 at 355 W. Depot St., Marion, KY. Furniture, household items and misc. (1t-39-p)

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LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
vs.  
JEREMIAH BAUER;  
ALYSSA JONES;  
CRITTENDEN COUNTY; CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION,  
DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale and to satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:10 a.m., Monday October 13, 2025, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Kentucky, the following described property:  
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 2728 State Route 688, Marion, Kentucky 42064, also known as 2728 Chapel Hill Road, Marion, Kentucky 42064  
PVA MAP NUMBER 059-00-00-001.01  
A certain lot or parcel of land located and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pin on the north side of KY. 688, being about 2.5 miles Northwest of Crayne and about ¼ mile East of Chapel Hill Church, and being 20 feet North of the center of the highway, also being 822 feet West of Davidson's corner with Conditt; thence with said highway and its meanders N 84 deg. 36' W 127 feet, N 86 deg. 51' W 134 feet to an iron pin, a new corner; thence with a division line N 0 deg. 14' W 175 feet to an iron pin, a new corner; thence with another new

division line S 85 deg. 54' E 277 feet to an iron pin, a new corner; thence with another new division line S 5 deg. 00' W 175 feet to the beginning, containing 1.072 acres by survey of Billy J. May, LS 878, dated August 9, 1980.

Being the same property conveyed to Jeremiah Bauer by Deed dated November 6, 2020, recorded November 9, 2020, in Book 241, Page 503, in the record of the Crittenden County Clerk.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS

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**SOLD! Crittenden County, KY – 63.46 Acres - \$239,900**  
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**THURSDAY**  
CCHS Soccer at Union County  
CCHS Volleyball at Caldwell County

**FRIDAY**  
Rocket Football hosts Todd Central

**SATURDAY**  
Junior Pro Football at Caldwell County

**MONDAY**  
Soccer District Tourn. at Marion

**TUESDAY**  
Soccer District Tourn. at Marion

Friday's football scores

Caldwell County 49, Fort Campbell 12  
Henderson 44, Central Hardin 12  
Logan County 51, Calloway County 13  
Madisonville 23, Graves County 20  
Murray 59, McCracken County 56  
Daviness County 29, McLean County 20  
O'boro Catholic 61, Meade County 7  
Marshall County 23, Muhlenberg 21  
Webster County 22, Ohio County 20  
Tilghman 48, Allen County-Scottsville 7  
Hopkins Central 44, Russellville 17  
Mayfield 63, Todd County Central 0  
Crittenden County 33, Trigg County 24  
Union County 21, Hancock County 14

Howard sets record

Rocket football senior wide out Caden Howard set a new school record for career receiving yards last week at Trigg County. He had 56 yards receiving in the game, helping him eclipse the previous career record held by current CCMS coach Ethan Dossett. Howard's current career total is now 2,155 yards. Dossett had 2,130 when he graduated in 2019.

CCMS loses last game

Crittenden County Middle School lost its final game of the year last Thursday 42-0 at home against Caldwell County. Rocket players Kevin little (linebacker), Noah Moss (slot back) and Draven Farmer (lineman) were selected for the All Conference Team.



SOCCER

Geary gets 75th goal

Last week, CCHS senior Ella Geary scored her 75th career goal for the CCHS soccer team. She has scored 23 goals this season. The school record is 105 goals.

BASKETBALL

Big Blue Madness set

Big Blue Madness, the University of Kentucky's annual event to kickoff the college basketball season, will be at 6 p.m., (ET) on Oct. 11 at Rupp Arena. It will be broadcast on SEC Network-plus. This year's event will feature live team and coach introductions, special effects, performances, surprises, exclusive giveaways and a commemorative item.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 16 - Oct 31
Coyote night, no lights	July 1 - Nov 30
Squirrel	Aug 16 - Nov 7
Dove	Sept 1 - Oct 26
Crow	Sep 1 - Nov 9
Canada goose	Sept 1 - Sept 15
Deer archery	Sept 6 - Jan 19
Turkey archery	Sept 6 - Jan 19
Deer crossbow	Sept 20 - Jan 19
Early wood duck	Sept 20-24
Teal	Sept 20-24
Turkey crossbow	Oct 1 - Oct 19
Raccoon	Oct 1 - Feb 28
Deer Youth	Oct 11-12
Deer muzzleloader	Oct 18-19
Turkey shotgun	Oct 25-31
Woodcock	Oct 25 - Nov 7
Deer gun	Nov 8-23
Turkey crossbow	Nov 8 - Dec 31
Bobcat trapping	Nov 10 - Feb 28
Squirrel	Nov 10 - Feb 28
Quail	Nov 10 - Feb 10
Rabbit	Nov 10 - Feb 10
Raccoon trapping	Nov 10 - Feb 28
Woodcock	Nov 10 - Dec 10
Coyote trapping	Nov 10 - Feb 28
Bobcat	Nov 15 - Feb 28
Youth waterfowl	Nov 22
Duck	Nov 27 - Nov 30
Canada goose	Nov 27 - Feb 15
Snow Ross goose	Nov 27 - Feb 15
White-fronted goose	Nov 27 - Feb 15
Dove	Nov 27 - Dec 7
Coyote night, lights	Dec 1 - March 31

CCHS has enough 'Juice' for 2A win

STAFF REPORT

Standing just 5-foot-8 and weighing 150 pounds, Trae "Juice" Taylor doesn't overwhelm anyone with size, but his energy and slipperiness make him a nightmare for defenders. On Friday night in Cadiz, the Crittenden County senior provided the biggest play of all, turning a desperate fourth-down catch into a 20-yard touchdown that sealed a 33-24 Class 2A First District victory at Trigg County.

Taylor, whose nickname fits his boundless energy, had already scored on a short run in the third quarter. But his late-game heroics were the defining moment, weaving through tacklers and cutting back across the grain to all but clinch the win.

"It was a desperate play," Taylor said. "Quinn threw it out real late and I just knew I had to make a play on 4th-and-10. We needed this win. Coach had been talking about it all week, a big district game."

The Rockets (3-3, 1-1) needed every ounce of that effort. Trigg's Davaree Gude, pressed into quarterback duty, punished Crittenden with 190 rushing yards and four touchdowns. Each time the Rockets looked ready to pull away, the Wildcats clawed back. A pair of interceptions and a botched kick-off coverage helped keep the home team within reach until Taylor's clincher midway through the fourth quarter.

Quarterback Quinn Summers carried the Rockets' offense. He rushed 15 times for a career-high 153 yards, including a 3-yard touchdown, while completing 17 passes for 195 yards and two more scores – a 2-yarder to Davis Perryman and a 21-yarder to Caden Howard. In total, Crittenden rolled up 422 yards of offense, including 257 on the



PHOTO BY CHRIS EVANS

Trae Taylor is slippery with the ball in his hands.

ground, a stark turnaround for a team that had managed just 350 rushing yards in its first five games combined.

Taylor contributed 70 rushing yards and 58 receiving to go with his two touchdowns. Howard and Perryman were steady targets, while junior Noah Byford made key catches and later came up big on the defensive side.

Defense was crucial in the second half. Middle linebacker Brayden Poindexter, the Rockets' leading tackler a year ago, posted 11 stops, including two tackles for loss. Up front, Braydin Brandsasse had 10 total tackles and a sack. Byford added eight stops, and Caden Howard chipped in five. Though Gude had his way at times, Crittenden kept other Wildcat runners in check, holding them to just 65 yards combined.

Coach Gaige Courtney said it was a gutsy performance under difficult circumstances. Two key starters were out before the opening whistle, and lineman Hunter Curnel was taken to the hospital with an ankle injury

early in the game.

"It was a great game back and forth," Courtney said. "At the end, Quinn gets it to Trae, he breaks two or three tackles and takes it to the house. Outstanding play and individual effort."

Now the Rockets turn their attention to Homecoming Week and Thursday's matchup with Todd County Central (1-5, 0-2). The Rebels opened with a win at Ballard Memorial, but have dropped five straight, including back-to-back district games. While the week will bring parades, festivities and plenty of distractions, Courtney will stress to his players that focus is vital with postseason positioning on the line.

Crittenden leads the all-time series with Todd 12-5, and has won the last 8 encounters with the Rebels dating back to the late 1990s.

A win Thursday would push Crittenden above .500 for the first time this season and put the Rockets squarely in contention for one of the district's top spots. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Thursday at Rocket Stadium following Homecoming festivities,

which start at 6:30.

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Crittenden County	13	7	6	7
Trigg County	6	6	6	6

SCORING PLAYS				
C-Quinn Summers 3 run (conversion failed)	10:52	1st		
T-Davaree Gude 6 run (kick blocked)	7:18	1st		
C-Davis Perryman 2 pass from Summers (Mitchell Brown kick)	3:38	1st		
C-Caden Howard 21 pass from Summers (Brown kick)	:34	2nd		
T-Gude 8 run (kick failed)	:10	2nd		
T-Gude 28 run (run failed)	10:48	3rd		
C-Trae Taylor 6 run (Brown kick failed)	2:35	3rd		
T-Gude 6 run (run failed)	10:54	4th		
C-Taylor 20 pass from Summers (Brown kick)	5:50	4th		

**TEAM TOTALS**  
First Downs: CCHS 21, TCHS 15  
Rushing: CCHS 26-227, TCHS 41-252  
Passing: CCHS 17-35-2, 195; TCHS 1-5-0, 3  
Total Yards: CCHS 422, TCHS 255  
Penalties: CCHS 9-80, TCHS 13-100  
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 1-0, TCHS 0-0

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing**  
CCHS: Summers 15-153, Taylor 10-70. TCHS: Gude 29-190, Peyton Williams 2-27, Ahman Alexander 7-18, Deantee Edison 3-17.  
**Passing**  
CCHS: Summers 17-35-2, 195. TCHS: Gude 1-5-0, 3.  
**Receiving**  
CCHS: Taylor 5-58, Howard 4-56, Noah Byford 2-18, Perryman 3-14, Brayden Poindexter 2-21, Eli Lovell 1-27. TCHS: Williams 1-2.  
**Defense**  
Brandsasse 6 solos, 4 assists, 2 TFL, sack; Hall 2 solos; Howard 5 solos, TFL; Pierson solo; B.Poindexter 7 solos, 4 assists, 2 TFLs; Sosh solo, TFL; Stevenson 3 solos, 4 assists; Taylor solo, 2 assists; Byford 4 solos, 4 assists; Musser 4 solos, 2 assists; Perryman 3 solos, assist; Brown assist; Lovell 2 solos; Rich 4 solos, assist; Tramel assist; Herrington 2 solos.  
Players of the Game: Offense Quinn Summers and Trae Taylor; Defense Braydin Brandsasse, Lineman Gary Hall, Special Teams Noah Byford.  
**Records:** CCHS 3-3 (1-1), TC 1-5 (0-2)

CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP



PHOTO BY ALLISON EVANS

Crittenden County Middle School's Noah Moss rushes for a gain last week against Cadlwell Ccounty.

LADY ROCKETS SOCCER

Crittenden County opens Fifth District Tournament action at 6 p.m. Monday with hopes of parlaying home-field advantage into a victory over Lyon County. Lyon is the No. 2 seed and Crittenden No. 3. The Lady Rockets were winless in district regular-season matches.

Trigg County is the top seed and will play the winner of CCHS vs. LCHS for the title on Tuesday. Crittenden is also hosting the boys' soccer tournament. Lyon plays Trigg at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday.

Crittenden County lost 7-2 last Thursday at home against Hopkinsville. Adri Berry scored a goal and Kiersten Smith added another. Berry left the game with a foot injury. Kylie Bloodworth and Haley Moore each had an assist. At keeper, Macibelle Hardesty had a dozen saves.

It was the fifth straight loss for the Lady Rockets after a 6-3 start to the season. Hopkinsville improved to 8-8 with the win.

CCHS was scheduled to play at Paducah Tilghman on Tuesday.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY GOLF

CCHS senior Georgia Holeman missed the final-round cut in the Girls State Golf Tournament Monday at Calvert City. She had qualified for the first round of the state finals with a 91 in last week's regional tournament at Paducah. On Monday, Holeman shot a 95, finishing 64th. Despite a good day putting, Holeman struggled to hit greens in regulation. The state finals are next week in Bowling Green.

LADY ROCKETS VOLLEYBALL

Crittenden County lost a home volleyball match to Madisonville in four sets Monday as the Lady Rockets' record dropped to 7-11 overall. Against the Maroons, Maddie Hearell and Hadley Myers had two aces apiece; Lilah Sherer had 32 set assists; Hearell 22 digs and Ally Yates 17. At the net, Maeson Martin and Myers had eight kills each, while Lacey Boone and Braelyn Merrill added six apiece.

CCHS also lost in four sets last Thursday to visiting Webster County, marking the first time the Lady Rockets had fallen to the Trojans since 2021. Sherer had 17 set assists. Yates finished with 17 digs, Hearell 16 and Emerye Pollard 13. Merrill led at the net with nine kills, Boone had four and Pollard three.



PHOTO BY GREG PERRYMAN

Lady Rocket junior Maeson Martin gets a shot by Webster County's middle blocker, Abby Phelps.

CCHS CROSS COUNTRY

Crittenden County placed 13th in the boys' standings and 10th in the girls' race at Logan County Saturday.

For the Rockets, Chad Junior "CJ" Nelson led the boys in 46th at 20:02.18, followed by River Rogers 55th (20:31.14), Noah Martinez 58th (20:38.59), Gaige Markham 108th (22:48.08), Aiden Musser 146th (25:32.41), Landon Starkey 149th (25:39.38) and Miles Yates 159th (26:52.61). Crittenden's boys totaled 340 points.

Crittenden's girls scored 263 points. Addie Nelson paced the Lady Rockets in 45th at 25:41.40, with Presley Potter 61st (26:56.69), Ella Whitney 62nd (27:27.55), London McCord 84th (30:17.51), Braelyn Fulkerson 86th (30:49.94) and Hannah Whitney 105th (36:05.30).



PHOTO & FRONT PROMO BY MISTY TINSLEY

Crittenden County's third- and fourth-grade ball carrier Grayson Congenie races ahead for big yards against Webster County in a recent Junior Pro football game. Crittenden's boys are 4-0 heading into this weekend's big showdown at Caldwell County (3-1) between the top two teams in the division. The fifth- and sixth-grade Rockets are 1-3 on the season.



After almost a half century, Pam Campbell has checked out for the final time at Food Giant. Campbell has worked her entire career, 48 years, at the Marion grocery store at Darben Plaza on the north side of town. Over nearly five full decades, she worked in nearly all aspects of the grocery business from checkout at the front register, deli manager, health and beauty department and during holidays she would help make fruit and other gift baskets. Friday, Sept. 26 was her last day on the job and she was celebrated by co-workers, friends and family with a celebration at the grocery store.



## 4-H Fishing Club Wetting Lines

Crittenden County 4-H launched its inaugural Fishing Club with an event last week at Jus’ Chillin’ Farm, which is owned by Kyle Ward and Amy Kelly, and located off Chapel Hill Road just a few miles from town. The first meeting of the club, on Tuesday, Sept. 23, provided members with multiple opportunities focused on an angling theme. Thirty youth from Crittenden County, and nearly as many parents, were in attendance. Trapper Haire, a Crittenden County 4-H youth, gave instruction on types of bait, lures and hooks to use. He is a well-known lure specialists, who makes his own. 4-Hers had an hour and a half of fishing time at the farm’s pond, which includes a convenient fishing pier. The club met again early this week and will have future gatherings on Oct. 14 and Oct. 2 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m., at Jus’ Chillin’ Farm. It is not too late to join the activities planned for October. For more information about 4-H in Crittenden County, call Leslea Barnes at 270-965-5236. Pictured are (clockwise from top left) Hunter and Jeff Guess angling from the edge of the lakeshore; Trapper Haire demonstrating to the 4-Hers some good types of bait to have in the tacklebox; Kallen Millikan showing off a bass he caught; and a group of young anglers casting away from the pier.

## Livingston’s Thompson elected as First Region KSBA director

Livingston County School District has announced that Christine Thompson, board member representing District 1, has been elected First Region director of the Kentucky School Boards Association.

Thompson joined the Livingston County Board of Education six years ago with a desire to make a positive difference for students, support teachers and help ensure schools have the resources and opportunities needed for every child to succeed.

With more than 15 years of leadership experience in nonprofit management, public service and community engagement, Thompson has a record of working with policymakers, community partners and diverse populations to advance educational and community goals.

As First Region director, Thompson will advocate for policies and legislation for First Region districts, share solutions and help strengthen education for students across western Kentucky. The elected position also allows her to bring back new ideas and connections from across the state to strengthen programs and opportunities for Livingston County students.

“I hope to use this role



Christine Thompson (left) and Kerri Schelling, KSBA Executive Director

to advocate for our region’s unique needs, share successful practices between districts and help secure more resources and opportunities for our students,” Thompson said.

The Kentucky School Boards Association is the state’s leading advocate for public school boards and provides support, service and training to local districts. First Region counties include Ballard, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Crittenden, Fulton, Fulton Independent, Graves, Hickman, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, Mayfield, McCracken, Murray and Paducah.

## Crittenden, other nearby counties seeing confirmed EHD cases in deer

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky is facing a widespread outbreak of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in white-tailed deer this fall, and Crittenden County is among the areas with confirmed positive cases.

The Press has also received questions from area landowners who have found dead or sick animals, particularly in or near ponds or streams. Three were reported over the weekend.

According to the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources, as of Sept. 22 there have been 553 reports of EHD statewide across 94 counties, with 1,074 deer reported sick or dead. Of the 32 diagnostic samples submitted, 19 have tested positive and 11 remain pending.

In western Kentucky, confirmed cases include Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Marshall, Trigg, Todd and several other counties. Local deer hunters and landowners are being asked to remain alert and to report

sick or dead animals. Every report helps wildlife biologists track the scope of the outbreak, even if an animal is not suitable for testing.

EHD is caused by a virus spread by biting midges and often peaks in late summer and early fall. Symptoms may include fever, swelling of the head or neck, and abnormal behavior such as deer lingering in or near water sources. It’s believed that the fever drives the animal to water.

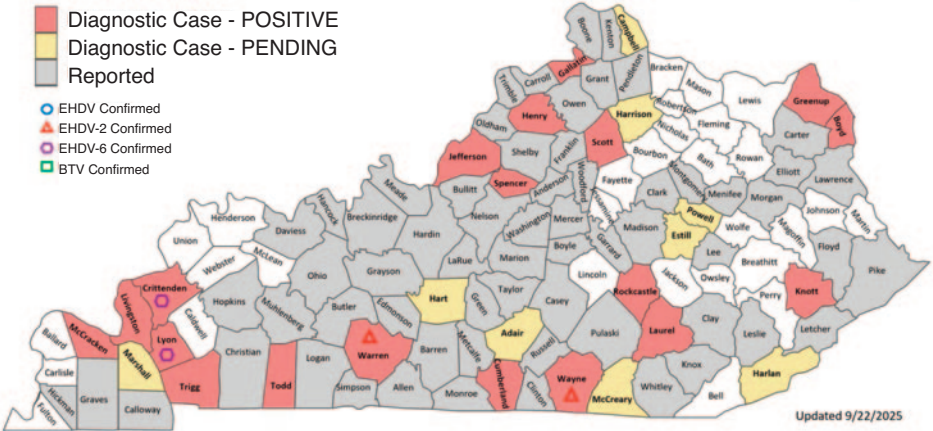
Officials stress that EHD is not the same as Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). CWD has only been confirmed in one wild deer in Kentucky to

date and continues to be closely monitored. Importantly, EHD is not contagious to humans and does not spread to most pets.

Residents who encounter a sick or dead deer are encouraged to use the state’s online reporting tool. In some cases, if the animal is found in good enough condition, a biologist may contact the individual to collect a sample for testing.

For more information, including how to identify symptoms and track updated county maps go online to KDFWR website. There is also a reporting tool there.

### Hemorrhagic Disease in Kentucky Whitetails



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Remi Tabor and her grandmother LaJean Quisenberry (left) enjoy the Community Arts Foundation's Fall Floral Workshop. Pictured above are participants (front from left) Laura Wood, Karen Nasser, Sandra Martin, Phyllis Hinchey, Rhonda Dunn, Sharon McDonald, Hailee Isom (Instructor), Adrienne Travis, Marla Hunt-Manning, Cynthia Pendley, Mindy Withrow, Pearlina Teeters, (back) Stacie Knox, Jessi White, Kim Vince, Remi Tabor, Valerie Gilbert, Deonna McCord, Sharon Martin, Christie Hughes, Hope Kemper, Sammie Jo Tabor and LaJean Quisenberry.

# CLWD expansion could be done in 3-4 years

**STAFF REPORT**

Crittenden-Livingston Water District (CLWD) reported its highest number of main line repairs ever for a single month, as crews worked through a difficult August marked by 11 main breaks and 14 service line leaks.

"It's been a struggle for sure," Superintendent Abbie Adamson told the board during its regular monthly meeting Monday in Salem.

Despite the challenges, officials said water production is steady and usage is slowing a bit. Plant manager Von Summers said the district is pumping 1.5 million gallons per day, with an increase in flow to Marion now up to 40 gallons per minute to help ease the city's shortage.

"Usage is slowing, and we fixed a lot of leaks," Summers said.

A newly constructed 300,000-gallon clear well at the treatment plant is nearly ready to fill, which will give the district greater holding capacity. It is part of the ongoing Phase 1 expansion.

Looking ahead, consultant Tim Thomas reported that funding for Phase 3, which includes a 12-inch transmission line to Marion, is coming into focus. The district recently applied for \$7.5 million through the state

revolving fund, half of which would be forgivable. With that commitment, the district has about 50 percent of the money needed for the entire phase, which is ahead of schedule and should be completed even before the broader Phase 2.

Design work will take about three months once engineers are under contract, Thomas said, but the district will likely have to break Phase 3 into smaller parts since it cannot afford to do all of it at once. Completion should take a couple of years.

Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning pressed for a timeline. She thanked the district for increasing water supply to the city and noted that Old City Lake rose about five inches following recent rainfall.

The board voted to seek bids for engineering and design of Phase 3, with an Oct. 24 deadline. A notice will be published next week. Meanwhile, Phase 2, the plant expansion from 2 to 4 million gallons per day capabilities, remains three to four years from completion, with engineers scheduled to deliver a 30 percent design report Friday in Salem. Thomas warned costs are likely to rise above the \$33 million

estimate.

The district also heard an update on a proposed demonstration project to remove PFAS, sometimes called "forever chemicals." The technology would destroy the compounds rather than filter them, but Thomas said it is not yet certified for drinking water use. The vendor wanted \$60,000 to set up a demonstration unit for testing. The board expressed interest in revisiting the option once approvals are secured for drinking water.

Adamson said CLWD is currently supplementing Marion's supply by buying water from Webster County. With chicken houses there now empty, Webster has more to sell, allowing CLWD to push additional gallons into the Wilson Hill tank, which helps Marion.

Water loss remains a major concern. Although August showed a half-percent improvement over July, the system still reports losses in the upper 30 percent range. The Public Service Commission recommends no more than 15 percent.

"We are going in the right direction. It just hasn't shown up much, but we will see some soon," Adamson said.

M&G Contracting of Marion continues making leak repairs, and another

contractor may be added to accelerate the work.

If loss percentages do not decline after leak repairs, the district may begin checking customer meters. About 17 million gallons have been lost over each of the past two months, which Adamson said costs roughly \$3 per 1,000 gallons to produce.

Officials also noted that Frankfort is giving districts more flexibility to reallocate Cleaner Water Grant funds that were supposed to have been spent by the end of next year. CLWD leaders said they will consider whether to apply those dollars to Phase 2 or Phase 3 or buildout more short service lines, which the money was originally provided to do.

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## Tourism group spending funds to help Fohs Hall acquire kitchen equipment

**STAFF REPORT**

Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission met late last month at the Welcome Center where members approved several projects to improve local venues and support upcoming community events.

Commissioners voted to purchase a package of kitchen equipment, including a freezer, warmer and refrigerator, at a cost of \$6,120, which includes delivery. The appliances will be installed downstairs to create a catering space for events at Fohs Hall.

"So many events are held at Fohs Hall, and rentals are really important when we can get them," said Commissioner Andrea Clement. "Most caterers want a place to set up a kitchen, and we want all of the things for the community."

The panel also discussed the Old

Kentucky Hayride, scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at Fohs Hall. Proceeds benefit the local food bank. Organizers said moving the event from October to closer to Thanksgiving should boost attendance and donations.

"We think it might work better right before Thanksgiving," said Brennan Cruce, noting that the evening show avoids conflicts with deer season. "Last time we raised almost \$5,000."

Additionally, commissioners discussed the potential purchase of a new digital sign which would be located in a conspicuous place in Marion. The project will cost \$23,000, including installation. The sign will be available to promote local activities. No action was taken. Commissioners decided to further investigate pricing and other options.

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