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## HogRock is on tap

Across the river in Cave In Rock, Ill., the annual HogRock'Toberfest will be this week, Thursday through Sunday, at an outdoor venue. The annual event typically attracts numerous motorcyclists to the area. Motorists should be aware of additional biker traffic this week.

## Bale Trail deadline

Deadline to enter Crittenden County's Fall Bale Trail is Wednesday, Oct. 11. Register your home or business to participate in the competition by contacting Crittenden Extension Service at 270-965-5236 or email [crittenden.ext@uky.edu](mailto:crittenden.ext@uky.edu). A map and listing of entries will be published by Oct. 11 on the Bale Trail Facebook page. The scene with the most Like Clicks by Nov. 1 will be crowned 2023 champion. While the trail is free, the program seeks non-perishable food items for Crittenden County Food Bank. A collection box is behind the Extension office on US 60 East.

## Hayride rolls in Nov.

The fall's Old Kentucky Hayride at Fohs Hall presented by local entertainers Cutter and Cash and The Kentucky Grass (formerly Classy and Grassy) will be dedicated to the memory of the late Ron Padget. The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11. Proceeds will benefit Crittenden County Food Bank and concessions will be provided by Project Graduation. Padget, who passed away recently, was an active advocate of the food bank and other community programs. Tickets for the Hayride are on sale now.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 9.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16 at city hall.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will meet Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 8:30 a.m., at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 17 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 18 at the new Crittenden County Office Complex.
- Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19 at Crittenden County Office Complex. Testing of the election tabulating equipment will take place.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday Oct. 19 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 23 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24 at Crittenden County Middle School.



Work at solar project site in Lyon County.

## HOW MUCH GREENER CAN IT GET?



Bob Williams looks across fields where a solar company is building a 86-megawatt plant.

## Solar repurposes long-tilled soil

BY CHIRS EVANS  
PRESS EDITOR

In a wide open expanse of flat ground between Fredonia and Eddyville, 83-year-old Bob Williams points across a field overgrown for the whole summer with Johnson grass and other assorted weedy nuisances. "They should spray that," he said. "This is the best farm land in the Fredonia Valley. Actually, some of the best in Kentucky." The farm lay fallow the entire growing season of 2023 because soon it will be harnessing sunshine and turning it into kilowatts instead of growing corn or soybeans.

Williams remembered a time many

years ago when he farmed that particular stretch of ground in the northern edge of Lyon County just south of Fredonia. He was particularly discouraged to see several stalks of thistle in the field.

P&H Farms had been growing row crops on the farm, Williams said, but it wasn't planted this season because work has begun on an 86-megawatt solar farm. Ashwood Solar is installing more than 226,000 bi-facial, fixed-tilted solar panels to capture the sun's energy and turn it into electricity for homes and businesses in Kentucky. For at least the next 40 years, there will be no

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## Livingston County's solar development

STAFF REPORT

Additional solar projects are under development around the immediate area, including a couple in Livingston County. Another one near Fredonia off KY 91 appears to be stalled for now.

Enerfin Renewables of Charlottesville, Va., is working toward creation of Mantle Rock Solar, a 65 megawatt facility in Livingston County near Hampton.

The company held a public meeting in Salem last week to discuss its plans. About a half dozen residents attended. If

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## Lifting off 'grass' runway

### News on name, single, big shows

STAFF REPORT

Local entertainers Cutter and Cash Singleton and their band are grassing it up to a whole new level this fall as their careers are skyrocketing to near the top of bluegrass charts with the release of a first single.

Sunday night, the local band

dropped its first official recording, "Call of Kentucky" while members were being interviewed for Mountain Bluegrass, a four-hour live streamed radio show with David Pugh that attracts a large national audience. Two hours later, the new release had vaulted to No. 11 on the Mountain Bluegrass Radio Chart.

"It was just incredible. We didn't expect it to go that high," said Cutter Singleton. "We're up there now with

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Allison MICK-EVANS  
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## Woo-whoo! Week worth celebrating

National Newspaper Week, recognized this Oct. 1-7, warrants celebration.

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the keeper of the community's story and its history every Thursday for 124 years.

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Many newspapers in recent

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# Deaths

## Clark

William Hughes Clark, formerly of Marion, died Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident in Traverse City, Mich. He was born in Marion in 1936, joined the U.S. Army at 18 and retired from military service after more than 40 years of service.

Survivors include his second wife of more than 40 years, Peggy (Reeve) Clark; a son, David (Kathy) Clark of Yale, Mich.; a daughter, Phyllis Clark of Marion; a brother, Wendell (Cheryl) Clark of Michigan; two stepchildren, Brenda Miller and Douglas Stevens, both of Michigan; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceeded in death by his parents, Gilbert and Isabelle (Hughes) Clark; his first wife, Norma (Gass) Clark; a son, John William Clark;

and two brothers, Lonnie Clark and Robert Clark. No funeral services are to be held at his request. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

*Paid obituary*

## Catilla

Frankie “Frank” Jr. Catilla age 89 of Marion, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023 at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah.

Catilla was a devoted Christian and member of New Union Baptist Church.

He served his God and country in the United States Navy, was retired from the U.S. Postal Service and was well-known as a painter for over 50 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon (Bennett) Smith of Marion and Diane (Jeff) Williams of Alabama; a sister, Dorothy Tabor of Calvert City; and a brother,

Don Catilla of Paducah; six grandchildren, Summer Smith, Brent Thurman, Heather Catilla, Britany Mitchell, Breann Lewis and Trent Catilla; nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Elizabeth Catilla; his parents, George and Aither Day Catilla; and a son, Richard Catilla.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8 at Myers Funeral Home with burial to follow in Mapleview Cemetery. Friends may visit at Myers Funeral Home from 5-8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7 and from 8 a.m., until the service on Sunday, Oct. 8.

## Taylor

Randall Scott Taylor, 41, of Chicago, died from complications from Type 1 diabetes Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023.

He was born in Morganfield March 19, 1982 to Kenneth (Sandy) Tay-

lor and Julie (Keith Knott) Taylor. He previously held varied positions with Wal-Mart, Thorton’s and the latest Restaurant Depot.

He spent his youth in Morganfield where he developed a love of soccer. He began playing at the age of 5 and played through high school. He attended Sturgis Elementary School where he achieved many academic and perfect attendance awards. He graduated from Crittenden County High School in 2000 at the top of his class. While attending high school he was on the homecoming court and was the Voice of the Rockets where he very much enjoyed announcing the “THREEEEEEE” during basketball games. He created a local access cable channel while in school and was very proud of that accomplishment.

He was a computer science ‘nerd’ who never lost the urge to learn more. He spent his spare time studying coding, creating programs – his first was a Mother’s Day

card on floppy disk he made for his mother when he was 13. He recently began a project to open one of his many ventures related to computer science under his online name Scriptjet.

He loved Broadway shows and would attend as often as he could. He reveled in Pride Week and spoke at events in the past. He was a superfan of all things Batman and amassed quite the collection. Throughout his life, the beach was his happy place. He was fortunate that he lived within walking distance of Lake Michigan where he loved to peruse the world around him.

He is known to his friends and family as a man whose heart ruled his decisions, giving of himself to help anyone in need. He would always lend a helping hand, as that is what made him happy. His passing will leave a hole in the world and in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Kelsi (Zach) Hughes of Lex-

ington; and three stepbrothers, Michael, David and Stephen Denney.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Ellis and Susie Taylor; his maternal grandparents, Patsy and Waller “Cotton” Mattingly; and grandparents, Donnie and Carolyn Beaven.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with Rev. Dwight Jackson officiating. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

Family may visit from 9 a.m., until service time Oct. 5 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116.

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# Buddy program links nursing home residents, individuals

STAFF REPORT

A Marion woman is creating a buddy program that she hopes will generate mail for nursing home residents on special occasions.

Stephanie Camp believes the project can be equally beneficial to elderly citizens who either don’t have family nearby or receive infrequent visitors or greeting cards through the mail.

“This way they have someone to send them cards and gifts on special occasions,” said Camp, who is designing the program with the help of Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation’s Activities Director Candy Yates.

Yates has identified 18 individuals at the Marion nursing home who would benefit from Camp’s Grandparent Buddy Project.

Individuals may participate, but Camp said the program is ideal for church and

community groups. Upon registering with Yates or Camp, participants will be given the age, birthday, likes and dislikes, need and wants of one of the nursing home residents in the program. Camp said sending cards on birthdays and special holidays is all that is expected. Sending monetary gifts is discouraged, because of

the lack of manpower to shop for personal items.

To sign up for the buddy program, call Camp at (270) 969-1311 or Crittenden County Health and Rehab at (270) 965-2218.

Camp’s inspiration for the program came from her participation as Ms. Heartland in a Pure International Pageant in Orlando in July where she won artisan of the year for her entries of wood-working, art, culinary creations and photography.



Camp



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## Extension events

The following Crittenden County Extension events are taking place in October:

- An informational meeting about Kinship Care will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, Oct. 9 at the Crittenden County Extension Office. Family and Consumer Sciences agent Rebecca Woodall will lead the informational meeting. Anyone who has custody of a child

who is not their own or who is temporarily placed with them is encouraged to attend this meeting for information and support.

- The Quilt Club will meet at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the Extension Annex. Anyone interested in sewing, quilting, needlework, crochet, etc., is welcome to attend.
- After Hours Homemakers will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the Extension Office.
- Dee Heimgartner will host a Small Ruminant

Nutrition Class at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10 at the Extension Annex. This class will focus on nutrient requirements part 2. Call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to register.

- Challengers Homemakers will meet at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 11 at the Extension Annex.
- “Friends Forever,” a class that teaches life skills for adults with developmental disabilities, will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12 at the Extension Annex.

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# Class offers hands-on design, marketing skills

STAFF REPORT

The t-shirts that are hot off the press in Mackenzie Cook's business class mark the midway point between developing an idea and marketing a product.

It's these skills, along with creativity and co-operation, that are giving a group of Crittenden County High School students practical business experience.

"We are one of two districts which opted to create a "hands-on" practical approach to money management, finance, profit/loss, and soft employment skills, (because) it was our team's belief that our students were in need of more

hands-on experiences to supplement their learning," explained Deborah Harman, director of special education.

The new class at CCHS was developed as a result of a Post-School Predictor Implementation Project ARP ESSER (PISA) grant designed to benefit a wide range of students – from special education to gifted students.

"Since the grant is a transition grant – from high school to employment or post-secondary education – the focus is on ninth through twelfth grade," Harman said. "Students with significant special needs will receive the benefit of hav-

ing Cook as a job coach, which will lead to community job practice, shadowing and placement with coaching."

Since school began, students in the small business class have developed designs for t-shirts, key chains and other printable medium to sell to students and staff during lunch or at school events.

"We invested heavily in equipment and supplies – heat presses, 3-D printers, vinyl, shirts, hoodies, etc.," Harman said. "The goal is to have our original investment sustain the class by making profit, depositing the funds into an activity



Alexis Hughes (left) set up a booth at a recent Crittenden County High School tailgating event where students sold sweatshirts and other items they made in a small business class.

account so that we can sustain purchasing new items for the class."

Cook is teaching design, production and financial awareness and soft skills such as team work, cooperation, communication and accept-

ance of different ideas and strengths, Harman said.

"Students have embraced the class," she said. "When you enter second or third period small business class it is abuzz with thinking, co-

operation and creativity.

"Students are learning that we all have talents and working together to compliment each others' areas of strength benefits everyone."

# Training kids, horses quite similar

Last month I talked about education and how it affects the outlook, spirit and success of the entire community. Sometimes, however, we lose sight of the individual student because we are so focused on the big picture. Sadly, a few individuals fall through the cracks of the educational system. Some of these students are labeled problem students. Good teachers are effective at spotting those who are more at risk of failure, then taking steps to mitigate impending disaster. The resulting shift can be monumental, leading to a total turnaround in that child's educational outcome. Why? Because someone cared enough to make a difference! The reality is that each one of us has the ability to positively impact the life of a child, whether he/she is your child, grandchild, niece/nephew, other family member, neighbor, kid at your church, player on the team you coach, kid that enters your place of business, and the list goes on and on. Let me challenge you to make a positive difference in the life of a child/teenager every single day.

Now let's talk about horses. Anyone who has ever spent any time training a horse knows that they are much like kids/teenagers! Many horses are simply lazy, yet they are labeled as problem horses. Other horses are very energetic, even hyperactive. Sadly, these horses are also given the label of problem horse. Some horses have been abused by humans

in various ways and have lots of trust issues. These untrusting horses are also labeled as problem horses. Many of these horses are labeled as problem horses when, in fact, they are not. There are many things the rider does incorrectly which cause the horse be confused, nervous and frustrated.



Chris CLARKE  
Press Columnist  
Happy Trails

This nervous energy manifests itself in various ways, all of which are negative.

During the first 12 years of our Happy Trails Ministry, we were based out of a horse barn out on Klondike Mine Road (just south of Burna) owned by Dr. Bill and Jamie Barnes. We gave riding lessons to many folks during those years, the vast majority of which were children and teenagers. We taught them how to communicate properly with a horse in order to get that horse to be submissive and obedient. In short, we were involved in education for the horse and the rider. Thankfully, we had a wonderful group of lesson horses which were perfect for kids. We also had a wonderful riding instructor for our night classes... my sister, Lori Clarke. How blessed we were to be able to teach so many boys and girls proper horsemanship techniques so they could more fully enjoy their horseback riding experience.

One of the most amazing things I saw during those 12 years was the transformation which took place in three kids from Alabama who had come to Marion during the summer of 2004 to

spend three weeks with the other parent. One of the things they wanted to do was to learn how to ride a horse. The late Linda Schumann from Marion Baptist Church was one of our ministry supporters. She knew this family well. Linda called me up with the request, which I was very happy to accommodate. On the first day, the 3 kids were introduced to their horses. The youngest and oldest kids (boys) were afraid to touch their horses and brush them. The middle child was a feisty young lady (pre-teen) who had no fear. She took to it like a duck takes to water. The boys got past their fear and they all had a very successful first ride in the indoor arena. Our plan allowed for three lessons per week for three weeks. Since I'm almost out of room, I'll fast-forward the story to the last lesson... all three kids were galloping around our large outdoor arena without using their reins. In fact, they

were riding with their hands and arms raised, screaming and hollering as if they were riding a roller coaster. I'll never forget those smiling faces!! What a success... what a victory... what a transformation!

What made the difference? Education... and someone willing to make a difference in the life of a child. Quality education is a wonderful thing, whether we're talking about kids, horses, adults... even those labeled as problem individuals. In our daily walk of faith, we are continually educated as we spend time walking and talking with God in Bible reading, prayer, etc. Hopefully, the more we know about God, the more we will know and understand who God is, and His love for us, and the more we will love Him and serve Him so that we, too, can experience true joy and peace in our daily lives. What a victory. What a transformation!

## THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, calls, visits and texts during Ron's illness and passing.

A very special thank you to the staff of Myers Funeral Home, Bro. David LeNeave for the beautiful service, Mattoon Fire Dept. and Mercy Health Hospice for the wonderful care they gave Ron.

Also, thank you to First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Mattoon Fire Department for the meal.

*The family of Ron Padget  
Sue, Dave, Michelle,  
Brent and grandkids*

## Oxford experience

Landen Crider of Marion accepts a certificate of completion from Oxford Royale Academy in Oxford, England. This summer, Crider studied global business, management and finance at Oxford University, which consisted of international business models and debate from students from over 100 foreign countries. Oxford University was founded circa 1096. Crider took guided tours to London, Oxford and other surrounding cities where he witnessed curious forms of art, architecture, and British culture. Landen is presently in his Junior year at Transylvania University, where he is studying Business Administration.

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True Value says it has closed down business

According to a post on social media last week, Clark's True Value has permanently closed. Trucks have been seen moving out merchandise. On its official Facebook page, the store said it shut down at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27. The closure also includes the lumber yard. The Crittenden Press reported earlier this month that a real estate broker in Madisonville had posted an online advertisement seeking buyers for Clark's Marion True Value store. Chuck Lambdin, a Realtor with Keller Williams Elite Realty, provided few details, but posted a phone number for more information. The post displays nine photos of the business on Sturgis Road. Brandon and Ryan Clark, brothers from Madisonville, bought the long-time Marion business in the spring of 2022. It had been operated for decades by Connie Gebhart, and her parents Wendell and LouElla Coffey before her.

Work on the administrative annex at Crittenden Community Hospital has been paused for several weeks due to discovery of latent structural issues that will have to be remediated prior to resumption of the \$1.1 million renovation project. Part of that project was a new portico on the front of the hospital and parking lot improvements. Most of that work has been completed. Hospital CEO Shawn Bright says an additional contractor will be brought in to shore up some structural deterioration before exterior work on the annex resumes. "This was an unanticipated," Bright said. He hopes the project will be finished later this fall.

Hospital annex work is stalled by discovery



Crittenden County's body shop changes

Crittenden Collision Center is changing its name and ownership. The auto body shop on Moore Street has been purchased by Kent and Mindy Withrow and will be operated by Alan Boone. The shop is now open under the new name Crittenden County Collision Center. It is currently writing estimates and starting Oct. 9 it will start doing body work. Boone, who has 35 years experience in auto body repair, said his brother Lee will also be doing repairs. The business was formerly owned and operated by Tim Duncan.

Tolu Haunted House

Tolu Haunted House will be open across four Saturdays during October, beginning this week, and the haunted venue will stay open from 10 p.m., until midnight on Friday, Oct. 20 following the Rockets' football game against Caldwell County. On Saturdays, Oct. 7, 14, 21 and 28, the haunted house will be open from 7-10 p.m. The kitchen is open 6-9 nightly. Admission is \$10 adults, \$8 for 12-under. Proceeds benefit the Tolu Community Center, which is the old school house and grounds.

Twilight Walk at Park

Crittenden County Homemakers will host Twilight Walk in the Park at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 12. Participants are invited to walk the one-mile trail around the park and stick around for giveaways. The event will begin at the pavilion on Upper Park Drive.

Marion's northside expanding to add more freezers, produce

The Dollar General Store on Sturgis Road closed earlier this week in order to facilitate some upgrades. According to DG workers, the store is scheduled to reopen on Thursday with a larger frozen foods section and fresh produce.

BOE develops working budget plan for FY24

A working budget for the current school year was approved recently by the Crittenden County Board of Education. Numerous sources, including local school taxes and state SEEK (Support Education Excellence in Kentucky) funding among others, make up a projected \$13.4 million revenue. A carryover of \$834,706 balances the budget, which anticipates \$14.2 million in expenses. District financial agent Diane Winters said state SEEK funding is \$4,200 per student, up \$100 from last year. Just over \$3.18 million will come from local tax revenue and the remaining \$4.2 million from state and federal reimbursements for health and retirement and other benefits. Instructional costs of \$7.5 million make up the bulk of expenses, followed by just over \$1 million each for administrative support, plant operation and transportation. Debt service on bond obligations totals \$389,948 and includes the final payment on Rocket Arena. Other business discussed by the board of education late last month included the following: •Approval of a \$106,440 bid from Washega for installation of a new intercom system throughout each Crittenden County school. School Superintendent Tonya Driver said there have been many places inside of each school where announcements are not audible. The district's maintenance department planned to install the system this week during fall break. •Approval to use drug dogs from Lyon County Sheriff's Department for periodic searches of campus. •Amended the school resource officer's salary from \$21.25 per hour to \$25 per hour. •Approved a \$2,500 annual membership to the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation.

Pesticide training available

Beginning Nov. 2, the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will present a series of four webinars covering field crop protection. Hosted through the Southern Integrated Pest Management Center, the webinars will feature UK extension pest management specialists discussing plant pathology, weed science and entomology topics. The one-hour webinars will be held on Thursday mornings in November and will take place via Zoom at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is required for each webinar. Details and links for pre-registration are as follows: •Nov. 2, 2023 - Webinar #1: Do multiple corn fungicide applications pay? with Kiersten Wise, extension plant pathologist. Registration: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CfQFt0dQSnq5ifdnaSre7A](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CfQFt0dQSnq5ifdnaSre7A) •Nov. 9, 2023 - Webinar #2: What have we learned from nearly two decades of research on soybean with foliar fungicides? with Carl Bradley, extension plant pathologist. Registration: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_3SvKPhEDSSWcYhnUnLrvsQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3SvKPhEDSSWcYhnUnLrvsQ) •Nov. 16, 2023 - Webinar #3: Managing the offensive spread of weeds with Travis Legleiter, extension weed scientist. Registration: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_SIOzGyibQiOk4A6pTRHGmw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SIOzGyibQiOk4A6pTRHGmw) •Nov. 30, 2023 - Webinar #4: Insects in field crops during two years of partial drought and heat wave with Raul Villanueva, extension entomologist. Registration: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_AqvCh08TQGCAJXvKxqdwFA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AqvCh08TQGCAJXvKxqdwFA) Participants may receive one hour per webinar in continuing education units for Certified Crop Advisers. Kentucky pesticide applicators can receive one continuing education unit in Category 1A (Ag Plant) per webinar. For more information contact Jason Travis, UK agricultural extension associate, at (859) 562-2569 or email [jason.travis@uky.edu](mailto:jason.travis@uky.edu).

Deadline to register for clerk exam Nov. 17

Kentuckians who want to run in the 2024 election for the office of circuit court clerk must register for the required exam by Friday, Nov. 17. The exam has been revamped under a Supreme Court administrative order. It now consists of 150 questions about material in the Circuit Court Clerks Manual, Circuit Court Clerks Accounting Manual, Circuit Court Clerk Code of Conduct and Judicial Branch Personnel Policies. A general knowledge section has been eliminated from the exam and the code of conduct has been added. The Administrative Office of the Courts will administer the exam Saturday, Dec. 2, at the AOC building in Frankfort. Examinees have three hours to complete the exam and must score at least 70% to run for office. Current circuit court clerks do not have to take the exam. To obtain exam materials now and register starting Oct. 16, visit [bit.ly/clerkexam](http://bit.ly/clerkexam). Voters in each of Kentucky's 120 counties will elect a circuit court clerk in 2024. More information is available on the Kentucky Secretary of State website under Elections at [www.sos.ky.gov](http://www.sos.ky.gov). Circuit court clerks are responsible for managing the records of Kentucky's Circuit and District courts. Circuit clerks are constitutionally elected officials from all 120 counties and serve a six-year term. They provide professional recordkeeping, receive money due the courts, pay money to required parties and the state, record legal documents, provide legal documents and other legal materials, maintain the jury system, administer oaths and handle affidavits.

City working on leaves

As leaves begin to fall on Marion, city officials are working on a plan to begin collection this fall. Mayor D'Anna Browning said this week that the state has given Marion the go-ahead to use the brush dump on Bridwell Loop to dispose of leaves. A pickup schedule will be forthcoming. Already, there are complaints being lodged at city hall about residents burning leaves. While there is no ordinance prohibiting leaf burning, the city has customarily tried to collect leaves in order to alleviate nuisances created by such smoke. Browning encourages residents to mow-mulch their leaves if possible. If conditions remain dry this fall, a citywide burn ban could be issued.

Homeowner stops intruder

Authorities arrested John Martin, 37, of Marion Tuesday night after he allegedly broke into a home in the northern part of the county. Sheriff Evan Head said Martin was confronted by the homeowner and held at gunpoint until law enforcement arrived. Just prior to the alleged break-in, it is believed that Martin was involved in an automobile accident about 8:30 p.m., nearby on KY 91 North near the intersection of Aunt Jane Tabernacle Road. The sheriff said Martin is also suspected of breaking into another building in the area. Crittenden County Sheriff's Department, Kentucky State Police and other Crittenden County agencies responded to the incident.

50 YEARS AGO

**October 4, 1973** ■ Fifty 8 to 13 year olds turned out to Crittenden County High School for the Ford Motor Company-sponsored Pass, Punt and Kick Contest. The local sponsor was Crittenden Motor Company. During the contest Monte Hill let one fly with a spiraling pass while judges and other participants kept a close eye. Kurt Beavers' plan was to "punt one out of the stadium," and Barry Nelson booted one off the kicking tee. Winners included nine-year-old Mark Stone and 12-year-old David Bruce Croft. ■ Five young men were selected by their classmates to serve as the 1973-74 freshman class officers at Crittenden County High School. They included Billy Heady, president; Phillip Enoch, vice president; Daryl Sherer, secretary; Jimmy Boone, treasurer; and Van Hunt, reporter. ■ National 4-H celebrated 71 years of young people working for a better tomorrow using their heads, hearts, hands and health.

25 YEARS AGO

**October 1, 1998** ■ Members of Crittenden County High School homecoming court participating in the homecoming parade included senior queen candidates Misty Sutton, Terri Travis and Kristy Sutton. The junior attendant was Keri Kemper, the sophomore attendant Cori Davidson, and freshman attendant Amy Graham. ■ The Community Arts Foundation presented the play "Greater Tuna" at Fohs Hall. The two-act comedy was a petite clip of small-town life in Texas. Actors portrayed residents of a stereotypical small, rural area through radio broadcasts depicted in the production. Members of the cast included Becky-Tyner Belt, Taylor Brown, Ken Crider, Jackie Cook, Kelly Grady, Amy Iddings, Paula Miniard, B.J. Tinsley, Felicity Jones and Dusty Wither-spoon. ■ It was a three-peat for Rocket golfer Kayla Hardin. The junior placed eighth in the First Region and advanced to the state

golf tournament. ■ Crittenden County's middle school football team was undefeated after six games. The Rockets dominated Marshall County at Rocket Field. Josh James rushed up the middle and Keith Wilcox got running room around the end for a touchdown and celebration on the sideline. ■ Local FFA members attended the 17th annual UK-FFA Leadership Conference. There, members sat in on workshops for leadership, organization and goal setting, communications and agriculture issues. Crittenden County High School participants included Tim Grau, Justin Sutton, Elliot McKinney, Angie Curnel, Corey Payne, David Maddux, Joey Blazina and Jody Summers.

10 YEARS AGO

**October 4, 2013** ■ Bobby Glen Stephens became one of the most successful young hunters in the country. He bagged a buck and a doe with his bow and a nine-point buck with a 22-yard shot with his bow and arrow. ■ Todd Perryman scored a nice Crittenden County buck with his bow. The 10-pointer grossed 141 by the Boone and Crockett scoring method and had an 18.5-inch inside spread. ■ Crittenden County High School's senior class won the float competition in the football homecoming parade. With an Old West backdrop, senior parade float participants performed a line dance for the parade judges. ■ Adding to a growing list of achievements, Crittenden County High School Rocket Band placed first in their class and received an overall second-place score in competition. Band director Jonathan Nash credited students for their performance and dedication to excellence. ■ Crittenden County senior Brittney Buell was crowned homecoming queen and the king was senior Aaron Owen.

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

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# Hospitality is a courageous way to live

One of the great adventures of my family's life has been the decision to be hospitable. I am not talking about getting the house straightened up so that we can host a dinner party, not even having people over for grilling burgers or smoking a pig. This is the messy business of inviting people you don't know very well into your home for a few days or months. It is making room for foreigners to know that they are safe and free from whatever they left behind.



**Sean NIESTRATH**  
Faith-based columnist  
**Guest Columnist**

got angry but still did not want to leave. We eventually worked out for him to stay somewhere else, but it was interesting. We, and our children, learned a lot about other cultures over the years. Our teen-aged daughter shared a room with an Albanian music student for a year. Hospitality teaches communication, self-control, boundaries, and patience. It is inconvenient and challenging and extends over time. Hospitality will occasionally run afoul of neighbors and sometimes what society expects. There are stories from World War II, from Vietnam, Korea, and the genocide in Rwanda of courageous, law-defying, and life-endangering hospitality. There are always those among "us" who are not enough like "us"

and are so considered foreigners or outsiders. Our nation is composed almost entirely of people who were at one time, "not from around here." Hospitality is that spiritual attitude that makes room for those who are different and in need of a new life, a little help, or to have a place of rest while on the road. In the Bible, hospitality is welcoming people who are strangers, sick, injured, in need of help and healing. Generally, from the fall of the Roman Empire until the 1600's, travelers and those who were ill would gather around monasteries for a safe place to stay and for healing. Monks and nuns often studied medicine. The modern hospital gets its name from the hospitality offered to the infirm. Hospitality is an expansive and courageous way to live. In the Bible, the words that we associate with hospitality began as words associated almost exclusively with the idea of "stranger" or "foreign-

er." What developed was an answer to the question, "What do we do with the strangers among us?" What Moses taught about treatment of strangers still holds up today – and it is God's word. Exodus 23:9 says, "You shall not oppress a stranger; you know the heart of a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." Numbers 15:14-16 says a little more, "And if a stranger is sojourning with you, or any one is among you throughout your generations, and he wishes to offer an offering by fire, a pleasing odor to the LORD, he shall do as you do. For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a perpetual statute throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the sojourner be before the LORD. One law and one ordinance shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you." Numbers 15:14-16. Remember all the ways "foreigners" ended up

among the Israelites. Some attached themselves as they left Egypt. Some by deceit. Some were left by God to test their faithfulness. Some were there because they invaded. Some were there because they were from mixed marriages (think: Ruth). The Bible does not discriminate in the teaching about how to treat foreigners because all of God's people were, at one time, strangers or "far off." Paul reminds us in Ephesians 2:17-18, "And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father." Hospitality is about providing a safe place for those who are oppressed and outside of the security that many of us take

for granted. Hospitality means making room for others – even if it seems that they don't quite fit. It is an outward discipline that challenges and refreshes the soul. About nine months ago, I set myself a challenge to share a devotional thought daily. I post them on social media, but a few have requested them to be via email. If you are interested, you can let me know by sending a note to sean.niestrath@outlook.com. Some are my own thoughts, but most include a quote from a thoughtful person from the past. You will receive them at 8:00 each morning. 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.

# Prosperity can easily turn into materialism

**Question:** I have a good job paying a fantastic salary. I am able to buy my family anything we want including a vacation home on the lake and a luxurious boat. How can I keep our lavish lifestyle in a proper place?

**Answer:** You and your family can enjoy good food, wear nice clothes, take vacations and enjoy the things life has to offer. You can—as long as you keep them in their place.

When you enjoy the good things of life, you should be filled with gratitude. God has blessed you with much including a sound mind,



health to work, and the opportunity of living in a country where people can get ahead. For these and other things you should be thankful because ultimately every good gift comes down from above (James 1:17). In your abundance, it's important you share the good things God gives. Quite often we encounter folks who need a helping hand. As you do, it's important to become a generous giver. If you don't, it's easy to become self-centered and materialistic in your thinking. Furthermore, we are to seek God above all else. Jesus taught us to "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness" (Mt. 6:33). That means we are to put God first and in the center of our lives. If we misplace our affections on materialistic pursuits instead of on God, our pleasures become a form of idolatry. When we center our lives on God, we experience the inner and eternal joys associated with

following Jesus. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Western Kentucky Regional Blood Center

BLOOD DRIVE

Oct. 9

at Crittenden Community Hospital

on the bloodmobile from 12 -6 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome!

Thank you

The members of Rosebud Church want to say how thankful and grateful we are to members of the community who helped us save our church. We started this over two years ago after Ronnie Mayes passed and were heartbroken at the thought of losing our church. We knew that this would be the last thing we could do for him after his terrible fight with COVID. He would be so proud to know that we managed to do it. But we could have never done it without all of you.

I've never been more proud of all of you who came forward and donated time and money, bought hams and Boston butts and all the little things that transpired to keep our little church in the valley. We are so grateful to you all.

It was so inspiring to know our goals were important to our community as they were to us. We are very few in number, but God showed us with all of your help that all we needed was faith the size of a mustard seed. I hope this is the beginning of a brand new journey for Rosebud Church. We want to grow. We want our fight to not have been in vain. We believe God has plans for us and believe He sees something in this little church. Again, we are so grateful for the love shown to us.

If you don't have a home church, come see us at Rosebud Community Chapel. Come as you are, bring your flaws and your sins, bring your love for God. You will not be turned away. We will love on you in Christian fellowship. God is so good, folks. Never forget that.

Rosebud Church

Hwy. 60 between Sullivan & Mattoon

Community Events & News

■ Crittenden County Republican Party will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19 in the new fiscal court meeting room at Crittenden County Office Complex on Industrial Drive.

■ Cancer Support Group will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Crittenden County Public Library. Call Marilyn Belt at (270) 704-0404.

■ Former Moore Business Forms employees and guests are invited to meet at noon Oct. 7 at LaDelicia Mexican Restaurant. For information, call (270) 965-3484 or (270) 969-0095.

■ The Crittenden County Extension District Board will meet at 5:15 p.m., Monday, Oct. 16 at the Lions Club Building.

■ 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.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

■ 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.

Marion Baptist Church

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Pastor: Ross Atwell

87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion  
(about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)

CHURCH TIMES:  
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

Speaker: Greg Rushing

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CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Bible study 6 p.m.

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St. William Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 11 a.m.  
Father John Okoro

860 S. Main St.  
Marion, Ky.  
(270) 965-2477

Marion Baptist Church

College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232

Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holean

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.  
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

Sugar Grove

Cumberland Presbyterian

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

Mexico Baptist Church

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

Minister of Music Mike Crabtree  
Pastor: Tim Burdon  
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064

Sun. School for all ages: 10 a.m.  
Sun. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.

- We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ, and to make Him known to the community around us. -

Marion United Methodist Church

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.  
The People of the United Methodist Church  
WED.: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.  
SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 p.m.

Bro. James LAIBEN

South College St.

DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

"Whatever It Takes"

Bro. Jamie Baker

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

Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.

Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

Frances Community Church

Bro. Butch Gray

Worship service:..... 11 a.m.  
Children's Church ages 3 & up ... 11 a.m.  
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Emmanuel Baptist Church

108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
David LeNeave, Pastor

Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West

Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchey  
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Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

Tolu United Methodist Church

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Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Youth 6:30 p.m.

growing in grace

2 Peter 3:18

PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church

Pastor: Tracie Gaudin

Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem

Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

Unity General Baptist Church

4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.

Bro. David Perryman, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist

Sunday School: 10 a.m. Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Barnett Chapel...

Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m. where everyone is welcome.

Bro. Ken Suits, pastor

Marion Church of God

334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.

Morning Service 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.

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Marion Church of Christ

546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

- The end of your search for a friendly church -



SOLAR

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farming on these 250 acres of once prime Fredonia Valley cropland.

“I hate to see it go, but I don’t fault anyone for taking that kind of money. That’s a life changer,” he said, pointing out that local scuttlebutt infers that the land was leased by the solar company for around \$800 an acre.

Germany-based Rheinisch-Westfälische Elektrizitätswerk, more easily identified as RWE Energy, is behind the project that will generate power to feed onto the electric grid where it will be sold to the Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency (KYMEA), which provides electricity to more

than 15,000 homes and businesses in Barbourville, Bardwell, Corbin, Falmouth, Frankfort, Madisonville, Paris and Providence. Fredonia Mayor Jim Siebert says the solar project will certainly change the valley’s landscape.

“There is no doubt that with farmland being taken up by these solar farms it’s going to affect our local farm supply store, but the bigger question is what will happen to those farms that have been passed down through generations,” Siebert said. “Once the next generation can sit and collect from solar farms, they will pursue other occupations and the family generational farms will

be no more.”

The project was approved by governmental regulators a couple of years ago but delayed for a time largely due to regulatory matters. Construction was originally supposed to have begun in 2021. Company representatives held a groundbreaking event a few weeks ago at the site near the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex. Original plans were to use farmland on both sides of US 641; however, the property west of the highway was scrapped from the project because of its karst topography, according to locals who have kept a close eye on the deal. Original lease agreements were secured for

around 800 acres.

“They said there were too many sink holes,” Williams says, pointing to a field right beside his house on US 641. “It would have been right here in my backyard.”

Soybeans are growing within 100 feet of his home on the west side of US 641. Crops will continue to be grown there, but across the highway will be production of renewable energy.

“This is a pretty exciting day for me, both personally and professionally,” Andrew Flanagan said during an event in Lyon County in August and reported by the Herald-Ledger newspaper. “I’ve been developing

power plants globally and across the U.S. for 25 years, but I’ve never put that shovel in the ground in the great state of Kentucky.”


When complete in 2024 the solar farm will be the largest in the commonwealth; however, there are other much bigger proposed solar plants planned for elsewhere in the commonwealth.

One megawatt equals one million watts or 1,000 kilowatts. A standard television uses about 150 watts. A light bulb uses about 10.

According to a REW news release, the project will support approximately 250 local jobs at the height of construction

tion and has the capacity to supply green electricity to more than 15,000 households. Work has been underway since early summer on a small portion of the proposed project area, which is likely the beginnings of a substation.

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PROJECTS

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it reaches completion, Mantle Rock Solar would comprise 560 acres near the intersection of Maxfield and Carrsville roads near Good Hope Church. The proposed site is on Chittenden Farms. Named for a nearby Native American landmark, Owner Barry Chittenden said the property is currently used for farming with both row crops and cattle raised there. A few years ago, Duke Energy took a close look at leasing the Chittenden Farm for wind turbines, but that deal fell through when a state law changed, Chittenden said.

On its website, Enervin Renewables says the Mantle Rock projects would offer over \$2 million in tax revenue for Livingston County’s school districts, roads, emergency responders, and other local services. It also says Mantle Rock Solar would create over 100 new temporary construction jobs during the 9-12 month period and long-term operations jobs over the life of the project.

Chittenden said the project is in its preliminary phase with geological and environmental studies recently completed. As projected, construction on the facility would be completed in 2027, he said.

Power generated at the proposed solar farm would be streamed onto the power grid at a nearby Kentucky Utilities transmission line.

Another solar project is also in the development stages just north of the Burna community in Livingston County.

Amanda Davenport, economic development director for Lyon, Caldwell, Crittenden and Livingston counties, said it is her understanding that the project slated for northern Caldwell County near Fredonia has stalled because there is insufficient space on transmission lines in that area to move more power.



4-H week Oct. 2-7

Kentucky 4-H State Officer team consisting of (from left) treasurer Mirabella Koralia; vice president Avery Cole; reporter Kailyn Stokes; and secretary Kenzie Owens were in Frankfort Tuesday, Oct. 3 to accept a signed proclamation by Governor Andy Beshea declaring Oct. 2-7 as Kentucky 4-H Week in addition to National 4-H Week. Stokes is a senior at Crittenden County High School. Crittenden County is home to a successful 4-H program led by 4-H Youth Development Agent Leslea Barnes. Over 1,000 Crittenden County youth ages 9-18 are involved in countless enrichment programs, clubs and activities. During Kentucky 4-H Week, Crittenden County 4-Hers, in collaboration with H&H Home and Hardware, are conducting a “paper clover campaign.” Donations to the 4-H program made at H&H Home and Hardware help fund local youth in camp and leadership experiences.

Durfey gets promotion

Ronald R. Durfey has been promoted to Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army. He is stationed at Fort Knox. He is a 2003 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

He is the son of Joni Durfey Truitt of Marion, Ronald Durfey of Yuma, Ariz., step-son of Clinton Truitt and husband of Jennifer Durfey.



Durfey

Minton named to Kennesaw State’s summer 2023 president’s list

Brittany Minton of Marion has been named to the Kennesaw State University Summer 2023 President’s List.

Majoring in Integrated Health Science, Minton is among 971 undergraduate students named to the Summer 2023 President’s List.

To qualify, students must achieve a 4.0 grade point average and complete a minimum of nine credit hours.



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**Republican Party**

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### sales

Garage sale, Thursday, Oct. 5 and Friday, Oct. 6 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 302 Hillcrest Dr., Marion, rain or shine. This is it, last one! Christmas items, crystal-ware, ladies fall and winter clothes, pillows, throws, lamps, barstools and household items. (1t-40-p)

Yard sale, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at 130 S.R. 2132, Marion. Men, women, girls and baby boy clothing, home décor and furniture. (1t-40-p)

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Garage sale, rain or shine, Friday, Oct. 6 and Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 1336 State Route 365, Sturgis. Antiques, furniture, Christmas deco-

rations, comforters, rugs, wood boxes, garden art, 2 antique decorative gates, large ice cream table, books, deer head mounted, antlers mounted, spinning wheel, new high stool, prints, misc. Sue Gibbens residence. (1t-40-p)

Donations sought for church rummage sale to be held from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 7 at Seven Springs Baptist Independent Church, 219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion. Raising money for church activities. Lots of clothes and kitchen items. Come and take a look. (1t-40-p)

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### notice

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### legal notice

Notice is hereby given that the City of Marion, Kentucky, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to perform Interim Risk Reduction Measures on the Lake George Dam. The property is located in Crittenden County along an unnamed tributary to Crooked Creek. The site is approximately ½-mile south of the intersection of Earl Patmore Rd. and Chapel Hill Rd. The project consists of modifications to the dam to improve current conditions. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: [DOW-Floodplain@ky.gov](mailto:DOW-Floodplain@ky.gov) Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions. (2t-40-c)

### bid notice

SECTION 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed Bids for "2023 Marion City Roof Replacements and Repairs" for the city owned building affected by the hail damage in the City of Marion, will be received by the City of Marion, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 until 12:00 p.m. (local time)

on Thursday, October 19, 2023, and then publicly opened and read aloud. The scope of work includes the new roofing of the city owned building and in the park, Marion, Kentucky. A list of specific buildings and areas will be given to all plan holders. The Bid Packet and Specification may be examined at the following: City of Marion 217 South Main Street Marion, Kentucky 42064 (270) 965-2266 Copies of the BID Package may be obtained by contacting the city listed above. Partial sets of documents will not be provided. The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informality, reject any or all bids, or partially reject any or all line items included in the bid. No BIDDER may withdraw Bid within sixty (60) consecutive calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof. "EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY" Honorable D'Anna Browning, Mayor City of Marion (2t-41-c)

SECTION 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed Bids for "Surplus of City Maintenance Equipment" for the City owned equipment listed below, will be received by the City of Marion, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 until 12:00 p.m. (local time) on Thursday, October 12, 2023, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The equipment listed are surpluses from the maintenance department of the City of Marion, Kentucky. 1994, 460 Case Trencher only 436.5 hours Hydra-Stop Tapping System Model #LD4120THS, 4" – 12", Tapping and Hydra – Stopping Units. Has large diameter ram and expansion capabilities to 20" rated 7 bar – 100 psi, purchased in 2011. Items that go with the Hydra System include: Tapping Machine 4"-12" Drive unit- Air or Hydraulic

5, Carbide Cutters 4", 6", 8", 10", 12"  
3 Pilot Drills 4", 6", 8", 10", 12"  
2 Saw Mandrels (4" – 8") & (10" – 12")  
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1 LD Pump & Ram Assembly (4" 12")  
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2 Gate Valves (4"- 8" & 10", 12")  
5 Stopper Rubbers 4", 6", 8", 10", 12"  
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There is no reserve on the 460 Case Trencher, however the Hydra-Stop Tapping System has a minimum reserve of \$45,000.00. If anyone wishes to inspect the equipment, please contact Garry Gerard at 270-704-0054 in our Maintenance Department of the City of Marion from 8 – 3 Monday – Friday. The Bid Form and Specification may be directed to the following: City of Marion 217 South Main Street Marion, Kentucky 42064 (270) 965-2266 The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informality, reject any or all bids, or partially reject any or all line items included in the bid. No BIDDER may withdraw Bid within sixty (60) con-

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**BID NOTICE**

The Crittenden County Board of Education will receive lump sum sealed bids for the furnishing of all materials, tools, equipment, labor and supervision required for the completion of additions and renovations to Crittenden County Middle School.

Proposals will be received until 2 p.m., prevailing time, on October 31, 2023, at the office of the Owner, Rocket Arena Conference Room, Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

A prebid conference will be held on October 19, 2023, at 10 a.m., prevailing time, at the Crittenden County Middle School, 519 W. Gum Street, Marion, KY 42064. All bidders should plan on attending this meeting.

Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained from Maco-Evansville Blue, 600 Court Street, Evansville, IN 47708 (812) 464-8108\ or visiting their website [macoplanroom.com](http://macoplanroom.com). Any questions should be directed to the office of the Architect, RBS Design Group, 723 Harvard Drive, Owensboro, KY 42301 (270) 683-1158.

A 5% Bid Security and 100% Performance and Payment Bond are required for this project.

The scoring of proposals is subject to reciprocal preference for Kentucky resident bidders and preferences for a Qualified Bidder. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and/or waive any informalities in bids received where such acceptance, rejection, or waiver is considered to be in the best interest of the Owner.

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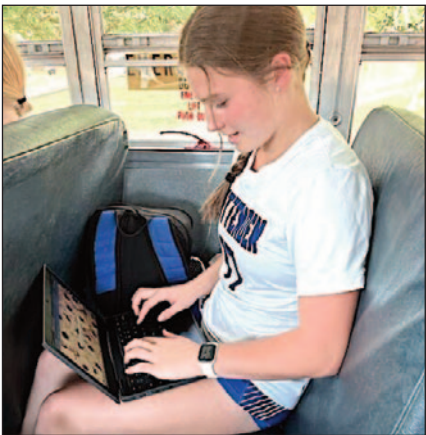
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Crittenden County sophomore Ella Geary completes an assignment on her Chrome-book during an afternoon commute on the bus.



SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

As the wheels on the bus go round and round, students are able to knock out homework, play their favorite games or watch videos during morning and afternoon commutes.

Thanks to a grant secured by Technology Director Ben Grainger, the

Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), all Crittenden County Schools’ route buses are now equipped with WiFi.

Transportation Director Wayne Winters said the addition of WiFi allows students extended time to work online if needed, and it also may help to pass lengthy

commutes for some students who choose to play games or watch movies or videos.

“Some of our students live a great distance out in the county,” said Winters. “Being able to stay connected, whether to complete homework or to be entertained on a long ride home, is a great benefit for them.”

Sophomore Ella Geary said she loves being able

to access the internet on her ride home.

“It’s great that I don’t have to use my hotspot to connect,” said Geary. “I stay busy with a lot of activities, so being able to use my time on the bus to work is appreciated.”

Crittenden County Schools is seeking bus drivers. Visit its website at [www.crittenden.kyschools.us](http://www.crittenden.kyschools.us) to apply.

WEEK

Continued from page 1 years have taken one on the chin during the evolution of online news. Many who did not adapt to changes in our industry ended up closing their doors.

The Crittenden Press decided that to remain relevant, we had to give people what they want – digital content in addition to the printed paper. Adapt and overcome has been our motto.

A study of 5,000 people conducted by Coda Ventures examined why Americans seek out local news. Their top five responses are to stay informed, feel connected in the community, decide where they stand on local issues, find places and things to do and talk to other people about community news.

That’s our job. It’s what we do week after week.

Our business model, once simply to have The Crittenden Press on our counter and newsstands each Wednesday afternoon, has ballooned in the last 10 years to an online media presence accessible 24/7. Today, online subscriptions comprise about one-fourth of all Crittenden Press readers. Couple with that our average monthly website traffic of 210,000 views, and we are reaching more people than ever before.

The Coda Ventures study found that people turn to newspapers as reliable, accurate news sources.

There is a term in our industry to describe communities unserved or underserved by community newspapers - it’s called a desert. A desert is a dry, barren area where

nothing grows, nothing prospers, nothing develops and nothing is reaped.

Thanks to your continued readership and our partners who believe in the benefits of local news and advertising, Crittenden County is not a desert in the media sense of the word. Sadly, deserts exist all around us.

In neighboring counties even, there are no records of tax hearings, no sports stories to preserve feats of would-be hall of famers or database of local obituaries for genealogy research.

News of today truly is next week’s history, and we’re going to celebrate this week our ability to practice a craft we love, for a readership that deserves the very best. we can humanly provide.

GRASSY

Continued from page 1 the biggest names in bluegrass.”

The group made more headlines this week by changing its name. The news doesn’t stop there for the entertainers who have been booked to host the Ernest Tubb Midnite Jamboree next month in Nashville.

Cutter and Cash Singleton announced early Tuesday morning with a social media post that their bluegrass band’s new name is Cutter and Cash and Kentucky Grass. The entertainers formed their band about five years ago and started out by performing regularly at area events and festivals. The also began a few years ago producing their own variety show Old Kentucky Hayride at Fohs Hall in Marion. As its popularity grew, so did the group’s schedule.

“Classy and Grassy began in early 2017 as young kids not knowing how or where that name would take us,” their Facebook post said this week. “We knew that we wanted to play music, so with the name Classy and Grassy, we set out to do just that. It has taken us from coast to coast, playing over 400 shows, and traveling over 200,000 miles. What a good run it has given us! But as our music has progressed with recordings in Nashville, our

label Starland Recordings, and top-line festivals approach, it’s time we look at a name that will grow with us more professionally.”

The band is headed by the local teenagers, Cutter, 17, and Cash, 14. Marion’s Brennan Cruce, 32, is the upright bass player, and relative newcomers are Elkton teenagers Lily Goebel, 16, a guitarist, and her brother, Noah Goebel, 14, a fiddle player.

The Singleton boys earned national acclaim in 2018 when they performed for NBC’s Little Big Shots and their fame began to blossom by playing venues from Gatlinburg, Tenn., to the Lincoln Jamboree in Hodgenville.

Back in the spring, the group began studio recording in Nashville with assistance from a w a r d - w i n n i n g singer/songwriter, entertainer and producer Jeannie Seely.

“While we have always had a professional mindset, it’s time to focus on our careers. And playing an entertaining style of bluegrass music is what we are going to do,” their social media post said.

The new name comes from a band that gained notoriety in 1970s as The Kentucky Grass, which was led by the late Lawrence Lane. With the blessing of Lane’s widow and others associated with the former group, the Marion-based blue-

grass crew has adopted part of the name.

“We couldn’t think of any kind of a better name that represented our theme,” the Singletons said.

Its new single “Call of Kentucky” is now available at iTunes, Spotify, Pandora and streaming platforms. It can be downloaded for 99 cents from iTunes.

The song took off right after it was released thanks to that late-night interview on Mountain Bluegrass, Cutter Singleton said. It will be the first of a handful of others to be released at strategic times. A five-song extended play CD will also be released soon.

On Nov. 1, the group is scheduled for a live Nashville interview on Coffee, Country and Cody, a morning WSM Radio and online streaming show with hall of

fame disc jockey Bill Cody. The program typically features some of Nashville and music’s biggest stars.

The next stop for Cutter and Cash and The Kentucky Grass will be hosting the Midnite Jamboree at the Troubadour Nashville on Nov. 4. The program, which they played for last December, is WSM’s second longest running radio show. It airs immediately after the Grand Ole Opry.

“This is really a huge deal. We’re not just playing it this time, we’re hosting it,” Cutter Singleton said. “What an honor this is going to be.”

The group is readying for other big tours, including trips to Montana, Miami and it has also been contracted to perform for Carnival Cruises.

“We’re fixing to take off,” Singleton said.

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SOLD

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY 91.09 - \$236,869 - Property has a diverse mix of habitat types, a pond, a creek, and a well system, numerous entry points along road frontage, hunter-friendly topography, a creek, and planted pines.

SOLD

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY 55.78 - \$255,000 - This tract has the right blend of habitat types for deer and turkey to grow and hold big bucks with the added bonus of a fully furnished pole barn cabin! Includes a Redneck hunting blind and feeders!

PENDING

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 113.44 ACRES - \$269,422 - All timber hunting tract. This tract is located in an area known for big bucks and has timber diversity.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 119.44 ACRES - \$235,906 - Mostly timber hunting tract geared toward turkeys and whitetails. This tract has a diverse topography with dynamic terrain features and timber diversity.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 189.63 ACRES - \$501,265 - All timber hunting tract. This property is a timbered ridge top with food plots and a natural saddle.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 427 ACRES - \$918,237 - Timbered ridge top hunting tract! This tract has the ideal blend of habitat types for mature whitetails and wild turkeys.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 201.98 ACRES - REDUCED! \$759,000 - This property has a diverse blend of habitat types and topography with a home, outbuildings and a proven history of big bucks. The home has 2,025 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 0.9 ACRES - REDUCED! \$105,000 - This rustic cabin with storage buildings provides the ideal base camp for your hunting adventures! This cabin has 1,192 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and one bathroom, a spacious living area with a fireplace, a full kitchen with plenty of cabinet space, a full bathroom and laundry room.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 265.67 ACRES - \$742,500 - Diverse hunting tract with waterfowl potential! This tract has the ideal habitat types for deer, turkeys and waterfowl hunting! This river bottom farm has approximately 1.5 miles of frontage along the Tradewater River.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 139.95 ACRES - \$318,386 - Great hunting tract with dynamic hunter friendly topography, mast producing timber, security cover, open areas for food plots and a good trail system.

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Activity Report

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

	AUG	JUNE
Collisions Investigated	4	6
Complaints	50	49
Papers Served	51	40
Failed Service Attempts	20	5
Total Service Attempts	60	76
Transports	3	5
Special Detail	46	13
Training Hours	2	28.5
Verbal Warning	12	21
Criminal Citation	14	13
Officer Assist	4	7
Building Checks	37	79
Total Manhours	598	499.5
Bailiff Court Hours	42.5	67
Cases Opened	1	6
DUIs	1	1
Felony Arrests	10	6
Misdemeanor Arrests	4	10
Motorist Assists	6	7
Traffic Citations	2	7
General Policing	74	107
Followup Investigations	8	7
Call for Service	12	10
Meeting w/school staff	0	0

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CATTLE PRICES

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MARKET

From last week’s sale at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News. Head 581: Feeder 469. Slaughter 90. Replacement 22. Last reported sale the prior week there were 581 head, including Feeder Cattle 492, Slaughter Cattle 77, Replacement Cattle 12. This time last year there were 840 cattle at the market. Compared to last week: Feeder steers under500lbs sold steady, steers 500lbs and over 4.00 to 6.00 lower. Feeder heifers 6.00 to 8.00 lower. Moderate demand for feeder classes. Slaughter cows 2.00 to 4.00 lower. Slaughter bulls steady to 2.00 lower. Supply included: 81% Feeder Cattle (38% Steers, 1% Dairy Steers, 45% Heifers, 16% Bulls, 0% Dairy Heifers); 15% Slaughter Cattle (4% Heifers, 86% Cows, 10% Bulls); 4% Replacement Cattle (72% Bred Cows, 11% Bred Heifers, 11% Cow-Calf Pairs, 6% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 14%

FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 235 235 280.00 280.00

6 255-275 266 265.00-275.00 271.73

4 300-310 303 260.00-270.00 267.44

10 350-380 363 262.50-271.00 266.31

11 400-433 416 259.00-271.00 267.32

1 410 410 275.00 275.00 Fancy

33 451-497 474 250.00-265.00 258.33

16 500-540 512 239.00-258.00 248.91

7 513 513 261.00 261.00 Value Added

26 550-595 578 237.00-253.00 244.62

3 555 555 259.00 259.00 Value Added

5 600-610 608 227.00-249.00 243.01

2 655-660 658 224.00-230.00 226.99

1 660 660 247.50 247.50 Value Added

6 750-760 755 220.00-234.00 227.71

3 858 858 220.00 220.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

3 350-370 363 242.50-250.00 244.91

2 420-430 425 247.50-251.00 249.27

8 455-485 467 230.00-244.00 237.22

4 560-585 567 224.00-230.00 228.52

1 705 705 190.00 190.00

1 780 780 180.00 180.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

1 255 255 225.00 225.00

1 370 370 190.00 190.00

3 450-470 457 187.00-200.00 191.46

STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

1 1205 1205 120.00 120.00

STEERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

1 440 440 205.00 205.00

1 480 480 182.50 182.50

DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

1 265 265 115.00 115.00

1 335 335 125.00 125.00

1 395 395 132.50 132.50

1 615 615 102.50 102.50

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

1 230 230 235.00 235.00

2 310-345 328 237.50-249.00 243.56

25 361-398 383 240.00-258.00 251.02

29 402-442 414 229.00-247.50 238.22

43 455-498 481 220.00-238.00 229.49

21 505-548 518 212.50-233.00 225.91

28 550-593 567 209.00-221.00 214.51

5 606-635 618 214.00-223.00 219.30

4 711-725 715 191.00-206.00 202.19

2 770 770 170.00-179.00 174.50

2 800-805 803 172.00-176.00 173.99

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

2 260-295 278 220.00 220.00

3 305-335 317 220.00-230.00 223.58

5 355-387 376 220.00-237.00 228.57

2 405-425 415 217.50-220.00 218.72

1 470 470 216.00 216.00

1 540 540 212.00 212.00

1 585 585 195.00 195.00

5 605-645 627 190.00-197.00 194.17

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

4 265-295 279 200.00-210.00 205.65

3 300-325 315 206.00-213.00 209.64

2 410-425 418 210.00 210.00

1 460 460 200.00 200.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

2 215-235 225 255.00-265.00 259.78

4 265-290 284 265.00-267.00 266.53

3 320-325 322 257.50-261.00 258.68

6 350-370 361 250.00-267.00 259.93

7 465-480 475 230.00-243.00 235.16

8 510-545 525 223.00-234.00 231.07

5 560-580 567 215.00-219.00 217.60

11 605-648 632 204.00-217.50 209.17

2 650-655 653 186.00-206.00 195.96

4 725-742 737 186.00-191.00 187.23

1 765 765 180.00 180.00

1 955 955 150.00 150.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

2 490 490 222.00 222.00

6 500-525 517 210.00-215.00 212.03

1 615 615 182.00 182.00

1 680 680 180.00 180.00

1 785 785 170.00 170.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

1 390 390 210.00 210.00

1 480 480 190.00 190.00

1 690 690 165.00 165.00

1 890 890 135.00 135.00

DAIRY HEIFERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

1 465 465 107.50 107.50

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

HEIFERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing

3 770-1075 908 120.00-151.00 138.49 Average

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

1 1630 1630 90.00 90.00 Average

1 1420 1420 106.00 106.00 High

2 1445-1765 1605 82.00-86.00 84.20 Low

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

24 1060-1405 1181 85.00-95.00 89.85 Average

2 1140-1175 1158 100.00 100.00 High

8 1075-1425 1198 80.00-84.00 81.21 Low

1 1340 1340 75.00 75.00 Very Low

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

13 840-1075 986 80.00-88.00 82.71 Average

7 880-1120 976 70.00-79.00 75.32 Low

4 675-1015 825 60.00-67.50 64.20 Very Low

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

2 1680-1685 1683 122.00-124.00 123.00 Average

5 1215-1930 1586 90.00-114.00 105.83 Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

2-4 T1 3 990-1270 1120 975.00-1100.00 1022.25

2-4 T2 2 1040-1310 1175 1150.00-1400.00 1289.36

5-8 T1 1 1055 1055 925.00 925.00



CRITTENDEN COUNTY

**Sports Events**

**FRIDAY**

Football at Ohio County

Volleyball at Quad State

**SATURDAY**

Cross Country at Daviess County

**MONDAY**

JV Football hosts Caldwell County

Volleyball hosts Hopkinsville, Sr Night

FOOTBALL

**MS first playoff game**

Crittenden County Middle School will for the first time in memory participate in a statewide playoff series starting at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14 at Rocket Stadium against Green County. The unfortunate part is that starting quarterback Conner Poindexter will be unavailable because he broke his wrist in the final regular season game last week.

Class 2A Standings

FIRST REGION

District One

Mayfield	1-0	5-1
Crittenden County	1-0	3-3
Murray	0-1	5-2
Caldwell County	0-1	0-7

District Two

Owensboro Catholic	1-0	7-0
Fort Campbell	1-0	4-3
Todd Central	0-1	3-4
Edmonson County	0-1	1-6

SOFTBALL

**Old-timers celebration**

CCHS Lady Rocket softball will host an old-timers celebration and game on Sunday, Oct. 29 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The event will recognize Crittenden's 1991 softball team, the very first to play the sport in high school, and the 1995 softball team, which was the first to play fast-pitch. The event will begin with batting practice at 1 p.m., and the old-timers game will start at 2:45 p.m. Players from all eras are encouraged to participate whether during batting practice or play. For more information, contact CCHS softball coach Chris Evans at (270) 704-0435. The team will accept donations from those participating.



SOFTBALL

**Guess races Iron Man**

Marion native Neil Guess completed his third iron man in September in Madison, Wisc. The rigorous race is comprised of a 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run. Guess completed the event in 13 hours and 36 minutes, placing 40th in the 50-54 age category. Guess, who now lives in Alabama, said he knows of at least two other Marion natives who have participated in iron man competitions, including Barry Baird and Neal Bryant.

"I have always thought it was interesting that I know of three people from a town of 3,000 who have completed a race that less than 1 percent of the world's population has completed," Guess said.

Guess' accomplishment of completing the most recent ironman comes on the heels of a neck surgery in October 2021 and a procedure on his knee in July 2022.



OUTDOORS

**Hunting Seasons**

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

Bullfrog	May 19 - Oct 31
Squirrel	Aug 19 - Nov 10
Dove	Sept 1 - Oct 26
Deer archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Turkey archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15
Deer crossbow	Sept 16 - Jan 15
Raccoon hunting	Oct 1 - Feb 29
Turkey crossbow	Oct 1-22
Deer muzzleloader	Oct 21-22
Deer youth hunt	Oct 14-15
Turkey shotgun	Oct 28 - Nov 3
Turkey crossbow	Nov 11 - Dec 31
Deer rifle season	Nov 11-26
Squirrel	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Quail	Nov 13 - Feb 29
Rabbit	Nov 13 - Feb 10

# Rockets beat Murray in instant classic

An Old Testament scroll couldn't hold all of the highlights from the Rockets' 28-14 district-opening victory over Murray High Friday night. There were too many huge plays, turnovers, ups, downs, almosts and what-ifs to recount.

In a stew pot of remarkable efforts by Crittenden County players, suffice it to say that perhaps the most critical balls were put into the air by quarterback Micah Newcom. Contrary to conventional thinking, however, they didn't roll off his fingertips. Instead, perhaps the most fruitful acts were the senior's punts.

On six punts – minus one of those that was blocked late in the game with Newcom's back pressed nearly against his own goal post – he averaged more than 40 yards. It didn't go unnoticed, and after boiling down all of the extraordinary feats, it was the balls off his cleat that likely spelled doom for the Tigers.

It's no secret that the Rocket kicking game has been a bit lackluster until this week. Newcom's ability to keep Murray pinned down in its own territory was key to the Rockets getting a First District Class 2A win that could end up ensuring a first-round home game in the playoffs.

Pull up a chair and grab a cup of coffee if you'd like to dig deeper into the nuts and bolts of this contest that looked at times like a masterpiece and at others like a blooper reel.

As CCHS coach Gaige Courtney said trying to recap the events after it was over, "I don't even know where to start. It was such a crazy game."

Here's a shot at it, but by no means are these the only noteworthy aspects:

- Crittenden recovered four Murray fumbles.
- After the first one, which was recovered by linebacker Bennett McDaniel, CCHS gave it right back with a fumble of its own. After another recovered MHS fumble, the Rockets were quickly inter-



Rocket defenders Casey Cates (left) and Jacob Carder put the crunch on Murray's Kamden Hudspeth.

cepted. In short, just one of the fumble recoveries set up a Rocket TD, but the rest of the turnovers did hobble the Tigers.

- The Rockets were, however, able to capitalize on special teams mistakes, forcing muffs and creating havoc for the Murray punter. They converted a couple of those into points.
- The Tigers scored twice, once on a fumble recovery returned 87 yards. The other was MHS's most successful offensive series of the game, keeping the ball on the ground with an option-style rushing game that went for 72 yards. Crittenden unveiled its own RPO option surprise in the second half, which whipped up some big gainers.
- The Rockets were intercepted twice. Murray once.
- Newcom completed 15 of 26 passes, including two touchdown strikes to Tyler Belt and one to Caden Howard.
- Crittenden's fourth-quarter touchdown that made it a two-possession deficit for Murray was delivered by Kaiden Travis and Brayden Poindexter. Travis blocked a punt and Poindexter scooped and scored.
- The Rockets scored twice in the final 1:08 of the first half.
- There were eight possession changes in the game's final eight minutes, five in the last two minutes.

If there was anything remotely sane about how this victory unfolded for the Rockets, it was their defense. Crittenden held a potent Tiger offense, averaging nearly 400 yards and over 34 points a game, to a fraction of its typical output.

"The guys made a lot of plays. We always talk about turnover ratio and we were just happy to be on the other end of that tonight. When a team turns the ball over that much... and we had some, too," Courtney said. "We had our fair share. That was the biggest takeaway from the game, the turnover margin. There were so many big plays, specials teams were huge and Micah punted the ball extremely well and was able to flip the field. There were just so many plays in the game. Poindexter scored on that one, right?"

Yeah coach, it was hard to keep up.

"It was a tough game," Courtney continued. "A lot of things in the last couple of minutes, blocked punts, turnovers. We're down there about to go up by 21 and you blink and (Murray) is running the ball the other way."

While it may take days for the Saturday morning quarterbacks to sort through this instant classic, one thing is for certain, the Rockets hold destiny in their hands. In a ferociously tough district, they're one win from being

able to finish at least second and be home in November for the playoff opener.

Crittenden will be on the road this week for a non-district game at Ohio County.

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

Murray High	7	7	0	0
Crittenden Co.	8	14	0	8

**SCORING PLAYS**

C-Caden Howard 13 pass from Micah Newcom (Gabe Keller pass from Newcom) 5:42, 1st

M-Jeremiah Jones 87 fumble return (Hank Fronza kick) 2:57, 1st

M-Kainoa Olive 18 run (Fronza kick) 2:36, 2nd

C-Tyler Belt 8 pass from Newcom (kick failed) 1:08, 2nd

C-Belt 16 pass from Newcom (Casey Cates pass from Newcom) :05, 2nd

C-Brayden Poindexter 20 blocked punt return (pass failed) 8:49, 4th

**TEAM TOTALS**

First Downs: CCHS 9, MHS 8

Penalties: CCHS 10-102, MHS 13-121

Rushing: CCHS 24-92, MHS 28-93

Passing: CCHS 15-26-2, 94; MHS 8-22-1, 54

Total Yards: CCHS 186, MHS 147

Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 3-1, MHS 4-4

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing**

CCHS: Gattin Travis 5-25, Jacob Carder 4-(-5), Tyler Belt 2-40, Micah Newcom 13-32. MHS: Ben Davis 1-(-17), Kainoa Olive 18-75, Jeremiah Jones 7-26, Zavion Carman 1-4, Collins Wilson 1-5.

**Passing**

CCHS: Micah Newcom 15-26-2, 94. MHS: Wilson 6-18-1, 25; Jones 2-4-0, 29.

**Receiving**

CCHS: Casey Cates 1-1, Caden Howard 4-29, Belt 2-24, Gabe Keller 4-31, Travis 4-9. MHS: Carman 2-12, Kamden Hudspeth 1-2, Simon Rickman 1-13, Jones 2-9, Olive 1-2, Daven Hood 1-16.

**Defense**

Keller 2 solos; Levi Piper 3 solos, assist; Braden Mahnke 3 assists, 4 solos, caused fumble, 2 TFL, sack; G. Travis 10 solos, TFL; Howard 5 solos; McDaniel 2 solos, 2 assists, fumble recovery; Camron Belcher 2 solos; Cates 2 solos, assist, fumble recovery; Brayden Poindexter 7 solos, 3 assists; Tyler Belt 2 solos, interception; Grayson James solo, 3 assist, TFL; Kaiden Travis 2 solos, 3 assists, caused fumble, fumble recovery, 2 TFL, blocked kick; Lane West assist.

**Players of the Game:** Defense team award; Offense Tyler Belt, Lineman Braydin Brandsassee; Special Teams Kaiden Travis.

**Records:** CCHS 3-3 (1-0), MHS 5-2 (0-1)

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

### LADY ROCKET SOCCER

The Lady Rockets' season came to a bitter close Monday at Lyon County in the opening round of the Fifth District Tournament. Crittenden County lost to Lyon 10-3. It was the third straight loss to the Lyon girls this season after CCHS had beaten them in last year's playoffs.

Crittenden County closed out the fall with a 6-9 record.

Against Lyon, CCHS fell behind early and trailed 10-1 at the half. CCHS's three goals were scored by senior Lizzie Campbell on assists by senior Bailey Williams, junior Joslyn Silcox and sophomore Ella Geary. Freshman keeper Macibelle Hardesty had 11 saves in her first appearance in a district game.

### MS FOOTBALL

Crittenden County Middle School closed out its regular-season football schedule last Thursday with a 32-20 home loss to Madisonville's Browning Springs.

The Rockets, now 5-3, also lost their quarterback Conner Poindexter, who broke his wrist early in the game and will miss next week's playoff game on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Marion against Green County.

In the loss to Browning Springs, Ethan Sosh rushed for a touchdown and caught a pass for a TD. Eli Lovell also rushed for a touchdown.

### CCHS VOLLEYBALL

Crittenden County's volleyball girls have found their stride with the playoffs on the horizon. After completing a sweep of the Fifth District regular-season schedule earlier last week – for the fifth straight time – the girls then knocked off Henderson County 25-16, 25-19 in a weekend event at Paducah. It was the first time in memory that Crittenden has beaten the Lady



Pictured above is Lady Rocket Riley Smith (18) blocking a shot during a recent volleyball match. At left is Critten-den County Middle School quarterback Conner Poindexter (9), who was injured in last week's game and will miss the playoffs that start with a home game on Oct. 14.

Colonels on the volleyball floor.

Crittenden also beat highly-respected Calloway County 24-20, 27-26 at the Quad State Series, which was held at McCracken County High School. CCHS finished the two-day Quad State event with a 2-2 record, losing to McCracken County 25-11, 25-13 and to Christian County 25-21, 25-20.

In a Second Region showdown Monday at Rocket Arena, the Lady Rockets

took top-ranked University Heights to four sets before losing 25-12, 25-16, 19-25, 25-16. CCHS is ranked No. 4 in the region's power rankings with a record of 11-12. UHA is now 29-2 and the favorite to capture the regional championship. Postseason play begins Oct. 16.

Results from CCHS's mach at Hopkins Central Tuesday were not available at press time.

## Shoulders drills ace on first swing en route to championship

STAFF REPORT

When word that Jeremy Shoulders had opened last weekend's baseball benefit golf tournament at Salem with a hole in one with his first swing, no one was surprised.

None of the nearly 40 other golfers participating in the event were surprised either when Shoulders' foursome finished 16 under par with a 56 to win

the championship.

What did come is a shock, however, to the entire golf culture on Saturday was that the ace was the very first in Shoulders' career. The chances of an amateur player striking a hole in one is 0.01%. However, Shoulders is arguably one of the best amateur players in the entire region, with countless championships to his credit over

the past 30-plus years.

Shoulders' teammates for the event were Jordan Roberts, Eddie Perryman and his wife Stefanie. Tournament proceeds benefit Crittenden County High School baseball.

Shoulders, 51, used a gap wedge to ace the par-3 second hole at Deer Lakes Golf Course, which was playing about 127 yards.



Winners of the baseball benefit golf tournament were (from left) Jordan Roberts, Jeremy Shoulders, Stefanie Shoulders and Eddie Perryman.



# Out with old, in with new county headquarters

Change is hard. Often necessary, sometimes needless, always met with a bit of anxiety.

Last week, probably one of the biggest changes to hit this community in decades – perhaps even ever – was cemented. Friday was the last day our courthouse was open for business. In an historic move, county offices are moving across town to a new home.

Since 1842 when Crittenden County was established from a portion of Livingston County, the plan was for the home of local government to be downtown. In fact, the original plat of Marion recorded in our county clerk's office on July 11, 1842, shows 12 city blocks with plans for a courthouse at the center.



Daryl Tabor  
CRITTENDEN COUNTY CLERK

Fast forward 181 years and that is all changing. This week, frantic efforts are underway to move the sheriff, county clerk, judge-executive, treasurer and property valuation administrator offices to their new home at 200 Industrial Dr. at the south end of Marion. With the local court system having already vacated their courthouse home to a temporary location, Monday, Oct. 9 will see Crittenden County Courthouse an empty shell.

For 62 years, the red brick building has stood as Marion's centerpiece and the central location of government. A lot of history has taken place in and around the structure. And much of that history has been recorded and housed inside the very walls.

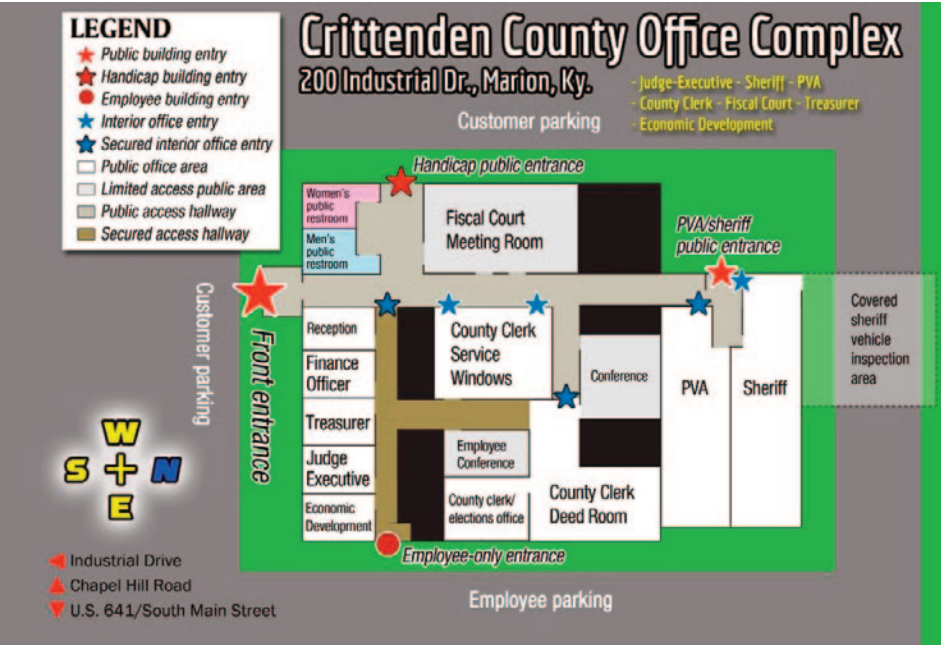
So you can see why during this massive change, there are many who question the necessity.

And is the move even necessary?

Certainly not if you consider functionality, safety, efficiency, practicality and equality as non-essential.

Perhaps the blueprints for our courthouse were purchased from the bargain bin at a 1960 flea market, but the building has been dysfunctional since its construction in 1961. No office in the courthouse could ever be reached without traversing stairs. In fact, the only place accessible without going up or down is the men's restroom at the back entrance of the structure.

An elevator was not part of the original plan either. The only help for those with mobility issues due to age, health



The new home of county government.

ture of our courthouse home, the boiler room was a scary, otherworldly space. Dark, wet and filled with frights like dripping waterlines within splashing of electrical boxes, it is surely some type of gateway to the Underworld.

Another oversight was a top-floor courtroom with only one way in and one way out. That means inmates and accused would walk right past victims and prosecutors in the stairwell. That also left no place to run should danger enter through the doorway.

The courtroom was forever an acoustic nightmare, leaving witness to our local justice system sometimes a mystery, particularly when the air or heat kicked on, when a storm was brewing overhead or loud traffic revved at the stoplight.

As a person who treasurers history, leaving this courthouse saddens me... sad that it couldn't have happened decades earlier.

Our community's new Crittenden County Office Complex at the former



Original 1842 plat of downtown Marion.

Marion Ed-Tech Center is something of which we should all be proud. You will see what I mean upon your first visit to the facility, which officially opens for business on Oct. 9.

A clean, modern structure puts all offices on a single floor with zero steps to go up or down. That alone is victory enough for our relocation, allowing virtually anyone who can leave their home the ability to conduct business themselves.

Parking will no longer be an issue, as there are enough spots to accommodate virtually anything the building may host, such as the countywide Voting Center for this fall's election.

The customer side of our county clerk's office will be more spacious and offer seating for those who may need to wait. No longer will customers have to crawl along the back wall to get past another person conducting business.

There are still some who do not even know this change is upon us, so they will likely be shocked when they find the courthouse shuttered in a few days. With almost a year of slow-motion construction, delays and uncertainty outside the control of local officials, you must give a little latitude to anyone confused about the whole thing.

## Chamber Gala tickets going fast

STAFF REPORT

Details are taking shape for the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Black Tie Gala Saturday, Oct. 28.

On Tuesday, chamber directors met to review nominations and select recipients for an extended and updated version of its annual awards. There will be 10 categories. These awards will be presented during the event at Fohs Hall.

"Nominations have come from far and wide and are such a diverse group of people in each category," said Chamber President Shanna West. "These nominations are truly supreme choices in each category and we can't wait to share winners."

Tickets are going fast for the event, which will include dinner catered by Marion restaurant owner Katie Wheeler.

West hopes the chamber will make the gala an anticipated annual affair.

"Marion deserves to be celebrated all the time, but the people of Marion deserve a stage on which they can be recognized for their contributions and hard work each year. We want to provide that."

Chris and Allison Evans, who publish The Crittenden Press newspaper, will emcee the event.

Tickets for the gala are \$50 each and \$250 for an eight-person table. Individuals who wish to attend only the gala and not participate in the meal can order \$20 tickets. Tickets are available online at [crittcochamber.ticketleap.com](http://crittcochamber.ticketleap.com).

Three newly named Junior Chamber members, who are students at Crittenden County High School, have partnered with the agriculture and industrial design class at CCHS to make custom centerpieces for the gala. Their charge from West was to make them from local and elegant.

For the first time, the ticketing site is also being used for the annual chamber membership drive. Memberships are \$50 for households; \$150 for businesses with 1-10 employees; \$250 for businesses who employ 11-20 people; \$300 for businesses with 21-30 employees; and \$350 for businesses with 31 employees or more.

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