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Three write-ins on ballot for Marion City Council

Friday at 4 p.m., is the deadline to file as a write-in candidate in local elections. There are various offices available for write-in candidacy in Crittenden, Livingston and Caldwell counties, including those for city council in Marion, Salem and Fredonia. In Marion, three have filed to seek election to the city council where only five individuals will be named on the ballot with six seats open. Nikki Conger, Eddie Lee Belt and Frank Pierce have filed as write-in options for Marion City Council. Voters can cast ballots for none, any or all of the write-ins. There are four candidates on the ballot in Salem for city council and none in Fredonia. A write-in candidate must be registered to be elected. There are no candidates for city council in Carrsville and Smithland, so all of those seats would be available via write-in.

CLWD gets DRA grant for \$408K

The Delta Regional Authority (DRA), in collaboration with Kentucky, has recently allocated nearly \$2 million to support six projects in western Kentucky through its States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP), a key investment tool of the DRA.

Among these projects is a significant investment of \$408,000 to support the expansion of the Crittenden-Livingston Water District (CLWD). Tim Thomas, a water project consultant working with Marion and the two-county water district, stated that these funds will serve as matching dollars for a Community Development Block Grant that the water district has already received. This grant will be used to construct a clear well at CLWD's plant in Pinkneyville, located on the Cumberland River south of Salem in Livingston County. CLWD is involved in an expansion project to double its capacity to make drinking water from 2 million gallons a day to 4 million.

Additionally, as previously announced, this same Delta Regional program recently provided \$1 million to the City of Marion to help offset costs associated with the construction of its new wastewater treatment plant.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Project Development Board will meet at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the county office complex. This will be the November meeting, because it was originally scheduled on Election Day and had to be moved.

•Crittenden County Central Ballot Processing Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31 at the County Office Complex to process mail-in absentee ballots. Both major political parties are represented on the committee, which is comprised of Mandi Shuecraft, Brenda Guess and Sue Padgett.

Blazina is MSU Queen



Marion resident Maggie Blazina

STAFF REPORT

Murray State University senior Maggie Blazina, 20, of Marion, was crowned Homecoming Queen on Saturday during festivities at Roy Stewart Stadium. MSU lost the annual homecoming football game 40-32 to Illinois State in front of 16,000 fans.

A 2022 graduate of Crittenden County High School, Blazina is studying public relations, agriculture, and nonprofit leadership at Murray State. She is also vice president of the Student Government Association and vice president of her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi (AOPI). Blazina is a new inductee of the Order of Omega and a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA). She is currently interning with The Wealth Management Group in Paducah.

Blazina is also a member of the CMA EDU Academy in Nashville, a career development program offered by the Country Music Association to select students who have demonstrated a drive to succeed in the music industry. As part of the program, she will work at the CMA Awards next month.

She is the daughter of Johnny and Tiffany Blazina of Marion.

Blazina is the second CCHS graduate to be crowned homecoming queen at MSU in the past four years. Mollie McGowan received the honor in 2021.



CCMS science teacher Neal Bryant talks about a project with students.

Husband-wife teacher team part of science's Top 10 rank

After the release of state test scores earlier this month, Kentucky's Commissioner of Education, Robbie Fletcher, voiced concern over the state's declining science performance. While many schools across Kentucky have struggled, Crittenden County Middle School stands out with impressive

science results. Among the 319 middle schools statewide, CCMS ranked ninth in science, with nearly half of its seventh graders reaching proficient or distinguished status.

Neal Bryant, the seventh-grade science teacher at CCMS, attributes this success to a combination of student initiative, staff col-

laboration and strong relationships.

"The kids deserve a lot of credit," Bryant said. "They worked really hard all year long."

Bryant also highlighted the role of his teaching partner and wife, Becky Bryant, who teaches sixth-

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Local historian Underdown honored by Preservation KY

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County historian Brenda Underdown will be honored Saturday, Oct. 26, by Preservation Kentucky. Underdown received an honorable mention in the Edith S. Bingham Excellence in Preservation Education category, one of 10 Excellence in Preservation Leadership Awards pre-

sented annually. The recognition event will take place at The Delegate Hotel in Frankfort, which was built in 1897 as a warehouse and is an example of the type of adaptive reuse projects celebrated by Preservation Kentucky.

Excellence in Preservation

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Brenda Underdown is on the left in this file photo from a historical program a few years ago at Fohs Hall.



Timothy Paris has been held since Feb. 2022

No trial for now in murder case

STAFF REPORT

A man accused of fatally shooting his father in rural Crittenden County in February 2022 has been temporarily deemed incompetent to stand trial.

Timothy Paris, 40, of Marion, was ordered by the Crittenden Circuit Court last week to be transferred from the Crittenden County Detention Center, where he has been held

on a \$1 million bond since the shooting. He will be moved to the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center, which is part of the Luther Luckett Correctional Complex, located on the grounds of the Kentucky State Reformatory in La Grange.

Following a motion by his attorney

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Rare work demands rare price

The recent auction price of a rare, 237-year-old privately held copy of the U.S. Constitution for a staggering \$9 million is a powerful reminder of the deep roots of American values and the importance of preserving our remarkable heritage. This historic artifact, discovered in a neglected room among papers from an early American governor in Edenton, N.C., encapsulates the very essence of our nation's founding principles, making it not just a relic, but a beacon for rural Americans who cherish tradition and the values upon which this country was founded, built and sustained.

As we reflect on the significance of this sale, we must remember that the Constitution is more than a document; it represents the struggles, sacrifices and ideals of a diverse group of individuals who sought to create a better future. It is no more an out-dated antique than the Holy Bible, both of which continue to timelessly inspire and direct our lives despite their age.

For many in my neighborhood – and throughout rural America – these ideals resonate deeply. Our communities thrive on principles of self-governance, personal responsibility and the unwavering belief that freedom is a birthright that was not achieved without great sacrifice. Like those in the Bible, values enshrined in the Constitution are not just words on parchment; they reflect the moral compass that guides our everyday lives and responsibilities.

The fact that this copy was linked to Samuel Johnston, North Carolina's first governor, underscores the local ties that bind our national identity. Johnston played a pivotal role in ratification of the Constitution, reminding us that the roots of our democracy run deep into the soil of our states, including those often overlooked by the coastal elites. His story is one of leadership grounded in a commitment to the greater good – something we in rural America understand all too well. I find strength in the values we hold dear and as we approach election day, those provide a core of understanding and guidance in the ballot booth.

The first copy of the Constitution ever sold – another that had originally been sent to a state prior to final adoption – went for \$400 in 1891. The last copy of the Constitution sent to delegates (one of 14 known copies) was sold to a billionaire investor for a record \$43.2 million in 2021.

Prices for historical documents should serve as a wake-up call for us to take

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Deaths

Dowell

William Gary Dowell, 61, of Marion, died Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024.

He was born June 23, 1963 in Princeton, to Edith Josephine Dowell. He is a graduate of Lyon County High School Class of 1981. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his wife and family. He was outgoing, friendly and was always lending a helping hand to those around him in need.

Surviving are his wife, Becky Carmon Dowell; a daughter, Chelsea (David) Gregory; a son, Ryan Dowell; a grandson, Kyler Goodwin; his mother, Josephine Dowell; mother and father-in-law, Linda and Ron Pederson; five siblings, Dwayne (Debbie) Dowell, Tammy Caraway, Janice



(Doug) Keel, Renee Dowell and Anthony (Rachel) Dowell; two brothers-in-law, Chris (Amy) Carmon and Doug Hargrove; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Floyd and Lucille Percy.

Private memorial services were held. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jennings

Naoma Jennings, 87, of Tucson, Ariz., died in her home Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024.

She was the beloved wife and best friend for 64 years of the late Doyle Jennings and loving mother of Pamela (the late) Andy Banicki of St. John, Ind., and Douglas (Belen) Jennings of Tucson, Ariz., dear grandmother of Grace Cunningham, James, and Gabrielle Jennings



all from Arizona and Greg (Erin) Banicki, Shaun (Samantha) Banicki and Zack (Katie) Banicki, all from Ill. She was the dearest great-grandmother to Alani, Claire, Andi, and Charlie.

She was also survived by a sister-in-law Sandy (the late) Jack Newell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hughey and Cleo Hodge; siblings Neta (the late) Walter Pine, Jean Hall, fiancé (the late) Ike Burger and Leon (the late) Pearl Hodge; Robert and Corine York, sisters-in-law, Regina (the late) Walton Woodall, Rose Clark (the late) Jack Richardson and Donna Minton (Frank Hamilton).

Jennings was born and raised in Marion, where she married Doyle the day after she graduated high school. They moved to northern Illinois and eventually settled in Crete, Ill., to raise their family. She retired from the Crete-Monee school district where she worked in the administration office. When she and Doyle retired in

1993, they returned to Marion to be with their families and renew friendships. They lived in Kentucky until 2017 when they relocated to Tucson. She lost her love, Doyle in 2020 and remained in Tucson until her passing. She was loved by many nieces and nephews, family, friends and Sisters in Alpha Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, a community service sorority.

A celebration of life will be held in May 2025 (their anniversary) in Marion. Additional information will be given next year.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harmony Community Healthcare Foundation, 310 S Williams Blvd, Suite 210, Tucson, AZ 85715.

Paid Obituary

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myersfuneralhomeonline.com
boydfuneraldirectors.com
gilbertfunerals.com



Class of ‘68

Crittenden County Class of 1968 held its 56th reunion Sept. 21 with 33 classmates attending, along with several of their spouses. Front from left are Teddy Dalton, Joanie Stone Glore, Peggy Fryar Belt, Vicky Hollis Cox, Carol McDaniel Hunt, Shirley Long Dycus, Kathy Bebout Omer, Birdie Peek Matz, Regina Peek, Becky Driver Conger, (middle) Phillis Myers Hardin, Katie Lee Easley Hosman, Brenda Belt Alexander, Sandra Riley Dickerson, Debbie Summers McKinney, Gwen Belt Melton, Sharon Orr Riley, (back) Eddie Hunt, Lynn Walker, Robert Orr, Sam Brown, Bill Fritts, Marlin Patton, James Peterson, Bobby Weldon, Doug Hughes, Wayne Spratt, Ronnie Thomas, Barbara Conway Brickman, Betty Hill Ingram, Wayne Howerton, Michael Oliver and Sheila Brantley Truitt.



Class of ‘74

Members of Crittenden County High School’s Class of 1974 celebrated their 50th reunion Friday at La Cantina before being recognized at the football game. From left are Mike McConnell, Alan Stout, Danny Linzy, Bubby Westberry (second row) Valerie Brantley, Phyllis Martin, Eva Guggenheim, Jam Davis, Rosemary Trowbridge, Doug Webb, Billy Stallion, LaDonne Penn, Connie Thomas, James Willoughby, Evelyn Elder (third row) Beth Baker, Nancy Paris, Wade Thomas, Terry Boone, Ramona Ford, Danny Martin, Jim Johnson, Debra Robinson, Jerry Cloyd, Gerald Elder, (fourth row) Paul Loyd, Clayton Brantley, David Tharp, Roger Roberts, Alan Lynn, Glenn Hughes and Bob Trowbridge.


CCHS hosts informative family event

A Fall Into Family event hosted by Crittenden County High School is 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Parents and students will be provided college, career and technical information, tips on completing the Federal

Student Aid form (FAFSA) and given information about Madisonville Dual Credit opportunities.

This Title I Family Engagement Event is open to all CCHS families. A light meal will be served.



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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Oct. 24

- Line dancing begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
- Crittenden County Public Library Board meets at 5 p.m., in the library meeting room.
- The 4-H Cooking Club will meet in the Extension Annex at 5:30 p.m.
- An information meeting for Millennials and Gen X interested in forming a new Crittenden County Homemakers club begins at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. Call (270) 965-5236 for more information.

Friday, Oct. 25

- Preschool story time for ages 0-6 is held from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library.

Saturday, Oct. 26

- Former employees of Moore Business Forms will meet at noon at La Delicia Mexican Restaurant.

Monday, Oct. 28

- Narrative Navigators Book Club for fifth- through ninth-graders will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m., to discuss the book "Futureland: The Nightmare Hour," by H.D. Hunter.

Tuesday, Oct. 29

- Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the school library.
- Lego Club for grades 1-5 will meet at 3:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 30

- Crittenden County Middle School SBDM will meet at 3:45 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 31

- Coffee Club for young adults will celebrate Halloween at 3:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library, with a discussion of "The Clown in the Cornfield," by Adam Cesare. Wear a clown costume and earn a prize.

11 complete reading challenge

Eleven adults completed the Crittenden County Public Library's reading challenge June 1 through Aug. 31.

The Friends of the Library sponsored the Adult Summer Reading Program, which required each participant to read 13 books. Of the 23 readers that signed up for the challenge, 11 completed it.

Friends of the Library is in the process of planning a winter reading challenge.

Contact the library for more information.



Seated (from left) are participants Reagan Parrent, Carol Harrison and Barbara Gross; (back) Melissa Guill, Roger Drennan, Jenny Zimmer, Shawnee Pace and Florence Williams.



Please join us for a
FIRST RESPONDER TRUNK OR TREAT

OCT. 31, 6-9 p.m.

Meet and greet our Crittenden County First Responders. First Responders will be on site with emergency vehicles for all ages to experience and enjoy. Candy will be handed out as well during this event.

265 Club Dr., Marion, KY @ The Lions Club



Mexico Baptist invites you to

Trunks of Treats

Sunday, October 27

4pm Hayride
5pm Meal
6pm Devotional
then trunks full of treats!

Trick-or-Treat on Main; Trunk-or-Treat afterward

Trick—or–Treat on Main Street will be from 3:30–5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 31 for children. Afterward at the fairgrounds, there will be a Trunk–or–Treat and fellowship event from 6–9 p.m., sponsored by Marion and Crittenden County first responders. Fellowship and fun will be inside the Lions Club Agriculture Building and outside will be fire trucks, an ambulance and police cars on display, and youth can meet their local first responders. The event doubles as a fellowship event for all first responders in the area.

295 bridge remains closed at county line

KY 295 remains closed at the Crittenden–Lyon County Line at the Livingston Creek Bridge due to structural issues on the bridge. Information provided late last week from the Transportation Cabinet said engineers anticipate ongoing environmental and design work will progress to allow plans for a new bridge to be ready for bidding this fall with construction to follow.

Leppek new Extension office staff assistant

Becky Leppek sought advice from Crittenden County’s agriculture and natural resources agent when she and her family moved onto a 40–acre farm. It was that connection that led to part–time and now full–time employment as the Crittenden County Extension staff assistant. Leppek grew up in a farming family in Michigan and relocated to Crittenden County four years ago as a result of her husband’s employment in Morganfield. “I came in to see Dee Heimgartner for advice for my produce,” she said. “It is different than what I grew up on in Michigan, different soil, different climate,” she explained. Leppek offers support to each of the three agents in the Extension office, Leslea Barnes, Heimgartner and Rebecca Woodall. “You can’t this place, there are so many nice people in and out of the office all the time.”



Sen. Paul visits Marion

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul (R–KY) addressed a crowd of 60 people and took questions during a town hall meeting in Marion Thursday, Oct. 17 at H&H Home and Hardware. Paul spoke about the shrinking value of the American dollar, shamed the national deficit and cited examples of frivolous government spending. Examples he



Dates: Things to Do

- Saturday is the final night for **Tolu Haunted House**.
- Follow the Livingston County Bale Trail and vote for your favorites. Winners will be announced Nov. 2 at the Livingston County Bale Blast at the Extension office parking lot. Go to **Livingston County KY Bale Trail** on Facebook for details on how to vote and how kids can participate in Bale Blast.



provided are those involving a study on the promiscuity of Japanese quail under the influence of cocaine, a study of cod fish to determine whether gin or tequila makes them more aggressive and research seeking to determine if seeing selfies makes individuals happier. “These are some of the things I fight on a daily basis, I don’t always win but I’m thinking long and hard about what is best for our country, what our founding fathers believed in, that our rights come from our creator, the bill of rights is what I was sent there to defend and I enjoy doing it and will keep fighting as long as you will have me there.” The conservative senator praised local and state governments’ abilities to operate on balanced budgets unlike the federal government, which is paying nearly \$1 trillion annually in interest on its national debt. “I’ve been saying, ‘Why don’t we spend what comes in?’ It’s not that controversial, it’s not even Republican or Democrat,” Paul said. “Just spend what comes in because it’s the fiscally sound thing to do.” Paul answered questions from the crowd related to Amendment 2, erosion of the Cumberland River at Dycusburg and FEMA red tape.

His opinion is that Amendment 2 opens the door for legislators to vote on changes that could be beneficial to students in large cities plagued by safety, poverty and a lack of school choice. “It may not have an effect here. I know it’s emotional, public schools can and do great things and probably yours do, but for schools where kids are losing to poverty and crime, we have to try to do something different,” he said.



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Crittenden County School Superintendent Tonya Driver, who was at the event, spoke up and said public schools accept all students and are equipped to educate all ability levels. The concern of administrators in Kentucky’s public schools, she said, is that funding will be reduced in order to provide tuition vouchers for private schools. “There is a mom in Louisville whose kid has to go every day to a school full of violence, drugs and weapons and this gives that kid and mom a chance to go to a better school, and I can’t be against that; it doesn’t have to take anything away from public schools,” Paul said.

Trial set for felony case involving minor victim

Circuit Court Judge Daniel Heady set a trial for March 31, 2025 for Jonathan Richard Luis Kentfield, 40, of Marion who is accused of felony procurement or promotion of a minor under the age of 12 involving sexual or other prohibited activities (electronic means) and distribution of obscene material to a minor, first offense, which is a Class A misdemeanor. The judge set two days for the trial. Kentfield was arrested and bonded out of jail in January. A Class C felony carries a minimum 5–year sentence. Kentucky State Police investigated the matter. The police citation says that the investigating officer received a complaint about the situation that reportedly occurred on Aug. 23, 2023. As part of the probe, Kentfield’s smartphone was confiscated and searched. On it, police allege that sexually explicit material was found and that material was alleged to have been sent to an 11–year–old girl. Police records also alleged that evidence of the situation was found in the victim’s journal.

Dedication is Tuesday for new justice center

There will be a formal dedication Tuesday for the proposed new Crittenden County Justice Center on the lawn of the existing courthouse. County leaders, judges, legislators and other dignitaries will be part of the event, which begins at 1 p.m. The program will last about an hour and there will be a reception afterwards at The Venue on Carlisle Street. Judge–Executive Perry Newcom said work to tear down the existing courthouse will begin the following day. The proposed new justice center will cost about \$20 million and is being paid for by the Kentucky Justice Cabinet.



50 YEARS AGO

October 24, 1974

■ Thirty county supporters of incumbent Republican Senator Marlow Cook rode a bus to Louisville to hear President Gerald Ford endorse Cook and other Republican candidates. Those attending the speech paid \$15 for a cold box dinner. The consensus of those on the bus was that Mrs. Paul Sullenger’s sandwiches, served during the trip, were more tasty. ■ Salem Elementary School observed its annual fall festival with a fried chicken supper that included mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw and pies. Activities included bingo, cake walk, fish pond, dart game, Coke toss, arts and crafts display and the Hall of Horrors. ■ The winner for the homecoming parade float went to the CCHS sophomore class. The float’s theme read, “Proud are we while the Pirates walk the plank.” The other three classes at CCHS tied for second place with their entries. ■ Children wishing to paint windows for Halloween were urged to stop by the Sears Catalog Store to register. Students participating were allowed to check out of school early to begin painting their scenes. This was approved for the Chamber of Commerce by local school officials. Students took their registration card to the store whose window they were to paint and the clerk gave them \$2 to purchase paint and supplies from North Court Hardware. Windows were judged by the Chamber of Commerce.

25 YEARS AGO

October 28, 1999

■ Crittenden County’s little league football split a double header at home against Caldwell County to end their regular season. The third– and fourth–grade Rockets knocked off the Tigers 14–0 and anchored second place in the league standings. ■ The Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association’s league came to a close. Participants Jordan Croft and teammates Logan Cochran, Katie Peek and Jacon Crider were pictured in The Press during youth soccer’s third season. ■ The new area code of (270) in western Kentucky became mandatory. ■ Ashley Travis, Brian Sosh, Michael Wright, Eric Watson, Tanner Tabor, Cody Hunt, Judd Woodward, teacher Larry Duvall, Brad Tinsley and Henry Lich were part of a CCHS class that the Conservation District joined effort with to develop a community bluebird box giveaway. The district provided the lumber and materials and the students provided the workmanship for nesting boxes to be given away to the community.

10 YEARS AGO

October 23, 2014

■ Marvin Beachy showed off a super spud weighing 15.8 pounds, according to digital scales. No special efforts were made to grow the massive sweet potato from his crop, but Beachy said he did keep the crop watered throughout the dry season. ■ Woodmen of the World gave \$1,000 to Marion–Crittenden County Park for the lighting renovation project. Woodmen representatives from Chapter 92 were Hestella Slaton, chapter secretary; Charles Slaton Jr., chapter president and jurisdiction vice president; Grant Rogers, local representative; Carrie Tarr–Janes and Debbie Renoylds, field representatives. Park board president was Kory Wheeler. ■ Lady Rocket Katie Wheeler sent a goal kick out of the box as Crittenden goalie Marie Riley backed the play. Riley was selected player of the game. ■ Crittenden Middle School held hits annual football awards banquet. Among those honored were Hunter Boone, Captain’s Award; Gavin Dickerson, Captain’s Award and Defensive MVP; Jake Gibson, Lineman Award; Branen Lamey, Offensive MVP; Mitchell Joyce, Most Improved Award; Ethan Dossett, Ironman Award; Payton Riley, Gritty Award; Ashton Lamprecht, 100 Percent Award and Devon Nesbitt, Best Attitude Award.

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

Crittenden Press Letters to the Editor

Writer urges No vote to Amend 2

To the Editor:

Amendment 2, which appears on Kentucky ballots this election cycle, would expand the power of state government to direct tax dollars to private schools. How it proposes to do this is frightening. The amendment’s passage could have devastating impacts on public education, especially rural districts like Crittenden County. The most frightening words of the amendment come at the end: “... Sec-

tions 59, 60, 171, 183, 184, 186 and 189 of this Constitution notwithstanding.” That means, if passed, lawmakers would have broad new authority to ignore seven sections of our state’s constitution when considering education funding. I will focus on the first three.

Sections 59 and 60 prohibit our General Assembly from passing local or “special” laws that may unfairly target specific areas of the state. These sections were established to prevent favoritism and discrimination, and to

ensure equality under the law. If the amendment passes, laws could be enacted that would apply to a single county, a city, a district or even a singular school.

Section 171 states the General Assembly shall only collect taxes for public purposes. Amendment 2 would allow lawmakers to ignore that and collect taxes for non–public purposes – in this case non–public schools include private schools, charter schools, etc. It’s worth noting that such schools are not subject to taxpayer oversight, accountability, and trans-

parency like public schools.

Amendment 2’s vague wording leaves too much to interpretation, giving lawmakers a blank check and near–unlimited authority, opening the door to unintended consequences for our schools and our students.

If you believe in reasonable limitations on powers of government and in safeguarding the use of our tax dollars and if altering our constitution causes you concern, I urge you to vote NO on Amendment 2.

Chris Cook
Marion, Ky.

Wildcats need to stand for anthem

To the Editor:

About 7 years ago, UK Coach Calipari let two UK players, who refused to come out for our National Anthem, stay in the locker room. Every season since, Calipari secluded all UK players and visitors in their locker rooms during our Na-

tional Anthem.

No one remembers the names of the two Calipari “one and dones.”

I do remember the name of Bob Bostick, the president of my fraternity at UK – an officer killed in Vietnam who never saw his daughter. I remember Jim Nishimoto, who lost his leg below the knee, and infantryman Joe Musselman on our dorm floor, who was killed in Vietnam.

UK fundraisers never knew the name of the gymnasium where Adolph Rupp won most of his national basketball titles – it’s Memorial Coliseum – dedicated to over 10,000 Kentuckians who gave their lives in World War II and Korea.

Coach Pope can stop the disrespect of our veterans at Rupp Arena by returning both Kentucky and visiting teams back on court for our national

anthem – just as team Captain Pope did as a UK player with his UK national champion teammates.

Kentucky fans need to contact University of Kentucky Athletic Department (slax0@uky.edu) to demand all players again be on the court for our National Anthem.

Ralph E. Wesley, MD
Nashville, Tenn.

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Mayor presents Cruce Key to the City

STAFF REPORT

Local resident, volunteer and accomplished entertainer Brennan Cruce was recognized for his work in the community on Monday when Marion Mayor D’Anna Browning presented the 33-year-old with a Key to the City.

Browning said the world would be a better place with more people like Cruce.

“It is so evident to all of us what he does for the city. He selflessly has served on the Marion Fire Department for 14 years. He serves on the historical museum board, cemetery board and Fohs Hall board, and he spends countless hours volunteering in the community,” the mayor said. “Not to mention the talent he shares with Cutter and Cash and the Kentucky Grass bluegrass band, and the money they raise for the Food Bank.”

Cruce and the band helped raise more than \$5,000 last weekend at their fall Old Kentucky Hayride show at Fohs Hall.

In other city council business Monday, Marion’s mission to compel real estate owners to clean up blighted properties is moving ahead rapidly.

At Monday’s meeting, Mayor Browning reported that of nine properties identified a few weeks ago, two have been torn down, and a new roof is being installed on another. Others are on track for either demolition or repairs, she said.

There has been no apparent owner



Mayor D’Anna Browning presents Brennan Cruce with a key to the city.

action on a couple of the properties, Browning said, so when their 90-day notice period ends in early November, the city will proceed with further steps to enforce compliance.

•Former Crittenden County Deputy Rick Mills was hired on a part-time basis as code enforcement officer for Marion. Mills is already handling code enforcement in Sturgis, Providence and Waverly. He also serves as the Alcohol Beverage Control officer for Sturgis, Providence and Sebree.

MARION CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Browning noted that Mills’ experience will be key to the city’s plans to address blighted properties and enforce other nuisance ordinances. The city has been without a full-time code

enforcement officer for some time, and Police Chief Bobby West and the police department have been managing much of the work in their spare time.

•Councilman Wanda Olson was appointed liaison between the council and the code enforcement board.

Crittenden County Detention Center



DETENTION CENTER REPORT

October 17, 2024

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 \$36.00
- Other County Inmates \$32.00

SEPTEMBER

Total Receipts	\$275,557.82
Disbursements	\$281,724.04

JAIL CENSUS	Sept 2024 Avg	Aug 2024 Avg	Monthly Average 2023
State Inmates	68.27	70.13	99.25
Federal Inmates	64.4	64.68	57.85
Other County Inmates	18.43	20.03	12.78
Crittenden County Inmates	16.57	13.94	13.81
TOTAL INMATES	167.67	168.78	183.75
Highest Daily Count	181	176	—
Lowest Daily Count	161	166	—

Last Month	REVENUE	September 2024	August 2024	Monthly Average 2023
State Housing Payments		\$72,376.32	\$76,829.16	\$105,704.89
Federal Housing Payments		\$110,124.00	\$114,285.00	\$85,958.25
Federal Transport Payments		\$14,863.91	\$9,809.04	\$8,245.58
Lyon Co. Housing Payments		\$17,784.00	\$21,096.00	\$14,880.00
Other County Housing Payments		\$1,696.00	\$922.00	\$666.67
Weekend/Work Release		\$192.00	\$128.00	\$296.00
TOTAL HOUSING		\$217,036.23	\$223,139.20	\$208,736.23

Last Month	ANALYSIS	September 2024	August 2024	Monthly Average 2023
Cost of Crittenden Inmates		\$15,904.00	\$13,824.00	\$14,986.67
Numbers of Co. Housing Days		497	432	468.33
County Daily Housing Rate		32	\$32	\$32.00
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates		16.57	13.94	15.44

SCIENCE

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grade science. Together, the Bryants work closely to ensure their students are well-prepared, not only for tests but also for the real-world application of scientific concepts. Their teamwork extends beyond the classroom, with both observing and providing feedback on each other’s lessons.

“Becky and I know each other’s standards as well as our own,” Neal Bryant said. “It’s important to ask, ‘What do students need to know for next year?’ and we help each other make that happen.”

The focus on seamlessly integrating the science standards has al-

lowed their students to develop a deeper understanding of the subject matter. While test scores are a welcome outcome, Bryant finds more satisfaction in seeing students truly grasp scientific principles.

“We’re thrilled with the performance ratings, of course,” Bryant said, “but what’s more rewarding is knowing that our students really understand why things work the way they do.”

Building strong relationships with students has been another cornerstone of CCMS’s success.

“I’m a big believer in relationship building,” Bryant explained. “Those connections motivate students to do their best because they see how

much effort we’ve all put in and how much it means to the school.”

Crittenden County Middle School’s overall performance has once again placed it among the top schools in the state, earning a coveted “green” rating, a distinction shared by only 91 middle schools in Kentucky.

Superintendent Tonya Driver commended the hard work of both staff and students, saying, “Results like this don’t happen by accident. It’s the result of total buy-in from both students and staff, and we’re incredibly proud to celebrate their achievement.”

For more details on Kentucky’s state assessment accountability data, visit education.ky.gov.



SEPTEMBER 2024

Activity Report

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

	SEPT	2023 Avg Monthly
Collisions Investigated	6	5.25
Complaints	98	54.58
Papers Served	60	28.83
Service Attempts	3	8.17
Total Service Attempts	166	56.17
Transports	3	3.17
Special Detail	118	37.83
Training Hours	58	11.42
Verbal Warning	18	11.25
Criminal Citation	17	5.33
Officer Assist	7	4.75
Building Checks	43	59.92
Total Manhours	960.25	486.46
Bailiff Court Hours	61.5	47.48
Cases Opened	10	9.58
DUIs	0	0.42
Felony Arrests	10	3.67
Misdemeanor Arrests	7	6.92
Motorist Assists	12	6.08
Traffic Citations	16	6.42
General Policing	292	69.83
Followup Investigations	18	9.42
Call for Service	15	23.75
Vehicle Inspections	45	-

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pride in our history. While some may see such transactions as mere monetary exchanges, they must be observed as an opportunity – indeed a wakeup call – to engage with our past and ensure that the values of liberty, justice and community remain relevant for generations to come.

As we witness the sale of historic documents, we must also ponder the fate of our own local histories. Will our small towns’ sto-

ries, the struggles of our ancestors and the ideals they fought for be remembered? The preservation of these stories is incredibly important. You’ve heard it before, “We must know where we’ve been in order to understand how to get where we’re going.” Or something like that. As we lose community newspapers across the state and nation, I cannot help but sorrow over the lost stories of generations to come. Here at The Press, we believe that among our various missions is

one to chronicle the story of this community for posterity. Nowhere else has it been or will it be preserved, and I can only pray that like important civil documents that we hold so dear, like the U.S. Constitution, that our community newspaper can live strong for years, decades and centuries to come. Like the wolves biting and tearing at the fabric of our core American values, there are forces creating great pressure on your Fourth Estate. I encourage you to support local journal-

ism, don’t let it – along with truthful, reliable, fair information – fade into the dust of time. If you are not a subscriber to this newspaper, please become one. And, we encourage you to chose a digital version in order to help us reduce printing and mailing costs, particularly if you live out of the state or out of the area.

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

PARIS

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in June, Paris underwent a court-ordered psychiatric evaluation. A summary of the results, made public last week, indicated that he was found mentally unfit to stand trial for capital murder charges.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Wes Hunt stated that the evaluation concluded Paris did not understand the

criminality of his actions at the time of the killing. Furthermore, he has been unable to comprehend the consequences of those actions and is incapable of meaningfully participating in the preparation of his defense.

If Paris is eventually deemed competent, the case will proceed to trial. Until then, he will remain in custody at the state psychiatric facility, where his condition will be regularly reviewed, the pros-

ecutor said.

Paris was arrested within hours of the shooting. His father, Jerry Paris, 80, was found inside his home with two gunshot wounds from a .41-caliber handgun on Feb. 28, 2022. Investigators believe the elder Paris was killed during a confrontation with his son at the father’s home on Blackburn Church Road. The son lived in a separate home next door.

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Acting towards resolution takes courage

I remember that day when I went into my parents' basement after they could no longer stay in their house. I do not know how long it had been since my father had been down there. Everything was in its place except for the tools he had out to work on his projects of making jewelry and walking sticks. There was a day he walked up those stairs for the last time – I do not know what day that was. I still have his unfinished pieces at my house.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

ant, even if we shed a tear or two. Those things that we leave unfinished represent the expectation that we have of seeing another day or another season. It may be the planting of a garden in spring or starting a new craft project. Looking forward to days ahead or big events are the things that pull us forward in our lives and give them meaning and purpose. We prepare, make plans and fully expect to see them out. Most of us will move from this life with our tools sitting out waiting for us to return. There was a funeral of a friend I attended that left me uneasy. I was certain that there would be another conversation or two. I was certain that there would be a chance for us to be able to talk through a disagreement we had. It did not end our friendship. It was not catastrophic. It was something that we both knew we needed more time to sort through.

Like friends do. We never did get that opportunity. Or maybe it was that we never took the ones that were available. There are zero people that I know who have all the loose ends of their relationships tightened up. I can sleep when things are unfinished. Unresolved has the potential to keep me up at night. It doesn't matter so much who moved first, or who offended whom. It makes no difference whether the fracture makes sense or not. Sometimes things feel unresolved by one party, but the other thinks everything is fine. Those things that we leave unresolved also represent the expectation of seeing another day. The difference is that we normally are working (or have a plan) on things that are unfinished. Unresolved often represents inaction. It may be fear, pride, or stubbornness that keeps us stuck. It may be that we think, as the offended party, the other should make the first move. Whatever the reason, leaving relationships unresolved may keep wounds from healing. Resolution does not always mean relationships are restored. It means that

they are now understood. I believe that we should always be looking for restoration, but that is not always possible. Indeed, if we do not know where we stand, it is impossible to know which way to take the next step. Acting toward resolution takes courage and emotional maturity. It must be done with no expectation of the response of the other party – we can't control that. To use a tennis metaphor, sending the ball into the other person's court can be done with honesty and gentleness that gives them a chance to return in kind. There is a difference in trying to win a point and keeping a friendly rally going. Of course, this comes with risk. The payoff can be life-altering. The apostle Paul, in the context of welcoming others, gives us a way to think about being peacemakers, "so far as it depends on you, live peaceable with all." (Rom. 15:18). Proverbs 15 has some wonderful wisdom for "answering" when dealing with unresolved relationships. "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how

good it is! The mind of the righteous ponders how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things." (Proverbs 15:1, 23, 28, RSV) I expect to leave this life with much unfinished. It is my hope that I continue to work toward leaving as little unresolved as possible. Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.

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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.
- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.
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- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of

- every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 4-5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Crittenden County Board of Elections shall offer no-excuse, in-person Early Voting for the general election at Crittenden County Office Complex located at 200 Industrial Dr. in Marion on:

- Thursday, Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Recalling the influenza epidemics during 1918 and 1928

The Influenza Epidemic of 1918

The history breaking event was getting worse in the late summer of 1918, hitting military installations first with epidemic influenza. As soldiers traveled home, they unknowingly carried the flu across the United States. In September in Louisville, nearby Camp Zachary Taylor, World War I's largest army training camp, with its 45,000 men, reported over 2,000 cases. There were several Crittenden County soldiers who died with the disease.

Most agree the disease affected over half the world's population as the most devastating epidemic in world history. Consider the thought that more died in 1918 of what was called the "Spanish Flu" than in four years of the Bubonic Plague (1347-1351).

Kentuckians became aware of the deadly flu toward the end of September 1918 when troops from Texas debarked from an L&N train to check out Bowling Green. The soldiers unintentionally infected townspeople before returning to their coach.

This flu spared no one; it struck the weakest of the young to the stronger and most vigorous of the population. In October 1918 Kentucky Board of Health closed all Kentucky schools, saloons and soda fountain stores. Mines closed due to the virus spreading in close quarters. Those not ill were kept busy digging graves until late at night. Deaths often occurred within hours or a few days. Undertakers ran out of boxes, even quickly constructed ones of rough lumber. Those in rural areas sometimes buried their children under a tree or in a field after constructing their own boxes.

In January 1919, 2,143 had died. By April, deaths dropped to 509. Many deaths were not reported as flu, but as pneumonia which resulted from the flu or other similar symptoms.

If you are a genealogist, you probably have found that multiple family members died in 1918 and early 1919. Many children's deaths would only be days apart. As you walk through the cemeteries you'll notice the dates 1918 through 1920 appear on many older stones.

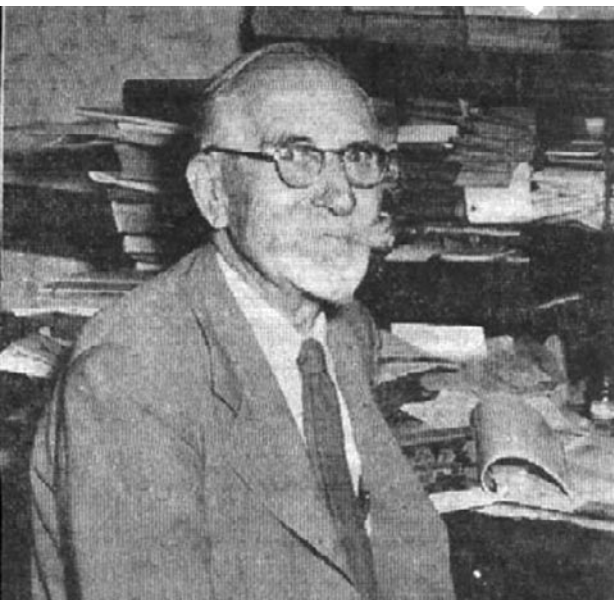
Crittenden's Health Report for 1918

We are very limited on the history of events that affected Crittenden County during this devastating time period. The local paper at the time was The Crittenden Record Press and there are no issues available and none microfilmed from September 1918 (when the flu epidemic was at its worst) through (Crittenden Press) August 1919. The events and obituaries for that devastating time in our history are lost.

From the State Board of Health Report for Crittenden County for the year 1918, the following information was found. This information would be from death certificates that the doctors filled out and reported. There were probably several deaths that were not accounted for due to improper reporting.

Estimated population was 13,296. Total deaths - 171; Infants under 1 year - 27; Children age 1-4 years, 15; Aged 65 and over - 43; 5- 56 years old - 86.

Preventable Diseases: Tuberculosis/Consumption - 14; Other tuberculosis - 3; Typhoid - 1; Diphtheria/Croup - 1; Scarlet Fever - 1; Measles - 1; Whooping Cough - 5; Pneumonia/bronchial - 18; (sometime Pneumo-



Dr. Atchison Frazer was the County Health Officer during both influenza epidemics. Besides helping with sick patients, he also gave advice to the citizens in an effort to help minimize the spread of the infectious disease.



Two small children of John Cavit and Nonie O'Neal Woodall are buried in the Crayne Cemetery. Ilean died Oct. 26, 1918 and her sister, Lillian died four days later on Oct. 30, both from the Spanish flu. Families suffered greatly during this sad time.

nia was named as death cause but was flu related) Influneza - 39; Meningitis - 3; Diarrhea disease- 6; Other: Cancer - 7, Stillborns - 14; Other due to old age, accidents, murders - 58.

As far as I can find, none of the doctors that signed the death certificates caught the flu or died from it. It must have been a trying time. Some of the doctors in the Marion area were Dr. Frazer, County Heath Supervisor; Dr. J.R. Perry, Dr. C. G. Moreland, Dr.

John L. Reynolds; Shady Grove had Dr. Jeff McConnell; Dycusburg, Dr. J. M. Graves; and Tolu area, Dr. Wm C. Davis.

A few years later, from the archives of The Crittenden Press we find another time period when the county was in a crisis with another flu epidemic. Crittenden's Second Outbreak

In 1928 The Press reports many deaths caused from the influenza pneumonia. December of 1928 and January of 1929 seemed to hit the county the hardest. Some of the deaths reported were:

- Henry Owen, a well-known resident of Dycusburg, died Dec. 20, 1928 of flu. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Miss Mattie Leon Owen, four sons, Calvin, Ray and Riley of Dycusburg and Clay Owen of Gary, Ind.
- H. Burnett Williams died suddenly Sunday Dec. 30, 1928 at his home near Casad. He became ill only a few hours before his death. Mr. Williams, who was 72 years old, had been a farmer in Crittenden County many years. He is survived by his widow and two sons, J.B. and George Williams; and a daughter, Miss Lemma Lois Williams.
- Thomas Jefferson Burton, Crittenden County farmer, died Dec. 30, 1928 at his home near Repton. Mr. Burton was 74 years old. Funeral services were held at Repton.
- William Fowler died Dec. 31, 1928 at his home

on South College St. Influenza, which developed into pneumonia, was fatal to Mr. Fowler. He was in his 89th year at the time of his death. He was born April 19, 1839 in the Chapel Hill neighborhood. For a quarter of a century Mr. Fowler was president of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co.

• Mrs. Allie Gass, wife of David Gass, died at home in Marion, Jan. 5, 1929, death being caused by pneumonia. Mrs. Gass, daughter of the late C. C. Woodall, was married to D. E. Gass. Mr. Gass is very ill and was unable to

attend the burial service.

- William Dallas Nation died Jan. 6, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Betty Nation, near Repton. He is survived by a sister, Miss Georgia Nation; two half brothers, Clyde Nation and Earl Marshall Martin; and a half sister, Mrs. Beulah Newcom.
- Mrs. Rebecca Canada, 77, died Jan. 8 of pneumonia at the home of her son, Alfred Canada, in the Sisco Chapel community. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Piney Fork.
- Juanita Vanhooser, six months daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vanhooser, of near Repton, died Jan. 7. Funeral services were held at Repton.
- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blake both died Jan. 7, 1929 of influenza. There was a double funeral at Seven Springs Church for their remains. They were buried at Dycusburg Cemetery.
- Mrs. Jasper Saphronia Fritts, widow of the late Robert Fritts, died Jan. 9 of double pneumonia at the Fritts home in the Freedom community. Mrs. Fritts was the daughter of the late J. D. Gregory. She is survived by two sons, Willie Fritts of Harrisburg, Ill., and Lummie Fritts of Rosiclar, Ill; and two daughters, Mrs. Ben Gilbert of Tribune and Mrs. Bertha Gass, of Freedom.
- Mrs. Allie Williams, 21 years old of this county, died Monday, Jan. 14. Mrs. Williams was a daughter of Al Orr. Interment was in the Crowell Cemetery.
- John J. Sunderland, 82 years old, died Feb. 3, 1929 at his home in the Emmaus section of the county after several weeks illness of flu and pneumo-

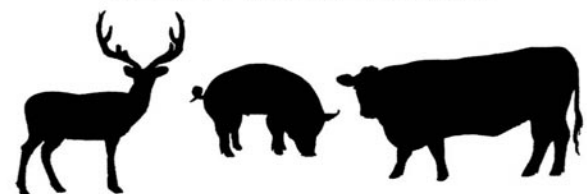
nia. Mr. Sunderland, who was born Feb. 19, 1847 in Jefferson County, Tenn., has lived in Crittenden County since he was seven years old. In March 1871 Mr. Sunderland was married to Miss Mary Ann Grimes. The funeral service was held at Tyner's Chapel, with burial in the adjoining cemetery.

By the end of March 1929 the flu epidemic had about run its course and community activities and

family lives once again resumed their normal routine, but in many homes there was also left much sadness and sorrow.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).

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Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5 at the County Office Complex to process mail-in absentee ballots. Results will be released at 6 p.m. that day.

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2 seek Livingston judge-exec posts in special election

Swanson believes background has helped her organize, communicate

STAFF REPORT

Teris Swanson, 33, is vying to secure her position as judge-executive of Livingston County in an upcoming special election, after nearly a year of leading the county in an interim role. Appointed by Gov. Andy Beshear in January following the sudden resignation of Garrett Gruber, Swanson became the first Democrat to hold the post since 2018 and the first woman ever to serve as judge-executive in the county's history. Now, she's running to retain the position for at least two more years, focusing on infrastructure, economic growth and community collaboration.

Swanson, a lifelong Livingston County resident, has emphasized her deep ties to the community and her unique qualifications as a former attorney, teacher and journalist. A magna cum laude graduate of Southern Illinois University School of Law, she spent six years practicing law with the Bryant Law Center in Paducah before being appointed to her current role. Her early career included work as a substitute teacher and a reporter for the Livingston Ledger.

Priorities and Accomplishments

In her nearly 10 months as interim judge-executive, Swanson has focused heavily on im-

proving communication and organizational efficiency within county departments. One of her first major initiatives was improving communication between all departments, including the road department and county landfill, a challenge she says was overdue for attention.

"A lot of people don't realize just how much paperwork and coordination are required to keep a county running," Swanson explained. "From grant applications to regulatory compliance, getting everyone on the same page has been a big focus of mine. We've organized, streamlined and now, we're better equipped to respond to the needs of the community."

Swanson implemented a more transparent approach to governance by holding regular updates through social media, where she highlights key decisions made at fiscal court meetings and informs residents about upcoming projects.

"One of the most important things I've done is start these



Swanson

monthly Facebook updates after our fiscal court meetings," she said. "It's a simple way to communicate with residents about what's happening in their county government. It's been really well-received, and I think people feel more connected now."

Infrastructure and Growth

Swanson has made infrastructure a cornerstone of her campaign, pointing to several key projects in the works, including work toward a new health department in Smithland and a state highway project aimed at improving safety on a major county artery. That road project should be made public within a few says. She also noted the importance of supporting small businesses and fostering economic growth through collaboration between local government, tourism commission and other agencies.

"We're working on a new health department that's been talked about for decades," Swanson said. "The current building is in disrepair and simply isn't serving the community the way it should. A new facility would be a huge injection of hope and positivity for the community."

Swanson has also been actively involved in efforts to expand broadband access, which

she sees as essential for the county's future growth.

"We're working with the Pennyryle Area Development District (PADD) on gathering data to secure funding for broadband expansion through a BEAD grant," she said.

Having reliable internet is crucial for attracting new businesses and helping county residents succeed, she said.

Additionally, Swanson is focused on improving the county's water and sewer systems. She recently worked alongside other local leaders to secure funding for the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), helping to streamline the paperwork and ensure that funding for Crittenden Livingston Water District.

"One of my key roles has been making sure all the paperwork and administrative details are handled so the county can actually receive and use the funding we've been awarded," she said.

For example, Ledbetter's sewer system is burdened by debt, and Swanson is working toward debt forgiveness from the state legislature. In Smithland, she is trying to address issues with the settling pond at the sewer plant.

Focus on Collaboration

A major goal of Swanson's is

to foster collaboration among county entities, such as local government, chamber of commerce, tourism commission and economic development organizations. She envisions a future where Livingston County operates as a "well-oiled machine," with all stakeholders working together to achieve shared goals.

"Throughout my career, I've seen how successful communities work," she said. "They have collaboration across all levels – county and city governments and local civic and community groups."

Understanding the legal side of things is crucial, not just from a lawyer's perspective, but for how governments operate at the local, state, federal and even administrative levels.

"My legal background gives me a significant advantage in those areas," she said.

For instance, shortly after she was appointed to office, the county faced an issue at its dump. The EPA came down on the county because the garbage collection facility was registered as a convenience center instead of a transfer station.

"I was able to read the statutes and regulations and prepare an application quickly because of my background as a lawyer," she said.

Williams' campaign focusing on infrastructure, cell, broadband

STAFF REPORT

Michael Williams, a 48-year-old resident of Bayou in Livingston County, is running in a special election to serve as Livingston County judge-executive for the remaining two years of Garrett Gruber's unexpired term.

Williams, a former law enforcement officer and current Pepperidge Farm independent distributor, has a long history of public service. His father, Tommy Williams, served as Livingston County sheriff from 1994 to 2011, and his mother, Charlotte, worked in the sheriff's office.

Williams himself spent nearly 25 years in law enforcement, including two stints as a Livingston County deputy sheriff and 20 years as a Kentucky State Police officer, retiring as a sergeant in 2022. Alongside his distributorship, Williams also manages rental



Williams

property and a lawn care businesses.

Campaign Platform

Williams is focusing on several key issues for Livingston County, with a particular emphasis on infrastructure, technology and transparency.

Cell and Internet

One of Williams' main priorities is improving cell phone and high-speed internet access in the county. He points out that there have been some strides with the recent installation of two new cell towers and one upgrade is progress, but says more needs to be done, especially with Verizon being more proactive than AT&T in improving coverage. He also advocates for expanded high-speed internet access, stressing that many residents still lack reliable options in a time when internet connectivity is essential. Williams wants to seek state funding to enhance rural internet access.

Water Infrastructure

Addressing the county's water supply is another priority for Williams. He notes that

Crittenden-Livingston Water District is operating at full capacity and wants to ensure planned expansion is executed to fruition.

Some residents, he said, are still reliant on well water. Williams believes the county needs to expand its water infrastructure to support both residential and potential business growth.

Blighted Properties

As Williams campaigns door-to-door, one common concern raised by residents, he said, is the issue of abandoned and dilapidated properties, particularly along KY 453 and US 60. Williams believes existing county ordinances can be enforced to clean up these eyesores, which would improve the appearance of the county's main highways.

Economic Growth

Williams sees economic growth as critical for Livingston County but argues that the county's current infrastructure is not equipped to handle significant expansion. He points out that a large business requiring substantial water resources

would likely not be able to operate in the county under current conditions.

He also believes the county should receive a larger share of taxes collected from its limestone industry. While coal-producing counties receive a greater portion of tax revenue, Williams argues that Livingston County, home to six quarries, four of which are major operations, should benefit more from its natural resources.

Financial Transparency

A key part of Williams' platform is improving financial transparency within the county government. He contends that the county's financial records are too complex for the average citizen to understand, making it difficult for residents to see how much tax money is collected

and how it is spent.

Williams aims to simplify financial reporting and ensure that funds are distributed equitably across county departments. He also proposes making it easier for residents to compare current spending with previous years.

Public Engagement

Williams promises to increase public access to local government proceedings by recording fiscal court meetings and posting them online via YouTube with links from the county's website and perhaps other social media. He believes this will allow more residents to stay informed and engaged with local government.

Special Election Details

Williams is running in a special election to complete the remainder of Garrett Gruber's term,

which will last for two years. Gruber resigned early this year, one year into his second four-year term. Williams had narrowly lost to Gruber in 2022's Republican primary.

In this special election, he is facing Democrat Teris Swanson, a former practicing attorney who was selected by the governor as interim judge-executive earlier this year after Gruber unexpectedly resigned.

Williams stresses the importance of voter awareness, noting that in this election on Nov. 5, residents can vote for any candidate, regardless of their party registration.

As Williams continues his campaign, he is emphasizing his deep ties to Livingston County and his commitment to improving infrastructure, transparency and public engagement.

Fiscal court passes on funding hand count

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court at its regular meeting last Thursday denied request for funding a post-election hand counting of ballots.

Cost of the exercise would have been reimbursed by the state, said Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

Despite the county's rejection of the procedure, the clerk says it will be carried out because it's state law. Tabor said his office will pay for it. Costs include labor and secure boxes in which to keep ballots.

Kentucky's legislature passed House Bill 53 (HB 53), earlier this year. It was primarily sponsored by Republican legislators. The legislation aims to enhance election transparency by requiring the hand-counting of a small percentage of machine-tallied votes in each election. Specifically, the bill mandates that the Secretary of State or a designee randomly selects at least one ballot scanner and one race tabulated on that scanner in each county for a hand-to-eye recount. This recount is intended to verify the accuracy of machine-counted results.

"I more than agree this

post-election audit seems unnecessary when we have equipment that costs tens of thousands of dollars designed to count votes," Tabor said. "The fact is, both the ballot scanners and new hand-count audit are statutorily required. We live in an age when trust in elections is faltering due to some questionable actions in other states and myths perpetuated by candidates, so this new audit should give voters peace of mind that votes in Kentucky are being counted and reported correctly."

HB 53 also amended Kentucky's election laws by removing the definition of "risk-limiting audit" and updating the description of voting machines. The law provides financial support for counties, allocating \$1.2 million annually for two years to reimburse county clerks up to \$5,000 per election for recount expenses. Despite being Republican-led, the bill passed with broad support in the Kentucky General Assembly, though it became law without the governor's signature. Supporters view it as a step toward increased election integrity, while opponents may see it as an unneces-

sary expansion of election procedures.

"The county clerk's office will move ahead with the purchase of the equipment and hiring of workers necessary to carry out the audit and seek full reimbursement as written into the law," Tabor said. "The board of elections felt it was proper protocol to first approach the fiscal court with this spending proposal."

Crittenden County's leaders in the General Assembly, Rep. Gooch and Sen. Howell, both voted for the hand-to-eye audit.

When Tabor asked magistrates last week about the county footing the bill for the hand count, they discussed it for several minutes, but the proposal died for a lack of a second.

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Livingston County General Election Ballot

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES AND QUESTIONS WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN LIVINGSTON COUNTY FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

STRAIGHT PARTY <input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Party <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Party <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian Party	CONSTABLE 1st Magisterial District (Unexpired Term) (Vote for One) <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in	NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT CITY COUNCIL City of Grand Rivers (Vote for up to Six) <input type="checkbox"/> Ned GORBETT <input type="checkbox"/> Wanda EVANS <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. O'LEARY <input type="checkbox"/> Oliver "Bud" HUNT <input type="checkbox"/> Mark SUNDERMAN <input type="checkbox"/> Scott L. PARSONS Write-in
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UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 1st Congressional District (Vote for One) <input type="checkbox"/> James R. COMER Republican Party <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin MARSHALL Democratic Party Write-in	EAST 1 AND EAST 2 NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS 1st Appellate District 2nd Division (Unexpired Term) (Vote for One) <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Rayne JONES <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Shea FLEMING Write-in	QUESTION-SALEM CANNABIS Are you in favor of the sale of medicinal cannabis at a licensed dispensary and the operation of other cannabis businesses in the City of Salem, Kentucky? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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ALL PRECINCTS		

Excused in-person voting will be at Livingston County Clerk's office from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24, Monday, Oct. 28 and Wednesday Oct. 30. In-person excused early voting is for Kentucky voters who will be absent from the county of his or her residence on the day of an election and during the days of no-excuse in-person absentee voting for a variety of reasons. It's for students, people with medical conditions that would prevent them from otherwise voting, voters who work out of the county, election officials and various others. **No-excuse in-person voting** is at Livingston County Clerk's office from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 (that is the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before Election Day). **Polling places on Election Day** from 6 a.m., to 6 p.m., will be at Ledbetter Fire Department, Smithland First Baptist Church, Grand Rivers Community Center, Grand Lakes Fire Station, Burma American Legion, Carrsville Community Center and Salem First Baptist.

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Libertarian Party

☐ Write-in

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
in CONGRESS
1st Congressional District
(Vote for One)

☐ James R. COMER
Republican Party

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Democratic Party

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5th Judicial Circuit
(Vote for One)

☐ Zac GREENWELL
Democratic Party

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CIRCUIT CLERK
(Vote for One)

☐ Melissa Dawn GUILL
Republican Party

☐ Write-in

COUNTY SURVEYOR
(Unexpired Term)
(Vote for One)

☐ Write-in

ALL PRECINCTS

NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT

JUDGE of the COURT of APPEALS
1st Appellate District
2nd Division
(Unexpired Term)
(Vote for One)

☐ Lisa Payne JONES

☐ Jason Shea FLEMING

☐ Write-in

NONPARTISAN BALLOT

SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT SUPERVISORS
(Vote for up to Four)

☐ Larry DUVAL

☐ Tyler D. GUESS

☐ Karen MADDUX

☐ Write-in

QUESTION-CRITTENDEN CANNABIS

Are you in favor of the sale of medicinal
cannabis at a licensed dispensary and
the operation of other cannabis
businesses in Crittenden County,
Kentucky?

☐ YES

☐ NO

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1

Are you in favor of amending Sections
145 and 155 of the Constitution of
Kentucky to prohibit persons who are
not citizens of the United States from
being allowed to vote in the
Commonwealth of Kentucky, as stated
below?

IT IS PROPOSED THAT SECTION 145 OF
THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY BE
AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Every citizen of the United States of the
age of eighteen years who has resided
in the state one year, and in the county
six months, and the precinct in which
he or she offers to vote sixty days next
preceding the election, shall be a voter
in said precinct and not elsewhere. No
person who is not a citizen of the
United States shall be allowed to vote in
this state. The following persons also
shall not have the right to vote:

1. Persons convicted in any court of
competent jurisdiction of treason, or
felony, or bribery in an election, or of
such high misdemeanor as the General
Assembly may declare shall operate as
an exclusion from the right of suffrage,
but persons hereby excluded may be
restored to their civil rights by executive
pardon.

2. Persons who, at the time of the
election, are in confinement under the
judgment of a court for some penal
offense.

3. Idiots and insane persons.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT SECTION 155 OF
THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY BE
AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The provisions of Sections 145 to 154,
inclusive, shall not apply to the election
of school trustees and other common
school district elections. Said elections
shall be regulated by the General
Assembly, except as otherwise provided
in this Constitution. No person who is
not a citizen of the United States shall
be allowed to vote in said elections.

☐ YES

☐ NO

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2

To give parents choices in educational
opportunities for their children, are you
in favor of enabling the General
Assembly to provide financial support
for the education costs of students in
kindergarten through 12th grade who
are outside the system of common
(public) schools by amending the
Constitution of Kentucky as stated
below?

IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION
BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF
KENTUCKY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

The General Assembly may provide
financial support for the education of
students outside the system of
common schools. The General
Assembly may exercise this authority by
law, Sections 59, 60, 171, 183, 184, 186,
and 189 of this Constitution
notwithstanding.

☐ YES

☐ NO

CITY VOTERS ONLY

NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT

CITY COUNCIL
City of Marion
(Vote for up to Six)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rocket sports schedule

FRIDAY
Football at Caldwell County

SATURDAY
Junior Pro Football at Webster County
Cross Country regional at Marshall Co.

MONDAY
Regional volleyball at Christian Co.

GOLF

Night glow-ball event

The Pig Golf Tournament is Saturday, Oct. 26 at The Heritage Golf Course in Marion. The event will feature a glow golf format with a 2-person scramble. Participants will play 9 holes in the afternoon followed by 9 holes at night. Entry fee is \$50 per person, which includes 18 holes of golf, food, a glow ball, mulligans and tosses. Visit or call the pro shop to enter at 270-965-5415.



Gabe Board, Sam Wurtman, Devin Belt and Brylee Conyer

Annual baseball fundraiser

Here are scores from the annual Crittenden County High School baseball team's 4-person scramble golf fundraiser Saturday at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. 58-Devin Belt, Brylee Conyer, Sam Wurtman, Gabe Board; 59-Eddie Perryman, Tom Heaton, Dave Tharp, Steve Galusha; 62-Gary Damron, Thad Padon, Tabby Padon, Jett Champion; 62-Kevin Carlson, Maddox Carlson, Allison Evans, Collin Barnes; 61-Ryan Blackburn, Joey Rich, Mike Donald, Andy Vaught; 63-Jaxton Duncan, Sonny Duncan, Bentley Rushing, Mike Rushing; 65-Mark Gilland, Jaelyn Duncan, Luke Quertermous, Aaron Lucas; 71-Aaron Summers, Quinn Summers, Hudson Stokes, Jason Stokes.

SOCCER

Geary earns All-Region

Crittenden County High School junior Ella Geary was chosen for the All Second Region Soccer Team. In 16 games this fall, Geary had 21 goals and 10 assists while CCHS finished 5-11 on the season.



VOLLEYBALL

Livingston All-District

Livingston Central's Cadence Smith, Victoria Joiner and Maggie Downey were named to the All Fifth District Volleyball Team Tuesday.

RUNNING

Deadline for 5K shirt

Registration is now open for an upcoming 5K Fun Run and Walk at Marion-Crittenden County Park to benefit veterans. On Saturday, Nov. 9, check in will be at 8 a.m., with the run starting at 9 a.m. A free event T-shirt will be given to participants who register by Oct. 25. Cost is \$30. All proceeds benefit Mission 22, a veterans organization. For more information, call Andrea Lovett at Crittenden Community Hospital at 270-965-1137. An entry form is available online at the hospital's Facebook page.

OUTDOORS

Youth deer update and blackpowder harvest

Crittenden County muzzleloader deer hunters took 44 whitetails last weekend, and in Livingston the take was 28. KDFWR records were updated later last week to reveal that 41 deer were taken by Crittenden County youth hunters, instead of 19 as reported in last week's newspaper.

Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel Fall	Aug. 17 - Nov. 8
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Turkey Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20

SEVEN-PEAT

Lady Rockets wipe out LCHS in straight sets for 7th 5th title

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County checked off the second of its volleyball goals Tuesday night, claiming its seventh-straight Fifth District Tournament championship, beating Livingston Central in straight sets at Cadiz.

Earlier this year, the Lady Rockets won the Second Region All A Classic and now turns its sights on a Second Region championship. CCHS (19-4) lost only one match in the Second Region action this year, and avenged that loss to Henderson late in the season.

CCHS's senior Carly Porter was selected 5th District Player of the Year.

Second Region pairings will be announced Friday.

The Lady Rockets have long dominated the Fifth District, winning every post-season tournament back to 2018. The girls beat Livingston 25-9, 25-6, 25-13 to capture the 2024 crown. CCHS dominated the first two sets, then missed a couple of serves to start the third. It was tied 2-2 before Crittenden reeled off 10-straight points.

Porter had 15 kills, three aces and one block. Setter Lilah Sherer had 31 assists.



Lady Rockets earning All 5th District volleyball recognition are (from left) Riley Kirby, Lilah Sherer, Brooke Winstead, Carly Porter, Hannah Mott and Mary Stevens. Porter was named 5th District Player of the Year.

Mayfield wipes out Rockets

STAFF REPORT

In a 42-6 loss against Mayfield Friday when highlights were rare, Crittenden County's biggest moment went unnoticed by most.

While the event was nothing to change the complexion of the game, it had some personal value. It was worth a new entry in Crittenden County's football record book. In the fourth period, junior Caden Howard inconspicuously became the team's career receptions leader. He caught a shovel pass for an eight-yard gain to tie the six-year-old record previously held by Ethan Dossett, then broke it a couple of plays later on a middle screen for a five-yard gainer, giving him 128 receptions.

Howard finished the game with 41 yards on a half dozen receptions, but his performance had no particular bearing on the outcome as Mayfield scored early and often. Runaway carries by junior Cardinal running back Josiah England laid a foundation for the Mayfield triumph. The Rocket defense was no match for his combination of speed and size as he rushed for 191 yards and three touchdown.

Mayfield's dominance was clear from the outset. England powered through Crittenden's defense with an impressive combination of speed and strength, rushing for 191 yards and three touchdowns. England's efforts set the tone for a Cardinal team that put the game out of reach by halftime.

Crittenden County's offense struggled to gain traction against Mayfield's relentless defense. The Rockets were forced to punt six times in the first half and turned the ball over on downs twice. Their best opportunity to score came on their opening drive after recovering an onside kick, starting at Mayfield's 34-yard line. The Rockets pushed into the red zone but were ultimately stopped on fourth down at Mayfield's four-yard line.

Quarterback Quinn Summers faced constant pressure from Mayfield's pass rush, taking four sacks in the first half alone. Though he completed 13 of 29 passes for 126 yards and one interception, Summers was unable to generate the offense needed to keep pace with the Cardinals.

The lone touchdown for Crittenden County came in the fourth quarter when Brayden Mahnke broke free for a 22-yard run. It was the senior back's first career touchdown.

Crittenden's defense, though forcing two fumbles, could not contain Mayfield's potent attack. In addition to Eng-



PHOTO BY ALLISON EVANS

Caden Howard (6) set a new school record for pass receptions in a career.

land's standout performance, quarterback Gray Robbins was effective through the air, completing 9 of 12 passes for 140 yards and two touchdowns, including a 23-yard strike to Malik Kirby.

One of the few other bright spots for Crittenden County was CamRon Belcher, who had six catches for 78 yards. In addition to his offensive contributions, Belcher recovered that onside kick to start the game and recorded an interception in the first half, showing his versatility on both sides of the ball.

Despite Mayfield's two fumbles, their offensive efficiency and physical play on defense ensured the game was never in doubt. The Cardinals controlled the pace, and a running clock was initiated just before halftime.

Crittenden County will have to regroup in order to prepare for its final district game of the season next Friday at Caldwell County. The Rocket loss to Mayfield, their second district loss of the season, will mean a road game for CCHS to start the playoffs in a few weeks. Mayfield will play Murray High next week for the district's regular-season title. Caldwell lost 35-18 to Murray on Friday. See this week's KHSAA Scoreboard.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Mayfield	14	21	7	0
Crittenden Co.	0	0	0	6

SCORING PLAYS

M-Josiah England 12 run (Owen Byrd kick) 5:23, 1st

M-England 49 run (Byrd kick) 3:07, 1st
M-Malik Kirby 23 pass from Gray Robbins (Byrd kick) 9:00, 2nd
M-England 48 run (Byrd kick) 1:29, 2nd
M-Kirby 6 pass from Robbins (Byrd kick) :33, 2nd
M-Reggie Dowell 22 run (Byrd kick) 1:00, 3rd
C-Brayden Mahnke 22 run (bad snap) 7:37, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: CCHS 8, MHS 11
Penalties: CCHS 7-65, MHS 7-65
Rushing: CCHS 17-50, MHS 20-251
Passing: CCHS 17-33-1, 147, MHS 9-13-1, 140
Total Yards: CCHS 197, MHS 391
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 1-0, MHS 2-2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing
CCHS: Mahnke 7-49, Gaige Markham 2-(-1), Quinn Summers 7-(-8), Conner Poindexter 1-10. MHS: England 12-191, Dowell 4-45, Aubrey Sherrill 1-16, Jace Houston 2-(-9), Robbins 1-8.

Passing
CCHS: Quinn Summers 13-29-1, 126; Conner Poindexter 4-4-0, 21. MHS: Robbins 9-12-1, 140; Jace Houston 0-1-0.

Receiving
CCHS: CamRon Belcher 6-78, Caden Howard 6-41, Tyree McLean 3-13, Brayden Poindexter 1-0, Dakota Sosh 1-15. MHS: Mak Hoover 4-84, Kirby 3-41, Sherrill 1-5, Caden Morris 1-10.

Defense
CamRon Belcher 3 solos, 3 assists, fumble recovery, interception; Blake French 2 solos; Brayden Mahnke solo, 2 assists; Tyree McLean 2 solos, 2 assists; Kaiden Travis 3 solos, assist; Braydin Brandsasse 2 solos, fumble recovery; Caden Howard solo, 2 assists; Keegan Pierson 2 solos, caused fumble; Brayden Poindexter 3 solos, assist; Dakota Sosh assist; Trae Taylor 2 assists; Noah Byford 2 solos, fumble recovery; Gaige Markham 3 solos, assist.

Records: CCHS 3-5 (0-2), Mayfield 5-2 (2-0)

Cross country runners gearing up for state meet

STAFF REPORT

Senior Mary Martinez finished sixth in 20:52 at Graves County Saturday in the final regular-season cross country meet before this weekend's regional meet at Marshall County.

Also for the Lady Rockets, Ella Whitney finished 35th in 24:21, Presley Potter 38th in 24:41 and Hannah Whitney 78th in 39:55.

Crittenden boys were 11th overall in team standings as senior Asa McCord led the way with a time of 18:18 for a personal best race and 23rd-place finish out of 139 runners. Other Rocket runners were River Rogers 37th in 19:03, Landon Starkey 78th in 20:41, Jayden Gibson in 80th at 20:42, Noah Martinez in 102nd at 21:46, Zach Rustin 120th in 23:24

Livingston's Carson Taliaferro was 75th in 20:39,

Phillip Wilson 79th in 20:42, Carter Belcher 95th in 21:31, Brayden Keeling 125th in 24:11, Hunter Wilson 134th in 26:235 and Dane Pace 139th in 30:10.

The cross country team competed at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meet in Paducah last week. McCord in finished in sixth place. River Rogers, Landon Starkey, Jayden Gibson, Noah Martinez and Cameron

Nesbitt also competed and helped the team place fourth overall. Martinez placed second. Taylor Haire ran a new personal best in a two-mile race.

CCHS has five individuals with great chances to earn state qualifying times at this weekend's regional race. They are Martinez, Whitney and Potter for the girls and McCord and Rogers for the boys.



Crittenden County seventh grade Lady Rockets are (front from left) Lydia Hearell, Brooklyn Lovell, Olivia Mattingly, London McCord, (back) coach Jessica Johnson, Sydney Keller, Fiona Loudon, Mela Kate Penn, Reed Poindexter, Addie Nelson, manager Kylie Hunt and coach Jessica Penn.



Crittenden County eighth grade Lady Rockets are (seated from left) Brodi Rich, Alexis Mattingly, Abigail Champion, Caroline Martin (back) coach Jessie Johnson, Sarah Grau, Brenna Kemper, Fiona Loudon, Brooklyn Lovell, manager Kylie Hunt and coach Jessica Penn.



CCHS Court Crittenden County senior Carly Porter was crowned queen at Friday’s Homecoming football game at Rocket Stadium. CamRon Belcher was king. Pictured is the entire court (from left) 2023 King Micah Newcom, 2023 Queen Laycee Lynn; sophomores Jake Rich and Bella Williams; seniors Tyree McLean and Hannah Mott; King Belcher and Queen Porter; seniors Blake French and Brooke Winstead; juniors Caden Howard and Nai’Zayah Bell and freshmen Drake Young and Ayanna Matthews. Standing in front are Hadley McKinney and Jaxton Hill, the flower girl and crown bearer.

HISTORY

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tion Leadership Awards were created to recognize exceptional accomplishments in the preservation, rehabilitation and interpretation of Kentucky’s architectural and cultural heritage, and to highlight best practices in the field.
“When you think of historical preservation in Crittenden County, Brenda Underdown is the first person that comes to mind. She spends countless hours researching topics for private individuals, collecting articles of historical significance for her weekly column in The Crittenden Press, and volunteering at the Crittenden County Museum. She is well deserving of statewide recognition,” said Marion Mayor D’Anna Browning.
The Edith S. Bingham Excellence in Preservation Education category honors educators, projects, or programs that demonstrate excellence in traditional or nontraditional educational settings. This includes nonprofit educational programming, educators in schools or colleges focused on archaeology, history or preservation, preservation projects with an educational out-

come, and historic or pre-historic sites with innovative preservation programming.
Underdown was nominated by The Crittenden Press, with supporting letters of recommendation from Brennan Cruce, a volunteer at the Crittenden County Historical Museum, and Alan Stout, president of Fohs Hall, Inc. Underdown was recognized for her valuable weekly contributions to local history in The Crittenden Press, as well as her volunteer work at the Crittenden County Museum and Crittenden County Genealogical Society.
“You are truly a keeper of history, and your impressive body of work and passion for history is a special gift to your community,” wrote Betsy Hatfield, executive director of Preservation Kentucky, in her notification to Underdown. “Your unwavering dedication to documenting and educating others about Crittenden County’s heritage, historic resources, stories and traditions is exceptional, and it is clear how much your community has been enriched by your work.”
Preservation Kentucky has been giving annual awards since 2012, but this year marks the first

time honorable mentions have been included.
“We received a record number of nominations for our Excellence in Preservation Awards this year, making it the most competitive yet,” Hatfield told Underdown. “However, the committee voted to acknowledge you with an honorable mention in the education category because they were so impressed with your dedicated work over the years to educate your community on Crittenden County’s heritage and architectural history.”
Hatfield added, “Public history makes the past relevant and accessible, and it is through local cultural and architectural histories that people connect with their heritage. Your efforts to educate people about their history in meaningful ways support the importance of historic preservation, and your enthusiasm for your subject matter is contagious.”
Hatfield reiterated Underdown’s significant contributions to the community, calling her “truly a keeper of history” and noting her “unwavering dedication to documenting and educating others about Crittenden County’s heritage.”

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