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Tolu man dies in tractor accident

Residents of the Tolu area of Crittenden County are mourning the death of a well-known neighbor with a history of community service. Bruce Johnson, 63, died Saturday from injuries sustained in a tractor accident. Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head said Johnson was operating a John Deere tractor and bush hog when it overturned as he was mowing a ditch bank near the highway. The accident ocurred on KY 297 near the intersection of KY 135 Saturday evening before 5 p.m. Johnson was pronounced deceased at the scene by the coroner. See obituary page 2.

Councilwoman resigns

Marion City Council has 30 days, according to statute, to fill a vacant seat on the council. It was announced at Monday's regular meeting that Councilwoman Nikki Conger-Meeks had recently resigned. The appointed individual will serve the remainder of her unexpired term, which runs through Dec. 2026. All council members' terms will end at that time. A general election for all six city council positions will be held in Nov. 2026. Conger-Meeks won her seat as a write-in candidate last November.

Another workshop set for candidates

Crittenden County Board of Elections will host another workshop at the County Office Complex for prospective candidates at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, the day after the 2026 election filing period begins. The board will offer information on campaign finance rules, qualifications and fees for seeking office, requesting voter registration data and more.

So far, all sitting incumbents in county constitutional offices have filed an intent to finance their relection bids. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom was the last to do so on Friday. Others who have filed financing plans are PVA Todd Perryman, Clerk Daryl Tabor, Sheriff Evan Head and Jailer Athena Hayes.

Gala Saturday at Fohs

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Awards Gala Saturday at Fohs Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for appetizers, dinner will be served at 7 p.m., and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets are re-

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 27 at the Deer Lakes meeting room.

•Caldwell County Fiscal Court will meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the courthouse.

 Livingston County Fiscal Court will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the county office complex in Smithland.

•Crittenden County Public Library Board will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30 at the library.



Committee Meeting Friday

Dog issue is raised again; county exploring options

A familiar problem in Crittenden County - loose and aggressive dogs – may be on the cusp of prompting local action.

Sharon Kirk of the New Salem community in western Crittenden County brought her frustrations to magistrates last week during the fiscal court's regular monthly meeting. She described an escalating issue with what she called dangerous dogs that have attacked livestock and frightened an elderly resident. Her story struck a chord

with county leaders who have heard similar complaints for years but rule-makers have never mustered the political will to do much

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom acknowledged that the county has relied on state laws to address such situations in the past, but suggested that those statutes may often fall short in protecting property owners from recurring problems.

"We have a draft ordinance prepared to start reviewing next Friday in committee,' Newcom told Kirk. "We'll try to have it ready

for a first reading in November." The committee.

which includes Newcom, the sheriff and magistrates, meet at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24 to study a model ordinance and consider local options. Kirk alleges that

neighborhood dogs have killed a mother cow that was protecting her calf and donkey, and mauled another donkey. She said the danger is real for livestock and residents. She said

an elderly woman who lives nearby is afraid to go out on her lawn because of the dogs. When suggested by county officials that the elderly woman has a right to protect herself, Kirk quipped, "What is she going to do, put on a holster or attach it to her walker?'

Frustrated by advice to presumably shoot the animals, Kirk responded, "That doesn't

It is county government's responsibility to

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Serving St. Jude's Children

Crittenden County Homemakers celebrated National Extension Homemakers Week last week by making toboggans for patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Pictured are those who participated (front, from left) Alissha Allen, Sarah Ford, Emma Guess, Judy Lanham, Janice Clack and Nancy Lanham; (back) Sue Ledford, Sandy Wells, Emily Guess, Katrina Scott, Darlene Abel and Kathy Thompson.

KACo report signals broad jail problems

Crittenden County's ongoing struggle to balance its jail operations has become emblematic of a much larger statewide problem that county leaders across the commonwealth are calling unsustainable, according to a recent publication by the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo). The association says it's crafting proposals it plans to present to legislators for the 2026 session of the General Assem-

In recent weeks, the local issue has intensified. Magistrates a few weeks ago publicly urged Jailer Athena Haves to resign amid ques-

tions over jail finances. The county has taken steps to shore up its general fund, raising both its insurance premium tax and payroll tax in recent months, while also leaving its real property tax the same in 2025 as last year, which will generate additional revenue because of value increases or new taxable property.

Those additional funds are needed for other areas, county leaders have said, as they continue to question red ink at the jail, which are deficits county government is required by law to cover.

The fiscal court has been forced to move county offices from downtown to the industrial park in the past few years, a move that has proven costly, too, but perhaps less expensive than alternatives like sharing costs

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Marion bans livestock, hikes code fines

Marion City Council's reg-

ular meeting Monday was dominated by continued efforts to improve the quality of life for residents by cracking down on those who violate nuisance and safety ordinances ranging from animals unkept homes and blighted property.

The council gave final unanimous approval to an ordinance that makes it unlawful to keep hogs, chickens or other livestock within city limits. The measure, part of MARION CITY COUNCIL

a yearlong effort to address nuisances and improve community health and safety, amends Section 90.05 of city code to prohibit most livestock and poultry while also tightening rules on barns. stockyards and animal enclosures. The ordinance defines livestock to include horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, oxen, ponies, ratites such as emu and ostrich, and poultry including

chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. Exotic animals such as tigers and lions are also covered under the restric-

Exceptions to the new law may be granted only by City Council on a case-by-case basis. Anyone seeking to keep restricted animals within city limits must file a written request with the city clerk at least 10 days before a regular council meeting. City officials have said the

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This can doesn't bounce

As Congress stares down another funding deadline, one of the biggest battles isn't about the border, defense spending or education. It's about health insurance, specifically, whether to extend the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) enhanced premium tax credits that are set to expire at the end of next year.

Republican opposition to the ACA stems from both ideological and political reasons. The law's branding as "Obamacare" has Chri reinforced partisan resistance to maintaining or expanding fund-



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ing for it. Problem is, insurance costs are crippling and people need some type of help. If you don't like Obama's plan, bring your

own the table. Democrats say ACA credits must continue. They've helped millions of Americans, they say, particularly working-class families and small business owners afford health insurance that would otherwise be out of reach. Enrollment in the ACA Marketplace has doubled since the enhanced subsidies took effect, and the average enrollee now pays less than \$75 a month for coverage. Without those credits, some will see their premiums double or even triple. If ACA credits and qualifiers are allowed to expire, even families earning around \$80,000 to \$120,000 would be hit hard with huge

premium increases. Republicans, though, argue that continuing these subsidies only papers over a broken system. They believe the ACA and its extensions have created an artificial marketplace dependent on government aid, and that letting the enhanced credits expire might finally force real healthcare reform. In theory, if the government stops cushioning consumers and insurers, competition could begin to drive down costs naturally. It's a bold and risky market correction strategy that could take years, costing many Ameri-

cans their coverage. In fairness, conservatives are not wrong about one thing, the system does need fixing. Working middle-class families, farmers and small business owners who aren't poor enough to qualify for Medicaid or employer insurance face some of the highest healthcare costs in the developed world. The costs are insane, and to that I can personally attest. The price of a hospital stay, a single prescription or a family insurance plan has become disconnected to reality. Simply extending subsidies year after year is like patching a tire that clearly needs replacing, and I have done that, too.

Now, I don't want to jeopardize my conservative card, but kicking the can down the road is one thing, kicking one that doesn't bounce is another. This can doesn't react like your average Campbell's soup cylinder. Without a serious, bipartisan effort to reform healthcare, wiping out subsidies would be too costly to fami-

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Deaths

Sisco

Jeffrey E. Sisco, 69, died Sunday Oct. 19, 2025 at Ascension St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville.

Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Sandra Paris Sisco of Burna; son, Dalton Sisco of Burna; sister, Jenny (Carol) Jackson of Burna, two nephews and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Jamie Wayne Pugh Sisco and Wyatt Sisco and his parents, William "Cobbie" and Donna I. (Alsobrook)

Services are at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 24, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from noon until the funeral hour.

Burial will follow at Old Salem Cemetery in Salem.

Johnson

Bruce Allen Johnson, 63, of Marion died Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1961, in Salem to

the late Wil-Hayes and Thelma Lorene King Johnson.

Johnson was a friend to many and was a valued member of

the Par 4 Plastics team in Marion. He enjoyed spending time with his friends and family. He loved farming and was a member of Tolu Fire Department.

Surviving are his wife, Heidi Hinkley Johnson; brother, Larry (Jerri Dee) Johnson; sister, Carolyn (Lee) Cessna; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 4 p.m, at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Whites Chapel Ceme-

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Oct. 23

· Line dancing will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Crittenden County Senior Center.

Saturday, Oct 25

Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church will have a Fall Bazaar and Flea Market. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a raffle for 2026 Venture River Pass, breads and pecans, jellies jams, homemade and candies, cookies, and cakes plus holiday decorating items.

Tuesday, Oct. 28

· Hooks and Needles meet at noon in the Crittenden County Public Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

· Walk in the Park starts at 3 p.m. at Crittenden City-County Park.

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Jamison

James Patrick "Pat" Jamison, 86, of Marion, formerly of Beardstown, Ill., died Oct. 10, 2025,

Critten-Health and Rehabilitation.

was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1939, in Beardstown, the son of the late Frank Arthur and Frances Louise Bowman Jami-



son. He graduated from Beardstown High School in 1957. After graduation, he began his lifelong career working on the inland waterways. Jamison also served in the U.S. Army for two years before returning to the river. Up until a few years ago, he was still actively working as an accomplished pilot. He was well known for his catfish ponds and honeybees, where he raised delicious fish and honey that he shared with his family.

In addition to his parents, Pat was preceded in death by his wife, Opal Naomi "Honey" Jamison; brother, Gene Jamison; sisters, Mary Francis Jamison, Francis Jamison Burns and Peggy Jamison Ross; and sister-in-law, Jean Jami-

Surviving include his brothers, Larry (Sue) Jamison, David Jamison, Tom "Jud" (Meredith) Jamison; sister, Nancy (Paul) Beck; stepchildren, Betty Cruce,

Danny (Barbara) Browning, Linda Edwards and Janie (Rick) York; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and

nephews. Funeral services were Sunday, Oct. 19 at Gilbert Funeral Home and Bro. David LeNeave officiated. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.

Mathis

Terry Edward Mathis, 74, of Marion, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025 at his home.

He was of the Bapfaith tist and was a veteran of the United States Army. Known

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hours seeing folks at Bobby Stinnett Used Cars and was a faithful volunteer for local fire departments.

Surviving are a son, Edward Mathis; a daughter, Mary Elise Day; and Deena siblings Roger Mathis, Frances Mathis, Pat Wersel and Chyril Woods.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy Mathis; his parents, Melvin and Eloise Deen Mathis; and six siblings.

Graveside services were Monday Oct. 20 at Pleasant Grove Ceme-

Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrange-

History comes alive

"Mr. T," as he's known to students at Crittenden County Middle School, shows up and shows out prematurely each year for Halloween.

Actually it's nothing to do with the fall holiday; instead, the reason Ben Thompson dresses up each October is to portray a historical figure in his school yearbook photo.

For about 10 years, Thompson has been surprising students on picture day when he teaches sixth-grade social studies - and sits for his staff photo - dressed as people like Julius Caesar, a Chinese emperor or a Roman soldier.

This year may have taken the cake as Thompson greeted students Friday morning dressed as a neanderthal. He made his morning commute from Paducah with makeup and portions of a mask glued to his face to create a protruding orbital



Ben Thompson greets students on picture day, Friday,

ridge and large nose. His normally balding head was covered with a thick, messy brown wig.

When he stepped out of his classroom, he completed his costume with a plastic club as a prop and plastic socks covered in hair on his feet.

"Kids love it," said Thompson, a 20-year educator. "It's a huge distraction, but anything you can do for the kids is worth it."

He started the trend 10 years ago wearing an Indiana Jones hat. During COVID the yearbook photo featured Mr. Thompson in a haz-mat suit. Friday's portrayal of a neanderthal may be hard to top.

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Bond reduction denied in big meth bust case

STAFF DEDODT

A couple arrested with a pound of methamphetamine during a late-night traffic stop last month on U.S. 60 West will remain jailed following indictments last week.

A public defender argued before Circuit Judge Daniel Heady last Thursday that Tiffany Henderson's minimal criminal history and low risk factor were grounds for a bond reduction. However, the judge denied the request upon the recommendation of Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wes Hunt, leaving bond at \$25,000.

Co-defendant David B. Simms also remains jailed after his probation on a previous felony conviction was revoked due to his arrest in the case.

Simms, 45, of Nebo, and Henderson, 37, both of Eddyville, were arrested Sept. 2 when Sheriff Evan Head stopped a rollback wrecker

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near the intersection of U.S. 60 West and Ky. 1668 after observing it roll through a stop sign and travel without illuminated tail lamps. Simms was the driver and Henderson a passenger.

Court testimony and police records indicate about 454 grams of meth were found stuffed into the front of Henderson's pants. Also found in the vehicle were \$2,600 in U.S. currency, a bag of shredded cash, marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Both were indicted last week

by the Crittenden County Grand Jury. The volume of drugs found on Henderson's person was cited as part of the reasoning for denying a bond reduction.

Simms was originally jailed on a \$50,000 bond, but the court determined his bond was

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moot because his probation has been revoked and he is being held on that basis.

• Terri Henry, 45, of Dawson Springs, was sanctioned for violating terms of her probation from an August conviction for felony third-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking (under \$10,000) and first-degree criminal mischief by complicity, and a misdemeanor charge of possession of burglary tools. She received probation on all counts after being sentenced to five years on each felony and 365 days for the misdemeanor, with all time to run consecutively.

Henry admitted to Circuit Judge Daniel Heady that she had used methamphetamine, which had shown up on a drug test. Instead of sending her to prison to serve the original sentence, Judge Heady or-

dered her to serve 30 days with credit for time served.

Court records indicate Henry and an accomplice burglarized a home in rural Crittenden County in October 2024. The home belonged to the estate of a man who had recently died. Law enforcement tracked a cell phone ping to her apartment in Dawson Springs. On the door was a decorative wreath allegedly stolen from the house, and other items were found in the apartment.

• Deborah Abegglen, 67, and Randall Abegglen, 68, both of Marion, pleaded guilty to felony custodial interference. A one-year sentence for each of them will be diverted for three years. If there is no further interference over the three-year period, charges will be dropped.

Law enforcement was contacted in June by state social workers to help locate a miss-

ing juvenile who had been committed to state custody in 2022 but went missing from foster care about a year earlier. Authorities found her living with her grandparents in Marion.

• A trial date for a case involving John P. Henry, 47, of Marion, was set for Jan. 9. Henry's attorney, Billy McGee of Smithland, said the trial might last more than one day. Jury selection will begin at 8 a.m., the judge said.

Henry was indicted early this year on a felony charge of cultivating marijuana (five or more plants) and misdemeanor charges of second-degree possession of a controlled substance (hallucinogen) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Investigators reportedly discovered marijuana plants and mushrooms at Henry's home in November while visiting on an unrelated matter.

Six indicted in felony cases

STAFF REPORT

A Livingston County grand jury handed up several indictments Oct. 14, charging defendants in cases ranging from drug offenses to theft and fleeing police.

The grand jury does not determine guilt or innocense. It merely decides whether sufficient evidence exists to continue prosecution of a case in circuit court.

•Kevin Lee Goff, 51, of Grand Rivers was indicted on two separate cases. In one, he was charged with flagrant non-support. In another, Goff was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree (hydrocodone), and possession of a controlled substance prescription not in its original container, first offense. Court records allege that on Aug. 3, deputies responded to a call for serve on Depot Road in Grand Rivers. When they arrived, it was determined that Goff had a felony warrant for flagrant nonsupport. A search led to the finding of three suspected hydrocodone pills found in a metal container.

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•Tommy Fulkerson, 33, of Kuttawa was indicted for criminal trespassing and criminal mischief. The trespassing charge was amended from second to first degree. Fulkerson is also facing another felony charge for criminal abuse of a child, which is set for trial in March.

•Bryan Macon Enoch, 36, of Dexter, Ky., was indicted on multiple charges, including receiving stolen property over \$1,000; first-degree criminal mischief, tampering with physical evidence, prohibited alteration or removal of a vehicle identification number, and no or expired registration receipt or plate violations.

•Byron Dale Hopkins, 30, of Smithland was indicted for criminal littering, resisting arrest, first- and second-degree fleeing or evading police, first-degree wanton endangerment, operating on a suspended or revoked operator's license, possessing an

open alcoholic beverage container in a motor vehicle, third-degree escape, seconddegree disorderly conduct, third-offense DUI (aggravating circumstances), and being a persistent felony offender, first degree.

•Fernando G. Oliva Diaz, 23, of Madison, Tenn., was indicted for theft of identity following a direct submission.

*James Logan Atkinson, 45, of Princeton was indicted on several counts, including speeding, no tail lamps, first-degree fleeing or evading police, first-offense DUI, operating on a suspended or revoked license, failure to maintain required insurance, and expired registration. The grand jury returned no true bills on several other charges, including reckless driving, disregarding stop signs, and possession of an open alcohol container in a vehicle.

All defendants are assumed innocent into proven guilty.

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Continued from page 1 lies across a large spectrum.

By the time you read this, Republicans and Democrats may have met somewhere in the middle and put the government back to work. Chances are, however, that Washington won't find a real answer to the health insurance problem during these tense days of shutdown politics. But if lawmakers can at least agree that both cost control and coverage matter, perhaps a few doors could be reopened. To be honest, this could be a hill to die on, as far as I am concerned.

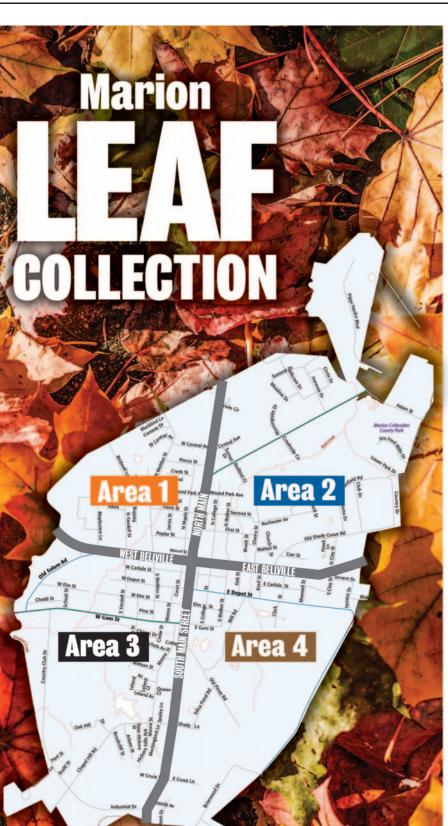
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Fredonia woman arrested in Butler

A Fredonia woman was arrested in Morgantown, Ky., last week when Kentucky State Police and deputies from the Butler County Sheriff's Department went to a residence on Caney Fork Road to serve an arrest warrant.

Upon arrival on Oct. 12, officers made contact with several individuals inside an RV located on the property. Law enforcement detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. During a search, officers located suspected fentanyl, multiple scales and currency.

Monica Morgan, 44, of Fredonia, and Jachob Adams, 23, of Russellville, were arrested and charged with trafficking in a controlled substance (fentanyl), first offense; drug paraphernalia buy/possess; and tampering with physical evidence.

Morgan and Adams were lodged in the Butler County Jail. The investigation is ongoing and is being led by Trooper Brent Davis of the Kentucky State Police.

Sheriff Head teaming up with Heart to Heart for Cram the Cruiser

Crittenden County Sheriff's Department is teaming up with the Heart to Heart Center to sponsor a Cram the Cruiser Coat Drive to help local children stay warm this winter.

Donations of new or gently used coats in all sizes from birth through adult will be accepted at the sheriff's office through Nov. 1. Additionally, deputies will be at Sugar Shop Donuts, 218 S. Main Street in Marion on Friday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m., to 2 p.m., collecting coats during a special drop-off

All donations will benefit families in need across Crittenden County.

Riverview Park logs 48 camping nights

Riverview Park's campground reported a modest profit in September. The park logged 48 total camping nights, 42 for RVs and six for tents, and recorded \$1,278.53 in deposits. After \$1,157.24 in expenses, the park cleared a net income of \$121.29.

With the highway between the park and KY 91 closed for a bridge replacement, Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said in last week's fiscal court meeting that camping nights remain lower than normal, but steady as milder weather rolls in.

The bridge replacement project by the state is supposed to be finished late next month.

Union County upgrades facilities on campuses

Athletic facilities are getting a major boost as part of ongoing construction projects across Union County Public Schools.

Two new tennis courts are being built near the Union County High School softball field and visitor football bleachers. The pads are complete and ready for paving, which will allow the UCHS ten-



nis team to practice and compete on campus for the first

Work has also begun on a new multipurpose building that will include a wrestling training area and a high-bay fieldhouse designed for multiple student groups. Concrete foundations for the new structure are already in place.

The athletic upgrades are part of a larger series of projects that include a new 4,000square-foot maintenance building and a complete renovation of the UCHS vocational center. The new maintenance facility, located near the bus garage and middle school, is nearing completion and will free up space in the trade school for expanded career and technical education programs.

The vocational center renovation will feature new classrooms and labs for agriculture, engineering, health science and a building and maintenance program.

District officials say the improvements reflect continued investment in student learning, safety and extracurricular opportunities across the campus.

CAF calls for singers to join Christmas choir, no tree this season

Community Arts Foundation is calling for singers to join a special Christmas community choir for its upcoming Lessons & Carols production directed by Corey and Michelle Crider.

The event offers a festive opportunity without the full commitment of the Living Christmas Tree program, which was brought back last year but taking 2025 off. Plans this holiday season call for just three choir songs, a shorter rehearsal schedule and, as organizers put it, "no standing in a tree."

Performances are scheduled

for Dec. 13 and 14 at Fohs Hall. Both adult and children's choirs will perform, with the children's group open to ages 8-13. Those interested can sign up online at https://forms.gle/LbZssjNtCC1 SoAu68. Additional details, including rehearsal dates, are available through the Community Arts Foundation.

Prince on Health Board

Caldwell County Fiscal Court, according to WPKY radio, has appointed Kate Prince to a two-year term on the Caldwell County Board of Health beginning Jan. 1, and named James Noel to complete the unexpired term of Larry Curling on the Princeton-Caldwell County Industrial Development Authority Board through June 25, 2028.

Livingston educator nationally honored

Amy Hancock, an educator at Livingston Central High School, has received the National Statesman Award from SkillsUSA, the nation's leading career and technical student

organization.

Hancock earned the honor during the group's Washington Leadership Training Institute, held late last month in Washington, D.C. The award recognizes advisors and students who show strong leadership, civic awareness and understanding of career and technical education.

'The Statesman Award affirms a SkillsUSA advisor's commitment to responsible leadership and civic awareness," said Chelle Travis, executive director of SkillsUSA. "It reflects their dedication to helping students build brighter futures for themselves and for our nation."

To qualify, advisors must complete coursework and certifications before attending the national institute, where they participate in sessions and interviews highlighting how their programs prepare students for future careers and help close the skills gap.

Riverport earns transport grant

Over \$5.6 million in state grants are coming for six Kentucky railway infrastructure improvement projects spanning seven counties, including Lyon

The Eddyville Riverport and Industrial Development Authority will receive \$526,581.

As of last May, the Eddyville riverport had already applied for other grants to add an inlet to expand available water frontage at the port on Lake Barkey. The new inlet would be approximately 300 feet long and 30 feet deep, and could at least double the number of barges handled at one time.

Other statewide projects receiving funding include construction of new rail spurs; replacement of culverts, expansion of on-site storage and loading capacity, and purchase of new equipment including another riverport project in Owensboro.

Board of Elections will set '26's plan

Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 at Crittenden County Office Complex. This is a regular meeting. The county election plan for 2026 and meeting dates will be considered.

Classes from '85, '86 will reunite Friday

The CCHS Classes of 1985 and '1986, plus members of the 1985 state champion football team, will tailgate before the football game Friday from 5-7 p.m., Oct. 24 on the football practice field beside Rocket Stadium. Meat and drinks will be provided. Guests are asked to bring a side dish and a chair.

After the game between Crittenden and Caldwell County, a reception will be held in the Rocket Arena conference room. All are welcome.

If you plan to attend, RSVP by text to 502-759-7755.

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protect its citizens, even against dogs, she suggested. Newcom agreed that self-de-

fense is not a reliable solution. "It boils down to animal owner-

ship and responsibility," he said, adding that a local ordinance could provide more direct recourse for victims of neglectful pet owners.

Magistrate Dave Belt asked Kirk whether she had any suggestions for steps the county might take. Kirk said letters warning of potential prosecution might be effective in curbing repeat problems.

"You shouldn't have to worry about going out in your own yard," Kirk said. "Especially for

an 88-year-old lady.' Newcom noted that similar pro-

posals have failed in previous

terms because there was no apparent appetite among court members to take on the issue. This time, however, he said the tone may be different.

"We've been talking about this ever since I've been in office," he said, suggesting that the court might be more responsive now than perhaps ever before.

Kirk promised to attend next month's fiscal court meeting to see whether the county follows through

Sheriff Evan Head voiced his support for meaningful dialogue on dealing with such problems. "Dogs are a royal pain," he

said, pointing to numerous complaints he's received in his first three years in office.

This week's committee meeting could mark a new step toward creating an animal control ordinance with broader reach, one that could perhaps go beyond dogs and addresses a range of nuisances and environmental concerns that plagued county residents for years, including trash, noise and

Over the summer, Marion City Council dealt with a similar issue and stiffened fines for those who disobey animal ordinances.

In 2019, a five-year-old Crittenden County boy suffered severe injuries in a dog attack in the southern part of the county. The dog's owner was criminally convicted and he and his landlord were sued by the victim's family.

While dog ordinances in the nearby counties vary, all single out certain breeds in their laws. They also require the owner to carry liability insurance. In some cases, vicious dogs must be sterilized, equipped with an electronic monitoring chip and in some cases convicted felons are prohibited from owning certain breeds.

THURSDAY BACK THURSDAY OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879



From the Press Archives – 50 Years Ago

These eight Crittenden County High School students were the 1975 Homecoming Queen candidates. Pictured ahead of that year's ceremony at Rocket Stadium are (seated) Tina Robinson, Lajean Patmore, Sabrina Brantley, (on couch) Rose Ann Stallion, Cheryl Croft, Janie Peek, Cindy Wright and Vicki Per-

10 YEARS AGO

October 22, 2015

- Several Crittenden County Middle School students through Bridgeway Learning Center traveled to the Kentucky State Police Post in Madisonville on Oct. 13. The students participated in Trooper Day, learning about various tasks of state police. Students attending were Ethan Shaffer, Chloe Weathers, Talissa Jenkins, Raylee Belt, Skilyn Jenkins, Cameron Suggs, James Smurawa, Addy Kirby, Zander Morrison, Southern Pate, Logan White, Faith White, Avery White, Shelby Belt and Easton White.
- Ethan Dossett shot a 9-pointer with his bow, making him a Pope and Young candidate. The buck's rack measured 142 inches, well ahead of the 125 inches required to make it a P&Y deer. Lily Berry bagged an 8-pointer during the recent youth season. The buck had 12-inch back tines and a 19-inch spread.
- Elite Fastpitch '01 traveled to Mike Miller Park in Benton, Ky., and came home with a second-place trophy. The team was formed in Marion and surrounding counties by Stephen Smith of Marion and Nathan Hack of Paducah. The Marion girls were Emmie and Ellie Smith, Jenna Potter, Chaylee Wolf and Brandy Book, who hit a home run during the tournament.

October 26, 2000

- Crittenden County High School seniors Allison Wesmoland, Ashley Peek, Dennise Porter, Sara Green and Kayla Shewcraft were in close competition for the honor of valedictorian. Each maintained a 4.0 GPA and strived to keep perfect grades while balancing other activities.
- Judy Fransley's Head Start class at Crittenden County Elementary School enjoyed a fun and educational lesson on pumpkins led by Crittenden County Conservation District's Janet James. Students explored the shapes, colors and characteristics of pumpkins.
- Boy Scout Troop 30 went camping at Land Between the Lakes at Roy C. Manchester. During their stay, the scouts fulfilled requirements for a conservation award and earned merit badges. Scouts attending the trip were Andrew Roberts, Micheal Brasher, Cody Herrin, Brandon Tinsley and Jamie Pyle, as well as leaders Carla and Jimmy Tinsley, Ray Brasher, Wesley Hughes and Gary Brasher, who earned his Scoutmaster Leadership Award during the trip.

50 YEARS AGO

October 23, 1975

- Mrs. Edna Allison of Marion won a 13-inch color television as the grand prize in the Tresslar Home and Family Center's companywide giveaway. Her name was drawn from more than 5,000 contestants entering from 20 Tresslar stores in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. Other local winners received prizes such as bicentennial plates and 8-by-10 color photos.
- County Extension Agent Pete Turner announced that 4-H recruitment for 1975-76 was underway in Crittenden County. The county's 4-H program had a goal of 45,000 leaders and 250,000 4-H'ers by 1978. Crittenden County had about 360 young people and 65 adults enrolled. Turner encouraged more participation to help reach goals set for the new year.
- The Rocket football team was beaten 8-0 by the Heath Pirates on Friday. It was the first time of the season the Rockets were held scoreless. Although the Rockets didn't score a touchdown, linebacker Pat Taylor continued to be tough and kept the Pirates at bay in the second half.

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

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From saddle to story: The Press scribe's 1910 travels

Many years ago as The Crittenden Press sales manager traveled around the county on his horse visiting all the little communities trying to get subscriptions for the paper, he recorded his travels and experiences along the way. Little did he know over 100 years later these articles would be keeping our history alive. Here are some of his writings from the year 1910.

June 1910 - A Visit to Dycusburg

On Friday evening just in time for supper, I drove into Dycusburg, one of the oldest, and at one time one of the most prosperous, towns in Crittenden County.

Having heard my good

father speak of the town, and the friends of his early life who lived with him have long since passed to their reward, I felt a strong desire to visit the town, whose people and the high class of farmers surrounding it are giving such loval support to our paper.

It is a pictur-esque old town, on a bend of the beautiful Cumberland and full of as big hearted

loyal citizens as ever lived under the flag of the proud old Commonwealth.

Brenda

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County Historian

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Passages

The town has a nice City Hall and three churches and will soon vote the question of a Graded School.

The merchants of Dycusburg have stood the test of two fearfully destructive fires in the last few years; one destroying 17 business houses and the other 11 businesses, and in spite of all this, the town is rapidly being rebuilt and in a few years will have the old town in new garb and ready for business again.

We name the following business houses receiving a nice trade:

J. C. Bennett, dealer in staples and fancy groceries, glassware, tinware, etc. Also he is serving delightful cold drinks. Mr. Bennett is a clever gentleman and a safe business

Dycus Bros., have a nice store and sell sta-

Local program seeks to

this holiday season

reach more seniors in need

Community Christmas,

a local program that pro-

vides holiday assistance

to families and seniors

in need, will begin regis-

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cards. They also dispense soft drinks and are enjoying a splendid trade.

Yancy Bros., are proprietors of a splendid dry goods business and are enjoying an enviable trade, won by fair dealing. They keep a high grade of fine goods that show a care for their trade that is appreci-

J. D. Jones is proprietor of a large hardware business and is receiving a liberal patronage.

J. D. Griffin is owner of a dry goods business that a first glimpse of his neat store is sufficient guarantee that he knows his business. He is a clever, polite gentleman.

W. B. Groves has a nice dry goods business, and

for the next two weeks will offer special bargains his customers. All kinds of dry goods and shoes at cost. Hill The

House, a popular \$1 a day house on the bank of the Cumberland, under management of genial J. I. Hill, is always ready to receive and care for the famished traveler.

Mrs. Josie Reynold is proprietor of the popular \$2 a day hostelry and particularly requests the patronage of the drummers.

F. D. Ramage owns the livery barn and is a clever courteous gentleman.

Cassidy & Dewey are owners of the flouring and grist mill and are popular as millers with a name for fair dealing that means much for their future.

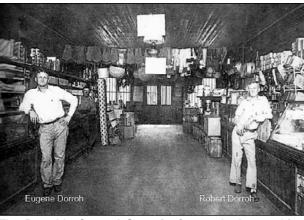
owned and operated by Smith and Wells who will now soon open operation for the season. Ed Henry is the propri-

The Canning Factory is

etor of the blacksmith and repair shop and is counted the best horseshoer in the "pennyrile." E. M. Dalton is the po-

lite and very accommodating postmaster and owner of a grocery and confec-

has no equal on the Cumberland, for its source to



The Dorroh's General Store in Crayne had everything one would want or need in a community.



Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Towery had one of the best hotels anywhere around. Here they are in their buggy in front of the

C. A. Hill is owner of a first class barber shop and is a popular artist. He is a true Kentucky gentleman and good friend.

J. B. Wadlington is one of the contractors and builders of the town and is well employed all the time.

Next Stop Was At Frances

On our stop at Frances, we found the town alive with people making due preparation for the new Presbyterian Church dedication the next day.

Hon. M. F. Pogue owns one of the largest country stores in the county and from the appearance is doing a wonderful business. He treated us as he does everyone, royally. Hon. Pogue has made a nice business and has a nice home and surround-

The surrounding country is good, and the road from Dycusburg to Frances is in very good condi-

Next Stop A Visit to Cravne

My next stop was a vis-Every home looked as if freshly painted and the

spirit of thrift was in evidence whereever you cast vour eve.

One thing to please us most of all was the care of the merchants and farmers for good roads.

The hill at Crayne on the the Marion road, once so rough as to be almost impassible, is now a turnpike, all graveled from top to bottom and is now the best piece of road in the county. We understand that our good friend Dick Cruce is responsible for putting this move on foot and Judge Blackburn for helping him carry it out. If only the roads leading into Marion were half so good what a trade our merchants might expect. The merchants of Crayne

J. F. Dorroh is proprietor of a nice general store that offers dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats, groceries, hardware, everything one would want or need and also handles a nice line of first-class candies, fruits, oranges and apples. And by courteous treatment and fair dealing has won for him-

He has a nice line of goods for his customers to select from and tries to keep what they want.

J. E. Brown is the clever I. C. Railroad agent.

Shady Grove

My next stop was at Shady Grove, which is situated in the eastern part of Crittenden County near the Webster County line. It is a village of about 300 inhabitants and the merchants are enjoying a good trade.

There are three dry good stores, one hardware store, one drug store, grist mill, post office and cold drink stand. Here are the names of the business firms as we take them from our notebook. Drs. Jeff McConnell and G. C. Collins are the physicians, and there are no better to be found in this end of the state. They carry a stock of drugs in connection with their professional

Owen Beard wants to sell you your cold drinks. Give him a call. Messrs J. H. Lamb and W. F. McDowell are the blacksmiths, and they can make anything from a horseshoe nail to a stream

Mrs. B. C. Birchfield wants to supply you in the latest styles of ladies hats. Call and see her.

Fred Lemon wants to trade with you; he handles a variety of goods. W. D. Tudor is the post-

be found than Willie Tudor. He is polite and attentive to everyone that has business with him.

T. C. Land is the barber; he is careful in his work and gives satisfaction.

Richard McDowell is the carpenter and is kept busy. Tudor and Horning are dealers in general merchandise and controls a large trade; in fact, all that Shady Grove needs to do is advertise her business for she is situated so as to draw a large trade.

S. C. Towery and wife keep one of the best hotels in this section of the state.

Opportunity for worship is well provided for. There are two churches, Baptist and Methodist. There is also a splendid school building; in fact, everything indicates a happy and prosperous people.

These wonderful little communities of our past are now just a memory. The names remain with several families living there and their community churches, but that is about all.

(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.



tionery. it to the nice little city of self a splendid trade. Clever I. F. Martin owns N. J. Bishop is the clev-Cravne and found it one Tom Potter the ferry and for reliable of the nicest little railroad er Postmaster with office and courteous treatment, towns of our knowledge. in his nice general store.

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Crittenden Press Letter to the **Editor**

Historical Society thanks supporters as museum

season ends To the Editor:

The Crittenden County Historical Society would like to thank everyone who has shown their interest and support in the Historical Museum this year by visiting and supporting it financially by paying their yearly dues and making donations. We appreciate these efforts by the community and also our loyal members from out of state.

The museum will close for this season on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 3 p.m.

Thanks to everyone for your support this year and we look forward to the new season in April 2026.

Brenda Underdown Chairman, Crittenden County Historical Society

enting or school-related classes. Senior citizens who meet the financial qualifications are eligible to register without those requirements.

Community Christmas registration begins Nov. 7

Program organizers say they especially hope to reach more seniors this year. Only four participated last year. Many seniors may not realize this program is also available

to them, organizers said. Seniors who qualify will receive a food box and small gifts.

Donations for the program may be dropped off Dec. 18 from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m., at Marion Baptist Church. Distribution will

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· Wednesday, Dec. 31: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Bills will be mailed out October 27



Soup season and the soul's rest

It happens every year at about this time. I noticed the darkness. It is that shoulder season, when the last bits of summer are hanging on

in the evening. In the morning, there is a slight tease of a refreshing chill that can't quite make itself felt.

There will be a day, sooner rather than later, that I will get home in the afternoon. It will be dark, windy, rainy, and the leaves will be tumbling onto the ground. The clock on the summer projects will have

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Faith-based columnist

run out. Whatever did not get done will have to wait until spring. I will start the first fire since last spring, chop some celery and onion and drop it into a pan of hot butter as the first step of our evening meal. It will be time to settle into "soup season."

The chorus sound of insects in the evening gives way to the last of the "spring peepers" chirping before hibernation. That distinct smell of fallen leaves decaying that I connect with all the other (more pleasant) aromas of the upcoming season - allspice, cinnamon, cloves, and cardamom. The lower angle of the sun filtering through low clouds feels serene, as though the work is nearly complete and it's time to rest.

This time of year is no less busy than others,

but it does feel that way. Maybe it is the relative predictability of the coming weeks. Visiting with neighbors as their children collect sweets on Halloween. Preparing for Thanksgiving. There is baking to do along with some shopping. Christmas. New Year's Eve.

A little rest.

This is a time of reflection. It is a time of comfort food and familiar smells. It is no accident that we feel nostalgic in the coming months. Many of us make familiar family recipes. The sweet and savory spices wafting about may take us back as far as we can remember. Grief and joy are in the air. There is remembrance and hope for the future. If there are family gatherings, the oldest among us may reach four generations in either direction.

This is the season when we learn how well our time has been used to prepare for life. I think it is another reason we

feel this season more than others. Not just the changes in the weather and daylight, but in our lives as well. It is a time to make extra effort and reach out to our families or those who need one.

Being content does not mean being inactive. Anyone who hosts family gatherings knows this. I have time to think about those who I care about. It is a good time to make that phone call or write that note on a peaceful evening when the mind is settled. It is a time of year to learn how to set aside harsh feelings and pride.

One of my favorite passages in the category of a personal note in the New Testament is at the end of II Timothy. It appears that it was written during "soup season." It is a touching note from an aged apostle to one of his beloved disciples. He writes of people deserting him, and opposing him. He is thankful for Luke. who stayed. He asked for Mark (whom he had a disagreement with years earlier) to join Timothy. But what give this note its power and life is asking for his cloak, books, and parchment - and to come before winter. It was "soup season" and Paul was nearly alone in prison in Rome.

"Do your best to come

in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you; for he is very useful in serving me. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will requite him for his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense no one took my part; all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the message fully, that all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. Do your best to come before winter." (II

to me soon. For Demas.

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Timothy 4:9-18; 21)

changes are part of ongoing efforts to clean up properties, reduce health hazards and promote a safer environment for residents.

The council unanimously approved new penalties for city code violations, significantly increasing fines for a range of infractions that include junked vehicles, garbage, weeds, animals and occupational license issues. The updated fine schedule doubles or even triples some previous penalties and raises administrative costs from \$35 to \$185 per violation. Uncontested fines will now range from \$25 for a first garbage or weeds offense to as much as \$400 for repeated junked vehicle violations, plus towing

House numbers must be visible from the street, according to city ordinance, and notices will be left on doors where noncompliance is detected. Code Enforcement Officer Tanya Byers said the ordinance is meant to protect residents, as first responders and maintenance crews need to be able to quickly locate addresses during emergencies.

The code enforcement officer reported 14 new cases opened and 19 re-

solved during September. The city issued \$295 in citations, with \$185 collected.

The Code Enforcement Board held 11 hearings, with five cases defaulted, one abated and dismissed,

and one abated and paid.

Additionally, the city's website has been updated with final order information for code enforcement. Work continues on creating a list of homes subject to condemnation based on their condition and hazard. A handful of property owners have already agreed to have buildings demolished by spring, Byers said.

Lastly, the council considered a request by Marion and Company for a temporary liquor license. The mayor said the request is for an outdoor beer garden, for which Police Chief Bobby West noted current ordinances do not provide regulations. The city will explore what other cities do in such



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LIHEAP enrollment begins Nov. 3

Enrollment for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) begins Nov. 3 for Crittenden County residents needing help with heating bills this winter.

The program, administered locally through the Pennyrile Allied Community Services (PACS) office, assists income-eligible households with energy costs. The subsidy component provides a one-time payment directly to a participant's utility company or fuel provider.

Benefits range from

\$200 to \$1,000 depending on income, household size and fuel type. Crisis grants of up to \$1,000 are also available for families facing emergencies such as a broken furnace, lack of fuel or a utility shutoff notice.

Applicants do not have to be on public assistance or have an unpaid bill to qualify. Homeowners and renters are both eligible.

To apply, contact the PACS office in Marion or visit the statewide LI-HEAP website. The program runs through April 3, 2026.



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All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court Guill, Melissa Clerk (1t-42-c)

Notice is hereby given that on October 15, 2025, J. Zac Greenwell of 300 Greenwell Lane, Marion, KY 42064 was appointed executor with will annexed of Ann C. Greenwell, deceased, whose address was 101 Rochester St., Marion, KY 42064.

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-16 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §90.05 KEEPING HOGS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular called meeting held on Oct. 20, 2025, at 5 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 Sept. 15, 2025, at 5 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance amends §90.05 Keeping Hogs to read Stockyards/ Barns/Pens for Livestock or exotic animals and shall make it unlawful for any person to operate a stockyard, barn or enclosure for the purpose of keeping animals within the limits of the City. Animals are defined horses, mules, cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, oxen, ponies, ratites, poultry, and others as set forth.

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.

> PREPARED BY: /s/ Robert B. Frazer ROBERT B. FRAZER LEGAL SERVICES OFFICER FRAZER LAW OFFICE ATTORNEYS -AT- LAW P.O. BOX 361 MARION, KY 42064 270/965-2261 October 20, 2025

> > \$100.00 per animal

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 25-17 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §37.21 ORDINANCE FINE SCHEDULE

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

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	Garbage	\$25.00		\$50,00		\$100.00	
		\$50.00		\$100.00		\$200.00	
	Occupational License	\$50.00		\$75.00		\$100.00	
	Junked Vehicles						
	plus towing	\$50.00		\$100.00		\$200.00	
		\$100.00)	\$200.00		\$400.00	
	Weeds nuisances if not otherwise stated						
	plus cost of abatement	\$25.00		\$50.00		\$100.00	
		\$50.00		\$100.00		\$200.00	
(b)	If the citation is contested and a hearing before the code board is required, the following maximum						
	penalties may be imposed at the discretion of the code board:						
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This stunning hobby farm offers the perfect blend of comfort, space, and functionality in a quiet rural setting. Includes a 6-bedroom, 4-bathroom home, two-car attached garage, two snops and a barn.

Crittenden County, KY - 70 Acres - \$244,900 Located less than a mile from the Ohio River, this exceptional hunting property offers a diverse blend of habitat types, making it ideal for deer, turkey, and waterfowl hunting.

Crittenden Co. KY 401.50 Acres - \$2,290,000 401+/- acres in Crittenden County with a 4BR lodge, proven hunting history, food plots, blinds, creeks, pond, and diverse habitat managed for trophy deer and turkey. Turn-key and ready to hunt.

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Sherer Player of Year

Crittenden County's Lilah Sherer (center) was chosen Fifth District Volleyball Player of the Year, and teammates (from left) Brealyn Merrill, Maddie Hearell, Lacey Boone and Grayson Travis were selected to the All-District Team.

EIGHT-PEAT CHAMPS!

V-ball extends school's longest district title run

middle set.

Crittenden County's volleyball team defeated Livingston Central in straight sets Tuesday night in Marion to secure its eighth consecutive district tournament championship. The Lady Rockets have now captured the Fifth District crown every year since 2018. That tournament winning streak is the longest in CCHS history for any scholastic sport. Football and baseball have each managed as many as four straight titles.

The win at Rocket Arena lifts Crittenden County into the regional tournament, which begins next week at Hopkins Cen-

Livingston challenged Crittenden's reign earlier this season, winning a set in a regular-season match that CCHS eventually

won. It marked the first time since 2020 that Livingston - or any other district foe - had taken even a single set from Critten-

den during the regular season. In the district championship game Tuesday, CCHS defeated the Lady Cardi-

nals 25-23, 25-13, 25-21, dominating the

"I would say it's a pretty big deal that we've won districts for eight years in a row," junior Brealyn Merrill said after the tournament finale.

In the title match, senior Lacey Boone had four aces and eight kills; senior Aly Yates recorded 25 digs; junior Braelyn Merrill had 11 kills; junior Maeson Martin added five kills; sophomore Lola Cratty posted 11 digs; and sophomore Maddie Hearell handed out 19 assists.

Rockets complete major mission at Ft. Campbell

Crittenden County is in position to host a first-round playoff game for the first time since moving into Class 2A, thanks to last week's dramatic road win at Fort Campbell.

The 42-31 triumph, the largest comeback in school history, lifted the Rockets to 5-3 overall and 3-1 in district play. That sets up a decisive home showdown Friday at Rocket Stadium against arch-rival Caldwell County (6-2, 3-1). The winner secures the district's No. 2 seed — and homefield advantage in the opening round of the Class 2A postseason.

While Caldwell has dominated the alltime series 45-12, the Rockets have won two of the last three meetings. They'll look to avenge a 36-27 loss at Princeton last fall.

Friday's victory at Fryar Stadium was nothing short of remarkable. Down 29-7 late in the second quarter, Crittenden rallied behind senior quarterback Quinn Summers and record-setting receiver Caden Howard, who connected for four touchdown passes, three after halftime. The Rockets blanked the Falcons in the second half, scoring 27 unanswered points after trailing by 22.

The night began with adversity. The team bus spent nearly an hour waiting to clear Fort Campbell's security gate, cutting warmup time to almost nothing. Then injuries, including one to senior linebacker Brayden Poindexter and another to senior lineman Braydin Brandsasse, left the defense short-handed early.

Halftime provided a much-needed pause for CCHS, the Falcons had rolled up 16 first downs and a pile of yards by ground and air, exploiting Crittenden's shorthanded defense.

"We had a big play going into the half when Quinn was able to hit Caden on the post and get it to two scores," Coach Gaige Courtney said. "I thought that



Rocket defenders led here by Braydin Brandsasse (77), Azariah Rich (16) and Aiden Musser (56) found a way to stop Fort Campbell 4 times in the red zone.

was huge going into the half because we were struggling, we were turning the ball over, we were having trouble getting stops and we were banged up. We had some key guys out, but that touchdown sparked us."

The second half belonged entirely to the Rockets. Summers and Howard hooked up on touchdowns of 21, 29, and 1 yard, part of a 27-2 Crittenden run that flipped the game upside down. The only points Fort Campbell managed after intermission came on a safety when the Rockets were flagged for holding in their own end zone.

Crittenden's defense stiffened its back nearly every time it was against the wall, forcing four red-zone stops and intercepting one pass. None was bigger than a fourth-down stand near midfield with just over four minutes left, virtually killing Fort Campbell's chances of any late heroics.

Moments later, senior running back Trae "Juice" Taylor ripped off a 52-yard run to the Falcon 4-yard line, setting up Summers' sneak that sealed the comeback and sent the Rocket sideline into euphoria.

"I don't know what to say. The first half was just awful and the second half was just pretty dang good," Courtney said. "It's been kind of a crazy day, being stuck at the checkpoint and not even knowing if we were going to get

Taylor finished with 93 rushing yards, while Summers threw for 214 and added another 36 on the ground. Howard's night - eight catches for 102 yards and four touchdowns - added another chapter to his storied high school career

The win was Crittenden's fifth in six

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Crittenden Co. 8 13 14 Fort Campbell 9 20

SCORING PLAYS

FtC-J.P. Perryman 73 kickoff return (kick blocked) 11:47, 1st

C-Eli Lovell 71 kickoff return (Mitchell Brown kick) 1:07,

FtC-Perryman 15 pass from Tanner Walters (Couch

kick) 11:53, 2nd FtC-Levi Kruse 16 pass from Walters (Couch kick)

FtC-Keshawn Dixon 3 run (kick blocked) 1:48, 2nd C-Caden Howard 32 pass from Quinn Summers (Summers run):54,2nd

C-Howard 21 pass from Summers (Brown kick) 10:15, 3rd

C-Howard 29 pass from Summers (run failed) 1:48. 3rd C-Howard 1 pass from Summers (Brown kick) 8:15, 4th C-Summers 1 run (Brown kick) 2:14, 4th

TEAM TOTALS First Downs: CCHS 13, FCHS 22 Penalties: CCHS 6-29. FCHS 8-70

Rushing: CCHS 16-129, FCHS 51-253 Passing: CCHS 15-26-2, 214; FCHS 13-26-1, 196 Total Yards: CCHS 343, FCHS 449

Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 5-3; FCHS 4-1 **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Rushing

CCHS: Trae Taylor 8-93, Summers 8-36. FCHS: Dixon 33-173, Walters 13-46.

Passing

CCHS: Summers 15-26-2, 214. FCHS: Walters 13-26-1.196.

Receiving

CCHS: Howard 8-102, Lovell 2-13, Noah Byford 1-7, Davis Perryman 1-18, Brayden Poindexter 1-23, Taylor 1-31, Dokota Sosh 1-20. FCHS: Perryman 6-115, Kruse 3-48.

Brandsasse 2 solos; M.Counts 2 solos; Hall 5 solos, 5 assists, 2 TFL; Howard 4 solos, 5 assists, interception; Pierson 3 solos, 2 assists, blocked kick; B.Poindexter 8 solos, 5 assists, TFL; D.Sosh 2 solos, 2 assists; Stevenson 6 solos, assist, 2 TFL, blocked kick; Taylor 3 solos, assist; Byford 4 solos, assist; Musser 4 solos; Perryman 2 solos, assist; Lovell 4 solos, 3 assists, 2 TFL; A.Rich 2 solos, 2 assists; Bumpus 7 solos, 6 assists, TFL, caused fumble, fumble recovery; Herrington solo: Hughes solo.

Players of the Game: Offense Caden Howard, Defense Joel Bumpus; Special Teams Eli Lovell; Lineman Michael Counts.

Records: CCHS 5-3 (3-1), FCHS 3-5 (1-2)

Cross country Rockets line up for regional Saturday

Crittenden County's cross country teams will line up Saturday in Russellville for the Class A Region 1 Championships with hopes of advancing runners to next week's state meet in Lexington.

Crittenden County placed sixth in the varsity boys' 2-mile run at last week's Fellowship of Christian Athletes race at Noble Park in Paducah. The squad was led by River Rogers, who finished 20th overall in 12:49.67. Teammates Noah Martinez (22nd, 12:53.75), Gaige Markham (36th, 13:31.38), Landon Starkey (48th, 14:56.77) and Miles Yates (52nd, 15:39.87) rounded out the Rockets' scoring.

For Livingston Central, Brayden Keeling finished in 15:10.74 for 50th Crittenden County seventhplace, followed by Hunter Wilson grader London McCord at (56th, 17:52.94), Brenden Parish last week's FCA race. (57th, 17:53.31) and Jesse Sharp (60th, 18:34.54).



Crittenden County's girls' team finished third in the varsity 2mile run, led by Presley Potter, who placed 20th overall in 16:17.87. Ella Geary was next for the Lady Rockets in 21st at 16:26.93, followed by Ella Whitney (27th, 17:20.75), Braelyn Fulkerson (29th, 17:48.94) and London McCord (34th, 19:38.28). Hannah Whitney also competed for Crittenden, finishing 39th in 22:02.71.



Crittenden County cross country team finished its regular season last week and is focused now on Saturday's regional race at Russellville. Team members are (front from left) London McCord, Addie Nelson, Hannah Whitney, Presley Potter, Ella Geary, Ella Whitney, manager Cheyenne Starkey, (back) Coach Sandra Martinez, Coach Nick Martinez, Landon Starkey, Miles Yates, CJ Nelson, Gaige Markham, Noah Martinez and River Rogers.

CCMS names new coach

Reidland High School graduate Matt Cornwell will help build Crittenden County's new middle school baseball program.

graduate who played football and baseball



ously fielded non-school-related teams

school-aged competitors, next spring will mark the first time it has had an official,

that played schedules against middle

school-affiliated program.

Jr Pro Rockets remain perfect, lock up No. 1 postseason berth Crittenden County's 3rd-4th grade

Junior Pro Rockets locked up the No. 1 seed for next week's football jamboree with a dominant 32-0 victory Saturday at Webster County. They'll host Caldwell County at 10 a.m. this Saturday.

Crittenden was explosive on offense, running 29 plays for 223 yards and five touchdowns. Colton James broke loose for 70 yards and a score on just two carries, while quarterback Ayden Oliver

put up some of the biggest passing totals ever in a 3rd-4th grade game. He completed 10 of 15 passes for 154 yards and two touchdowns, bringing his season totals to more than 400 passing yards with a 63% completion rate.

Grayson Congenie caught three passes for 86 yards and a touchdown, and Boone Tabor added four grabs for 36 yards and another score.

Defensively, Crittenden held Webster

to negative yardage, 21 plays for minus-24 yards. Dagan Taylor led Crittenden with seven tackles, three assists and a tackle for loss. Chase Winders was a force with three tackles, an assist, three tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and two recoveries. Koleson Tinsley contributed three tackles and an assist.

Crittenden's 5th-6th graders lost 16-6 in 2 overtimes at Webster to fall to 1-5 on the season.



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Crittenden Counry Middle School's seventh-grade team includes (seated from left) Gabe Belt, Eli Taylor, Knox Champion, Wyatt Craft, Grayson Littlefield, Gunner Littlefield, Tripp Martin, Beau Robinson, coach Brian Farmer, (back) coach Brandon Stinnett, Landry Pollard, Conley Palmer, Eastyn Howell, Parker Lingerfelt, Brady Polk, Noah Moss, Rex Boone, Kyran Martin, Bode Merrill, Barrett Brown, Axel Topp and coach Roy Gene Rogers.

Crittenden County Middle School's eighthgrade basketball team members are (seated from left) Beau Maraman, Brier Brown, Kash Myers, Draven Farmer, Coach Brian Farmer, (back) Coach Brandon Stinnett, Oakley Sherer, Noah Moss, Gage Adamson, Eli Taylor and Coach Roy Gene Rogers.





Crittenden County Middle School basketball team members are (front from left) Lydia Hearell, Addie Nelson, Brooklyn Lovell, Fiona Louden, Karlee Jent, Mela Penn, Olivia Mattingly, (back) managers Raeanna Caleb, Sofia Fitch, Kiwi Scott, Elizabeth Greenwell, Mattie Moss, Madalyn Henry, Ellie Binkley, Reid Poindexter, Kora Belle Penn, Aria Kinnis, Scarlett Bock, assistant coach Jessica Penn and head coach Jessie Johnson.



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Mela Kate Penn provides post defense on the ball while Lydia Hearell and Reid Poindexter provide support.

KY Wildcats' NIL payroll tops \$20M

STAFF REPOR

Kentucky men's basketball's payroll has reportedly topped \$20 million, according to a Lexington Herald-Leader and Kentucky Today report late last week.

The Wildcats' estimated \$22 million roster budget surpasses last season's total and far exceeds the roughly \$4 million John Calipari used to assemble his final team before departing for Arkansas.

Coach Mark Pope, entering his first season at the helm, joked recently that the number might as well be "close to \$200 million."

"We would like to win at everything, guys, like, we really would," Pope said. "This is the flagship program in the country, and so I'm fully on board with all of it."

Pope said the program embraces the expectations that come with Kentucky basketball.

"We want to play the hardest schedule. We want to play the best teams. We want to win the most games. We want to have the best players. We want to have the highest NIL. We want to have the coolest uniforms. We want to have the most media attention," he told the newspaper.

paper.
Transfer guard Denzel

Aberdeen, who joined the Wildcats after Florida's national championship run last season, said NIL opportunities weren't the primary factor in his decision to come to Lexington.

"I don't think we all look at it as NIL," he said. "We all came to play basketball at the University of Kentucky. It's an amazing program. That's our main goal, just trying to win No. 9 for the community and trying to get to the NBA."

Meanwhile, Calipari, who is now coaching at Arkansas, weighed in on the sport's shifting land-scape at SEC Tipoff in Birmingham, saying college basketball must address the transactional nature of NIL and the transfer portal.

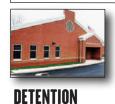
"If I become transactional, I'm going to pay you this to do this and that, then I won't do this anymore," Calipari said. "You just can't transfer four times because it's not good for you. Four schools in four years... you'll never have a college degree."

Calipari said he supports players transferring once without penalty but believes a second move should require sitting out a year. "We're doing a disservice to these kids the way it's being handled right now," he said.



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Crittenden County Detention Center



CENTER REPORT

September 18, 2025

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count is an average for last month.

 Federal Inmates \$57 Per diem · State Inmates \$35.34 Per diem Lyon County Inmates \$36.00Other County Inmates \$40.00

LAST MONTH CASH FLOW Total Receipts \$412,965.04 Disbursements \$300,006.55

JAIL CENSUS	Sept 2025 Avg	Aug 2025 Avg	Montly Average 2024
State Inmates	87.9	85.1	75.38
Federal Inmates	52.2	50.5	67.69
Other County Inmates	27.7	25.8	21.82
Critenden County Inmates	18.4	16.4	19.86
TOTAL INMATES	186.2	177.8	184.75
Highest Daily Count	198	188	195.67
Lowest Daily Count	182	167	178.75

DEVENUE			
ast Month REVENUE	September 2025	August 2025	Montly Average 2024
State Housing Payments	\$93,191.58	\$93,191.58	\$81,220.16
ederal Housing Payments	\$89,319.00	\$89,205.00	\$116,235.25
ederal Transport Payments	\$8,413.69	\$8,980.00	\$13,566.71
yon Co. Housing Payments	\$26,856.00	\$26,820.00	\$21,399.00
Other County Housing Payments	\$2,880.00	\$960.00	\$1,802.17
Veekend/Work Release	\$560.00	\$1,280.00	\$477.33
TOTAL HOUSING	\$221,220.27	\$220,437.38	\$234,709.79
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TOTAL HOUSING	\$221,220.27	\$220,437.38	\$234,709.79
Last Month ANALYSIS			
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$22,080.00	\$20,320.00	\$19,290.67
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	552	380	602.83
County Daily Housing Rate	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$32
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	18.4	12.6	19.86



Crittenden County Class of 1961 held its 64th class reunion late last month. Pictured are (front from left) Janet McDaniel Gregory, Janet Belt Stevens, Jean Putnel Carrero, Sandra Belt Valade, Nancy Tobin Hurst, (back) Loreen Brandon Horsfield, Judy Wilson Hodge, Shirley Coleman Mounts, Phillis Rorer Risner, Peggy Travis Easley, Joyce Love Waston, (back) Ralph Moore, Orville Truitt, Joe Cook, Carlton Shewcraft, Eddie Myers, Doyle C. Hughes, Nancy Conyer Rasce and Carol Thurman Hanoi.

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JAILS

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Those expenses – combined with declining state funding for county roads, soaring employee, property and liability insurance premiums, higher rental costs, and escalating jail expenses – have all been cited in recent months as mounting pressures on the county budget. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom recently warned that, without changes at the jail, the county could be pushed to the brink of bankruptcy.

Hayes says she's not going to resign and stands firmly behind the job she has done operating the jail.

According to the jail's financial and inmate reports from September, the detention center operated in the black for the month, but Newcom told magistrates last week at their regular monthly meeting that the general fund is still being used to supplement the facility. About \$47,000 was transferred to the jail in September.

same across Kentucky based on testimony from a September meeting of the state legislature's Interim Joint Committee on Local Government. Representatives from Webster, Knox, Hardin and Grant counties each told lawmakers that jail costs are eroding their counties' ability to fund other services.

Webster County Judge-Executive Steve Henry said more than half of his county's general fund property tax revenue now goes to jail expenses. In Knox County, Judge-Executive Mike Mitchell said \$3 million from occupational tax collections, money that could otherwise fund local development, will instead be diverted to jail operations this year. Hardin County Judge-Executive Keith Taul reported that even annual maximum property tax hikes and an expanded industrial taxing district haven't been enough to keep pace with jail costs.

The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo), which represents all 120 counties, has identified jail funding as its top legislative priority heading into the 2026 General Assembly. At its Septemmembers unanimously endorsed developing a proposal to reshape how Kentucky's 77 operating county jails share costs and responsibilities with the state.

According to KACo data, county governments spent nearly \$350 million on jail operations in fiscal year 2023, excluding Fayette and Jefferson counties. The state reimburses counties \$35.34 per day per state inmate, a rate that has not kept pace with inflation or actual costs,

county leaders say. State programs do provide limited assistance, according to KACO, such as medical allotments, bed allotments based on outdated 1980 census data, and catastrophic medical reimbursements for inmate care exceeding \$1,000. However, county officials say amounts are negligible compared to rising medical and staffing expenses.

"This problem didn't happen overnight," Grant County Magistrate Jacqalynn Riley told the legislative committee last month and reported in the KACo newsletter, "and it's not going to fix



Here is Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head's monthly activity for his department.

		2024
	Aug	Mo.Avg
Collisions Investigated	4	7.6
Complaints	36	66.8
Papers Served	41	53.0
Unsuccessful Service Attempts	4	5.5
Total Service Attempts	76	104.1
Transports	4	4.3
Special Detail	122	58.7
Training Hours	147	41.1
Verbal Warning	4	24.4
Courtesy Notice	0	_
Criminal Citation	13	17.7
Officer Assist	6	5.7
Building Checks	54	50.6
Total Manhours	765.5	832
Bailiff Court Hours	87.25	86.7
Cases Opened	6	8.0
Felony Arrests	9	8.8
Followup Investigations	5	29.3
Misdemeanor Arrests	10	10
Motorist Assists	3	8.3
DUIs	1	2.5
Traffic Citations	1	14.1
General Policing	243	156
Call for Service	35	21



Berry wins 1st at Ohio rodeo

Crittenden County sixth grader Raelynn Berry and her partner Harper Grace Pierce of Georgia earned first place out of 35 teams in All American Quarter Horse Congress rodeo event in Constitution, Ohio Oct. 18.

The event requires contestants to heard nine out of 10 cows into the corral at record speed. One cow of the 10 cows marked with an X cannot enter the chute.

Berry is the daughter of Aaron and Davanna Berry and granddaughter of Todd and Paula Berry

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