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## DEADLINE TO VOTE NOV. 8 IS COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, Oct. 11 is the deadline to register if you wish to vote in the Nov. 8 General Election. First-time voters can register at the county clerk's office or go online to gov-oteky.com to register, update or check on your registration. Just click on Review your Registration. The online registration portal closes at 3 p.m., on Oct. 11. Once your registration application is accepted, the county clerk will mail confirmation and notify you of your polling location. You can also download a voter registration card from the govoteky.com site, fill it out and take it to your clerk's office. Or you can mail it to the clerk or to the State Board of Elections, 140 Walnut St., Frankfort, KY 40601. In Kentucky, to be eligible to vote you must be a U.S. Citizen, be a current resident of Kentucky, be at least 18 years of age on or before Nov. 8, not be a convicted felon (or have your voting rights restored following an expungement, executive pardon or executive order), have not been judged incompetent in a Kentucky court of law and do not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky.

## BALE TRAILS KICKING OFF

Crittenden and Livingston counties will kick off the fall Bale Trails in the coming days. Crittenden County's trail includes an online vote to rank best designs. Go to Facebook Crittenden County Bale Trail and like the photo of your favorite bale. A grand champion will be named on Nov. 5. There is no cost to participate. Hay bale tours begin Oct. 14. Maps will be available at the Extension office, located on U.S. 60 East, about a one-tenth of a mile outside of Marion. Non-perishable food items will be collected during the contest period and can be deposited behind the Extension office. Donated items will be delivered to the Crittenden County Food Bank. For more information on the Livingston County Bale Trail see page 4 of this edition.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### Area Water Rates

District or Municipality	Minimum Monthly Bill	Last Rate Increase
Princeton	\$8.60	2019
Kuttawa	\$12.00	2019
Grand Rivers	\$15.00	2015
Marion	\$19.13	2015
Cadiz	\$19.60	2019
Dawson Springs	\$15.44	2018
Salem	\$19.24	2019
Critt/Livingston	\$20.72	2019
Barkley Lake	\$21.17	2014
Eddyville	\$23.93	2018
Fredonia	\$23.95	2018
Lyon County	\$25.00	2016
Caldwell County	\$25.17	2018
Smithland	\$26.24	2018

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Congressman and candidate for U.S. House of Representatives James Comer was among local, regional and statewide candidates who participated in Tuesday's three-hour public forum at Fohs Hall. Crittenden County's Democratic and Republican parties coordinated the event. A large portion of the event can be seen on The Press' YouTube Channel and Facebook page. A link is available at The Press online to watch the forum.



Belt



Martin

## Two vying for, District Six Magistrate

STAFF REPORT

The complexion of county government will change more this year than it has at any point in recent history and voters will have a big say in what's to come.

From big changes in countywide offices, to a reshuffling of the fiscal court and a new county office complex that will be occupied in a few months, there are wholesale changes coming to the way local government reacts and operates.

Voters on Nov. 8 will have the opportunity to select a new magistrate in District 6. It's the district where Dan Wood has been a fixture for two decades, but is retiring from public office. The district runs from the east side of Marion to Shady Grove and encompasses a large swath of the eastern section of the county.

Republican Scott Belt won 37 percent of the vote in a GOP primary in May and will

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## Scott Belt

REPUBLICAN

AGE 38

OCCUPATION

Loan Officer at Farmers Bank & Trust-14 Years

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

7 years retail sales at Hodge's Sports and Apparel

RESIDENCY

Lifelong resident of Crittenden County

EDUCATION

2002 Crittenden County High School graduate and 2008 Murray State University graduate with a Bachelor in Science Degree in Business

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Member of Mexico Baptist Church where he serves on the finance committee and teaches the 1st-5th Royal Ambassador class. Member of the Crittenden County Public Library Board of Trustees, member of the University of Kentucky Extension District Board of Directors, former member of Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce and currently serves on Crittenden County Budget Committee.



## Jason Martin

DEMOCRAT

AGE 43

OCCUPATION

Machinist/Machinery Building for 25 years

MILITARY

Army National Guard, 4 Years

RESIDENCY

Raised in Crittenden County. Lived and worked in Henderson for a time then returned home in 2015 to live and raise a family in Crittenden County.

EDUCATION

GED/ Apprenticeship, Paul Guess Construction.

Four years as Crittenden County Constable.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Attends Marion Baptist Church, served as 4-H board president and is currently vice president, president of UK Extension District Board of Directors and was the 2021 4-H Volunteer of the Year.



It always helps to know the snake you're handling

Be careful what you read and be more careful what you post.

There are times when social media fills an unquenchable void. Posts can be mundane creatures with birthday wishes, what's for dinner and how great art thou children. However, social media can fester into a venomous bite. As with everything, moderation and personal restraint can improve the social media experience.

Facebook, I tell people, is like a gas chamber, slowly, silently killing us.

Before the Information Age, there was not a platform for such unfettered nonsense. While it can be entertaining, it can also be poisonous. I always say that I don't mind handling a copperhead snake as long as I understand the hazards, and conduct the exercise with care.

So please, handle social media with care and never post anything you wouldn't say in front of your preacher.

All this said, it's National Newspaper Week in America where the Fourth Estate is firmly embedded into the foundation of our Constitution. The First Amendment is paramount to all the freedoms we hold. Freedom of speech does come with a responsibility and we in the community newspaper business have long understood our great commission.

So, take not for granted your source of realible, unsensational information. For one day, it could be gone. Then, forever lost will be your best source of community enlightenment, slain by the aforementioned uncharitable devil snake.

We in the newspaper field are indeed in trouble. In the past year or so, several newspapers across the country have closed and in Kentucky the Morganfield paper shuttered its work a few weeks ago. Others are but a shadow of themselves after being gobbled up by corporate chains that care little for the reader other than its source of income.

For the better part of my life, this newspaper has consumed my full being. I pour into it all that I have. Unmeasurable love for this community and its people provides the wind beneath the wings of this lifelong reporter who begs only for the next story idea. I quake at the notion that one day it will all be over. Perhaps sooner than many of us want.

Keep in mind that rural journalism, once dead, will likely never be revived. You will not know when your taxes are going up until the bill arrives in the mail, you will not know the workings of local government until an ordinance hits you in the wallet. You may know the score of Friday's football game, but nothing more. Independent articles that verify, legitimize and explain what is happening in your community from city hall to the ball fields will be gone with the wind.

So pardon me for bemoaning this Information Age. Myself and others like me were chisling information out of stones well before the entire earth joined a chorus of social media noise that often regergetates more misinformation than palatable posts and without any semblance of



Chris EVANS  
Press publisher  
About Town

## Dry, dry, dry

Amid water shortage, city selects interim administrator

STAFF REPORT

Scarcely a drop of rain has fallen on Crittenden County since early September. The timing of this dry spell couldn't be more problematic for the City of Marion, which has been dealing with a raw water shortage since April.

The city has begun drawing raw water from the Lake George basin in order to supplement what's left in Old City Lake. The old lake's water level is about 13 inches below the top of the dam.

In another development late last week, Marion City Council approved making Layten Croft the interim city administrator. Croft, 30, has been serving as the city treasurer. She is also a former 911 coordinator for the City of Marion. Croft's grandfather, Jim O'Neal, was a city dispatcher for many years and her uncle, Ray O'Neal is the police chief.

"I've grown up at city hall," Croft said.

Now, she will fill in when Adam Ledford



Croft

## SEPTEMBER 2022

### Weather Yearbook



	Coldest Temp	Warmest Temp	Wettest Day
	39.0	95.8	0.86
	Wed, Sept 28	Wed, Sept 21	Mon, Sept 5

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	71.3	70.4	69.1	65.5	70.4
Coldest Temp	39.0	46.3	47.9	53.7	44.2
Hottest Temp	95.8	88.6	88	95.5	90.2
Precipitation	2.0	2.2	2.71	0.19	2.98
Wettest Day	0.86	0.84	1.15	0.15	1.3

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# Deaths

## LaPlante

Allan Harvey LaPlante passed away at his home in Marion, Kentucky on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022.

Surrounded by his family, LaPlante left this world on a beautiful fall day as the sound of laughter rang throughout the house during the many retellings of "Allan tales."

Born on March 11, 1941, LaPlante was the sixth generation and last child born in his family homeplace, the home that his father Cecil LaPlant salvaged the remains of and rebuilt after the 1937 flood.

The baby of three children, LaPlante enjoyed his youth farming with his father and uncles, playing with his cousins and being spoiled by his mother, Elsie Jackson LaPlant, and older sisters Shirley Ann and Cecilia Jean.

LaPlante graduated with the East Prairie class of 1959, an avid football player, FFA officer and all-around social butterfly. He married his high school sweetheart, Sheila Dick, in 1961 and they welcomed their first child, Michelle Leigh, in November of that same year.

He continued his education at the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy at Rolla, receiving the title of the ROTC Top Cadet, and earning his Bachelor of Science in Engineering. After graduating he began a two-year tour of duty with the United States Army Corp of Engineers as a commissioned officer and continued to grow his family with the addition of Mark Allan in 1964.

In 1966, LaPlante joined Continental Pipeline Company, the beginnings of his successful and daring career in the oil business. Ever the hard worker, LaPlante thrived under pressure and he and Sheila moved eight times with Continental Oil Company (later called Conoco) before welcoming their third child, Cecile Renee in 1968.

In 1972 he received a professional engineering degree from the University of Missouri at Rolla and welcomed he and Sheila's fourth and final child, Jacqueline Janel in 1973. Realizing two people sometimes make better coparents than spouses, LaPlante and Sheila divorced in 1978. In that same year, he received his master's degree by completing the Sloan Fellowship Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

In 1979, LaPlante saw Debra for the first time in an elevator. Ever the gossip, LaPlante asked around until he had a name. He then directed one of his secretaries to tell Debra to apply for his open administrative assistant position (his secretary was unaware he was suddenly in need of another assistant). After much convincing, Debra sat across the desk from

LaPlante for the first time. And that was it.

The couple left Conoco in 1979 to establish Tomlinson Petroleum Company, working closely with their lifelong friends Jim Allison and Ron Summer.

LaPlante and Debra were married at John Wesley Methodist Church in Houston, Texas on May 3, 1980, with their parents and children as witnesses. LaPlante enjoyed his honeymoon with Debra in Hawaii, island hopping with their beloved parents, Cecil, step-mother Mildre, and new in-laws Richard and Edith Hall.

Cloaked in the confidence and joy a new union brings, in 1981 LaPlante and Debra left Tomlinson Oil Company to found the Lapco Companies: Lapco Oil and Gas (1981), Lapco Land and Cattle Company (1981), and Lapco Arabians (1985).

With this new venture managing 2,200 acres in Kentucky and 1,000 acres of farmland in Missouri, LaPlante was lucky to inherit a ranch manager who became his best friend and partner, Steve Manker.

Steve and LaPlante were known to speak in code and sometimes with just a glance. They regularly enjoyed early morning coffee dates and long rides around the farm. In January of 1993, Debra discovered she was pregnant, a miracle child both she and LaPlante never thought would come to pass. They decided then to trade their fast-paced life in Houston for a more quiet and peaceful existence in Crittenden County, and Debra delivered their first child in Paducah, a daughter named Dominique Nicole, in October of that year.

The blessings continued and in November of 1996, LaPlante and Debra welcome their second daughter, the sixth and final LaPlante baby, Elle Martine. The later years of LaPlante's life were full of the kind of busyness and happiness only raising young children can bring. He was a chef, a chauffeur, a teacher, a doctor, and reliably attended every after-school event and function he could. His family's greatest memories still include the many large meals and laughter they all shared together at their Fourth of July reunions.

LaPlante leaves behind a tremendous legacy, including owning and operating the George W. LaPlante Estate, a Missouri Founding Farm that has been passed down from generation to generation of LaPlantes since 1792. He also leaves behind eight granddaughters, seven grandsons, six great-grandsons, three great-granddaughters, and one great-great-granddaughter. All incredibly loved and adored, all incredibly spoiled by their grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with his many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, but mostly his

horses, cows and dogs. He considered himself an honorary member of the Hole in the Pocket Gang and the President, Event Coordinator, and Safety Manager of his own private hunting club—a beloved November tradition with his cousin, Rik LaPlant and the Bootheel Boys.

A private celebration of LaPlante life will be held amongst family with Masonic funeral rites performed. LaPlante will be buried in IOOF Cemetery in Charleston, Mo., with military honors. LaPlante was a cowboy, a mentor, an incredible father and friend who will be missed in every corner of the globe.

*Paid obituary*

## Barfield

Susan Kay Barfield, 69, of Marion, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022 at her home surrounded by family and close friends.

She was the daughter of James and Ruby Barfield of the Chapel Hill Community in Crayne. She was a graduate of Crittenden County High School and Draughn's Business College in Paducah. She worked for Guggenheim Insurance for several years and was a long-time employee of Crittenden Community Hospital where she worked in the records and admissions departments.

Surviving are first cousins, Jimmie Bigham of Marion and Morris Yates of Madisonville; cousin-in-law, Gail Bigham; second cousins, Dedra Clark of Marion, Chris Bigham of Dawson Springs and Holly Campbell of Kuttawa; and special friends, Paula Porter, Mary Milikan, Shirley Jent and Tommy and Brenda Overfield.

As anyone who knew Barfield knows, she was an avid cat lover. She will deeply miss by her furry friends.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

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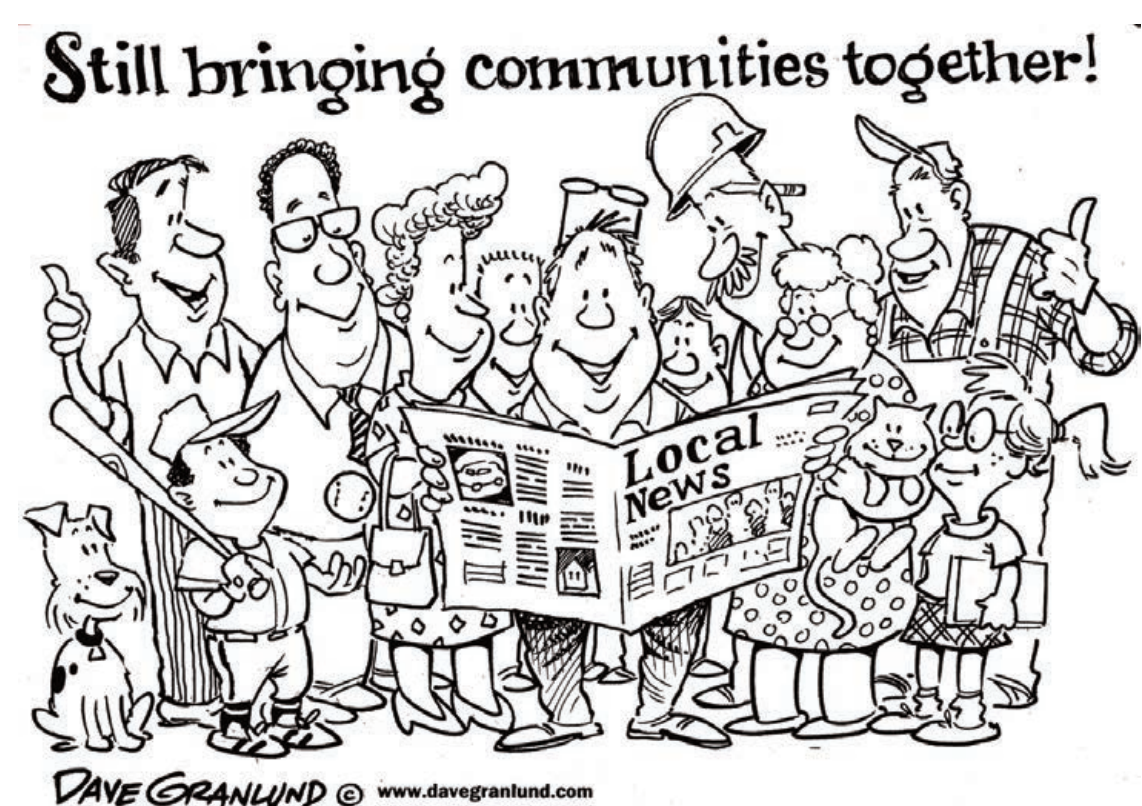
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The Crittenden Press, like so many of our fellow newspapers across this great country, is struggling to remain in business. However, the viability and reliability of our product shall not waiver. I was telling a friend last week that only a few years ago, The Press had 13 employees. Due to outsourcing and other conditions in the industry, there are now only three of us who work full time. That friend appeared a bit shocked to learn about the rapid yet unnoticeable downsizing in staff, pointing out that he’d seen no diminishing quality or volume of reporting. For that, we are indeed grateful, because it is by design. And we certainly appreciate the fact that our readers and advertisers continue their loyal support.

Journalism is about facts, not baseless opinions like you find on social media, or even on nightly cable television news. As my friend Al Cross, a former political writer for the Courier-Journal pointed out in a recent column, “Opinions are the heartbeat of a democracy, but they should be based on facts. And for the facts, we



need newspapers.”

I miss Joe Friday. Unless you’re aged 50 or beyond, you likely have no idea about Joe Friday, who a fictional Los Angeles police detective in the early television series *Dragnet*. Friday’s catchphrase, “Just

the facts, ma’am,” was part of America’s lexicon in the 1950s and 1960s.

Joe Friday and his demand for the facts is largely forgotten today.

In another generation, the same could be said about com-

munity journalists.

We need your continued help. We don’t want The Press or any other local media to fail, not on our watch, or beyond. Only you can keep us alive.

# CITY

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leaves in about a week. Ledford has been city administrator for about six years. He announced his resignation a week ago after accepting a similar job in Norris, Tenn.

Mayor Jared Byford said Croft will handle routine chores at city hall until a full-time administrator can be hired. The search has already begun for Ledford’s replacement.

Meantime, city officials continue to look for a solution to its water crisis. The council is not scheduled to meet again until Monday, Oct. 17, but will likely call a special meeting at some point next week before Ledford leaves in order to get his final update on the water shortage and plans for remedying it.

The city has engineering models for repairing Lake George’s levee and expansion of Crittenden-Livingston Water District’s capabilities so it could fully serve Marion water customers. The levee repair would cost between \$5 million and \$7 million and it remains unclear whether the state’s Division of Water would re-approve the lake as a raw water source. The Crittenden-Livingston solution would be more than \$30 million as currently presented. Another long-term option that has been discussed, tapping onto Princeton Water District appears to have hit a snag and may no longer be a viable solution.

Councilwoman D’Anna

Browning suggested during last week’s meeting that the city might consider hiring a consultant or facilitator to shepherd along development of a long-term solution while the town is without a full-time administrator. No action was taken with regard to that suggestion. Browning said after the meeting that time cannot be wasted in Marion’s work to cure its water shortage. Finding a new city administrator could takes months, she said.

Residents should be reminded that a county-wide burn ban remains in effect. Saturday marked the beginning of Kentucky’s annual wildfire season. Its typical daytime burn ban is superseded by the county-wide prohibition on all outdoor burning at any time day or night.

September and October have traditionally been among the driest months for Crittenden County, yet in the past two years, October has gotten wetter. October saw just over three inches of rain last year and almost eight inches in 2020.

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the second driest it’s been in over 8 years. September was one of the driest ever in Paducah, and the trend will continue into October.

The dry weather con-

tinues to complicate the city’s effort to keep from running out of water. Its Stage 3 Water Conservation Order remains in effect.

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RESCUE SQUAD'S  
YEARLY FUNDRAISING  
DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

Crittenden County Rescue Squad has mailed out reminders of its annual fundraising drive. The squad has announced that due to lasting pandemic issues, it will not be having the customary portrait shoot in conjunction with the fundraiser.

The rescue squad is asking for a donation of \$25 or more. The squad sent about 4,200 letters to residents and supporters. It says that 100 percent of the donations received goes to better outfit the squad with lifesaving equipment and training.

The rescue squad responds to automobile accidents and other emergencies, searches and rescues. It operates solely on government and community support and does not charge for its service. Fire dues that are paid as part of county tax bills do not benefit the rescue squad.

If you did not get a letter, but want to support the fundraising effort, mail your contribution to Crittenden County Rescue Squad, PO Box 346, Marion, KY.

TAX BILLS MAILED

Crittenden County tax bills were mailed late last week and should have already arrived in your mailbox. Taxes are due by the end of 2022, but taxpayers who pay by Nov. 1 receive a two-percent discount.

COAL JOBS COMING  
TO WEST KENTUCKY

New Kentucky coal jobs were announced last week when River View Coal, which operates an underground coal mine in Union County, announced expansion with a new facility in Henderson County, creating 260 jobs with a \$35 million investment.

"It is great to see continued job creation in northwest Kentucky," Gov. Andy Beshear said.



"We are pleased to welcome River View to Henderson County as this significant investment and job creation breathes new life into an industry that has always been important to our economy."

Leaders at River View plan to construct a new 30,000-square-foot facility on 56 acres in response to growing demand. Work on the River View project is expected to begin in April 2023 and be completed by December 2024.

River View, a wholly owned subsidiary of Alliance Coal, began producing coal in 2009 and is now the largest underground room-and-pillar mine of its kind in North America. The existing operation includes a preparation plant onsite with a throughput capacity of 2,700 tons of raw coal per hour. Currently, River View employs 783 people in Kentucky. Alliance Coal also operates sister mines in eastern and western Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and West Virginia.

KENTUCKY BATTLE  
BEING RE-STAGED

Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site in Boyle County will host a national Civil War reenactment this weekend for the 160th Anniversary of the Battle of Perryville. People from all over the United States are expected to take part in the event as reenactors or viewers. Perryville became the site of the most destructive Civil War battle in Kentucky, which left more than 7,600 killed, wounded or missing.

The two-day event includes battlefield tours, Chautauqua performances, battle reenactments, lectures, museum exhibits, educational programs, food and other vendors.

Those who attend the event can walk through

the recreated Civil War camps and talk to Living History Historians. The Battle of Perryville was the largest Civil War battle in Kentucky. It occurred in October 1862, and some historians consider it a turning point in the war. Each year, the battle is commemorated with special events on the 1,200 acre grounds.

CONTEST PROMOTES  
CLEAN, GREEN

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is accepting entries for its popular Adopt-a-Highway art contest for Kentucky school students. The theme is Adopt-a-Highway: Keep Kentucky Clean and Green.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Oct. 28. Students enrolled in Kentucky public, private or home schools may enter. The entry form, evaluation criteria and other information for students, parents and teachers are available on the program website. The contest is divided into four age groups. Winners of each age division earn a \$100 gift card while second- and third-place finishers receive a \$50 gift card. More information is at transportation.ky.gov/AdoptaHighway.

FREDONIA PLANNING  
OCTOBER PARK PARTY

Fredonia will host a Party in the Park on Sunday, Oct. 30 at Buddy Rogers Park. There will be a Family 5K to kick off the party. Registration begins at 2 p.m., and the race is at 3 p.m. Cost is \$25 per runner/walker and those who wear a costume will get a discount.

Party in the Park will follow from 4-6 p.m., which will include trunk or treating, games, food and more.

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Livingston growing bales

BY ALEXA TABOR  
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Getting into the spirit of October, the Williams family of Livingston County has kicked off their fourth annual "Bayou Bluff Bales," a feature with numerous decorated hay bales spray painted into intricate designs, both fall and Halloween themed. The idea originated when neighbors let them borrow hay to decorate for the kids. It quickly evolved and now much time and effort goes into painting the bales and placing them around the area.

"Depending on the creation, they usually take about 30 minutes each," said Sonya Williams, who is the county clerk in Livingston. "The McGrew family (our neighbors) work hard during multiple seasons cutting, raking, baling and storing the bales. The Williamses retrieve, create and build the displays. It's a complete team effort. When our sons were toddlers, my husband (Michael) painted a Jack O' Lantern that they adored. The next year, they begged for another, which was the birth of the spider bale. Year after year, while they were young, they came to expect it around Halloween."

Now, their creations are not only placed all around Livingston County for the public to view, but the project has morphed into a drive where canned goods and money can be donated. They also exclusively purchase pumpkins used for the displays from Mr. Yoder in the Amish community in Crittenden County.

"Four years ago, I had the idea to create multiple displays and invite the public to also enjoy the bales," Williams said. "I also thought, 'Why not follow Noble Park's lead and collect canned goods and monetary donations?' The first year we collected a little over \$1,100 and a little over 500 cans, and we were stunned!"

While the bale trail is free to view across the county, donations are highly encouraged and can be dropped off at their shack, which is located at 741 McMurray Road in Smithland. They have already collected \$111 and their goal is to exceed \$3,000 and 600 canned goods this fall. Canned goods are wel-



Bales can be viewed in Grand Rivers, Ledbetter, Smithland, Salem and Burna.



comed, along with payments of cash or check.

The family also asks that fans of the project "like and share" the Bayou Bluff Bales Facebook page in order to spread the word. The bales will remain up from through Oct. 31.

"Needless to say, the idea has become a tradition and the donations continue to grow annually," said Williams. "The first two years, all pro-

ceeds went to Livingston County Helping Hands. Last year we decided to donate 100 percent of the canned goods to the same organization, but we gave 100 percent of the money to our local sheriff's office for its annual Santa Cop program. They were able to serve approximately 25 children."

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face Democrat Jason Martin in next month's general election.

The winner will serve a four-year term on the fiscal court, which is the six-member governing body of the county. In January, the court will have four new members and Martin or Belt will be among them. Only Dave Belt, the candidate's father who serves District 1, and Chad Thomas, who serves District 4, will return to the court. Newcomers will include GOP primary winners who face no general election opposition. They are Robert Kirby, who defeated incumbent Willard Guill; Travis Perryman, who defeated incumbent Greg Rushing; and Matt Grimes, who won the District 2 primary where new PVA Todd Perryman had been serving as magistrate.

Belt, 38, the GOP nominee for District 6, is a loan officer at Farmers Bank and Trust Company in Marion. Martin, 43, is a machinist employed at Treehouse Foods in Princeton. He had no opposition in the May primary. Both candidates have grown up in Crittenden County and now are raising their own families here. Both are active in their communities and go to church in the community.

Following is a message each provided to outline their campaigns:

Scott Belt

"I have worked with and served the public for over 20 years. Over that time I've developed skills that allow me to be a great listener. When problems arise, I work to solve them to the best of my ability. If I don't have an answer, I'm willing to go to someone who knows in order to get the advice and expertise needed to solve the issue at hand.

"I have served on numerous boards in the community as well as being on budget and finance committees. Working in finance has given

me a vast knowledge of budgets and would allow me to help manage and track each fund in the county's budget.

"Each and every concern of the residents of Crittenden County is important. I'm easily obtainable and approachable which will help citizens who have concerns or needs. I'll be honest. If I know a request is something that can't be done, I'll be upfront in saying that. That doesn't mean that I won't take the concern to heart and do my best to try to figure out a work around solution to the issue at hand.

"I can provide the financial and budget background to make sure that our tax dollars are spent wisely and allocated to what will benefit the community and ensure our children have a great place to grow up."

Jason Martin

"In running for 6th District Magistrate, I am looking to give back to the community I had the privilege of growing up in.

"I am dedicated to growth and sustainability of our community. I would work hard to make decisions that will better the community by budgeting and spending every cent as though I am asking every constituent for permission.

"I believe in keeping our county competitive in the areas of employment, education, tourism, public services and environmental markets but not at the expense of our morals and small-town values.

"When considering running for magistrate, I began educating myself for the position by attending fiscal court meetings and asking community members about their concerns with regard to our district and county. Through my experience with budgeting clubs, boards, business and life along with working with and listening to others needs and experience, I would welcome the opportunity to serve as 6th District Magistrate."



10 YEARS AGO

October 11, 2012

■ The courthouse lawn was decorated by Elliot West and Randa Berry in honor of the annual Pumpkin Festival. Together they made and hung tin banners to draw attention to the event.

■ Tolu's popular haunted house made a return after 7 years. The operation was stopped when a storm in 2005 damaged most of the equipment used by the Tolu Community Center. Thanks to the hard work from the Tolu Community Center through multiple fundraisers and yard sales, they acquired the funds to bring the haunted house back.

■ Alyssa and Kaylyn Woodall made their way through the corn maze at Gardner Farms. This attraction was located on Ky. 120 and offered a hayride, pumpkin patch and corn mazes.

■ A Crittenden County native created a weather web specifically for this area. The Crittenden County Weathercast became available online at www.crittendenweather.com and was maintained by Eric Watson. Watson was a 2002 Crittenden County High School graduate and continued his education at Western Kentucky University majoring in meteorology and minoring in broadcasting.

■ A donkey basketball fundraiser at

the CCMS gym left fans rolling and players bouncing off the floor. Key players Tony Perryman, Darron Holliman and David Maddux were among the participants. The proceeds helped to sponsor the freshman and junior trip to Washington, D.C.

25 YEARS AGO

October 16, 1997

■ Crittenden County homecoming attendants were announced for the 1997 football homecoming court. Competing for the crown were seniors Ashley Hunt, Shanna Wood and Jenny Boone. Other attendants were junior Terri Travis, sophomore Kindra Carnahan and freshman Denise Porter.

■ When an earthen wall collapsed, J.D Grimes of Marion was covered with an estimated three tons of dirt. Grimes and two other men were digging out a sewer line in the Greenwood Heights area when the accident occurred. Crittenden County EMS and Rescue Squad members spent more than 30 minutes shoveling dirt away from Grimes' lower body.

■ The Crittenden County Extension Office and the community celebrated Homemakers Week and the chapter's 50th anniversary. The current Home-maker clubs were Crooked Creek, Morning Glories, Evening Belles, Challengers, After Hours and Silver Belles.

■ Crittenden County's Schuyler Powell placed 13th and Tabi Morris placed 14th to lead Crittenden's cross-country team during their matchup with Webster County. Powell finished the boy's course in 22:15 while Morris crossed the line in 18:48.

50 YEARS AGO

October 12, 1972

■ Crittenden started thinking ahead to the holiday season by fundraising and collecting funds for new Christmas decorations. Thanks to donations from the Rotary Club of Marion and local businesses, Marion raised over \$2,150 to purchase sparkling new Christmas lights.

■ Crittenden County hosted over 150 Boy Scouts and their leaders from the Boone District at Lake George for a two-night camping adventure. While on the retreat, the boys learned traditional campfire building, how to canoe on the lake and more.

■ Crittenden County FFA students attended a workshop at North Hopkins High School in Madisonville to discuss the year's theme of "Updating the FFA Works." President Mike Walker and secretary Danny Belt were accompanied by their advisor Mr. William Todd to the event.

■ The annual golf league banquet at the Marion Country Club sent many men home with trophies. Awarded were Zeb Ricketts, Dick Moore, Jim Hatfield, "Doc" Fritts, David Winders, Charles Aldridge, Jack Easley, Gene Stone, Mike Stone, Jim Nelson, Nicky Winders and Roy Boistre.

■ Gene's IGA announced their steak prices. They advertised sirloin steaks for \$1.29, round steaks for \$1.09 and cube steaks for \$1.39.

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# The sunset is still beautiful

Most of us are familiar with the story of Job in the Bible. It still stands as the best theodicy ever written. It still causes us to question and ponder the suffering in the world. It reminds us that there are things in the world, and beyond, that we cannot fathom – much less understand. Job’s friends insist that he is guilty of something and Job maintain his innocence. Job screams his innocence to God in his closing argument, “Oh, that I had one to hear me! Here is my mark! Let the almighty answer me! If only I had my adversary’s written indictment!” (Job 31:35). In the poem, God finally speaks, “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, Or who laid its cornerstone, When the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the

sea with doors, When it burst forth from the womb; When I made clouds its garment, And thick darkness its swaddling band, And prescribed bounds for it, And set bars and doors, And said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther, And here shall your proud waves be stayed?” (Job 38:4-11, RSV) These are the opening stanzas of one of the most humbling poems ever recorded. What follows is a litany of things that are (accounting for the ancient imagery) still beyond us. They cover astronomy, geology, zoology and meteorology. They are reminders for us today that the universe is an impossibly complex and wondrous place. We may be able to crash an object into an asteroid orbiting another asteroid, but there are still depths of the sea that we do not yet understand. We still do not fully understand our own behavior. It is astounding to me that while I am consider-

ing what I might eat for dinner there is a tiny fish off the coast of Mauritius doing what nature intended for it to do. While I am sleeping at night, there is a galaxy that no one has yet looked at spinning and swirling just as it has since the beginning. (Is there a being in that galaxy wondering the same things that we are?) Pondering those things beyond us pulls us ever forward in our understanding of ourselves, the earth, and the universe. It also keeps us humble if we take it seriously. Whether one believes God created it all or not, it still humbles us. As a believer, it gives me great comfort to know that the universe does not depend upon me. In fact, the grass that I mow during the summer doesn’t depend on me either. What does depend upon me is how I treat my fellow travelers. Jesus said as much in the Sermon on the Mount, “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.” The sunrise, the sea-

sons, the beauty of the earth are all reminders of the faithfulness of God. There are those in this world that would have us focus on fear, division, and ridicule of political opponents. There are those that make a living by making our world smaller and obscuring the horizon with logical fallacies that many confuse with being clever and out-thinking others. Do we not know how ridiculous is sounds to make claims of destruction or salvation when we don’t even understand fully how our own bodies work? It is worth taking time to notice those things that are beautiful over which we have no control. Life moves at such a pace for many that we don’t take time to do it. It is a good discipline to build into one’s week. In the meantime, it is good to know that the rivers still run over the cliffs and rocks, the fish still swim, the earthworms and grubs still take care of the soil, the oceans still nourish the earth. The sunset is still beautiful, whether we see it or not. It does not care if we notice, but we fail to see it at our own loss. 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.

## Community Events & News

- Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 13 at the VFW building at 412 N. College St., Marion. Refreshments will be served.
- The descendants and friends of James Paris of Smith Co., Tn. will gather Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Masonic Lodge (across from Henry & Henry Monument) on Sturgis Rd., Marion for the 25th Paris family reunion. Doors open at 10 a.m., potluck at 1 p.m.
- The VFW in Marion has Bingo starting at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.
- Marion Show and Shine will be Oct. 27, weather permitting. Cars, trucks and motorcycles permitted at Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 S. Main St., Marion. Sponsored by City of Marion Tourism. City of Marion Police Dept. authorized.
- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church. Does your group have something planned? Let us know. We post notes here at no charge. Email to the-press@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191

## God gives wisdom to help us through trials

**Question:** Inflation has eaten up a portion of my weekly salary. By the time we pay our bills, we have nothing left to live on. I'm anxious about what is going to happen to our family. How can I keep my anxiety from spiraling into self-doubt and fear?

**Answer:** What can you do to get your family through your financial squeeze? The obvious answer is to do one of two things--tighten your belt on your family's spending. That is less eating out, staying to home during your vacation time, cutting corners wherever you can, etc. The other is to increase your income by working some overtime hours, getting a second job until the crises eases, and have an additional person

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

in the family bring in some income. Also, you should pray for guidance. During trials, we don't need worldly judgment; we need the wisdom of God. The Bible teaches us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, be must believe and not doubt..." (James 1:5, 6). God is a generous giver of wisdom. He won't belittle those who

need it. He is also a faithful giver, responding to our requests. Through trials, believers gain the ability to endure hardships. Just as exposure to wind strengthens trees, trials strengthen believers, giving us the ability to bear up under the weight of life (James 1:3, 4). Faith is spiritual muscle that must be exercised to gain strength. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Worship service: 11 a.m.

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# Interesting happenings from town meetings of yesteryear

County and city business has always been a favorite and newsworthy topic to put in the pages of The Crittenden Press. The writings of these long ago press reporters make for interesting reading today and give us a glimpse into the happenings of our city and county of many years ago.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press. Let's meet the grand jury of 1891.

Dec. 17, 1891 – **The Grand Jury**

While in search of news for The Press, the reporter tapped on the door of the grand jury room, and a dapper little fellow with a cravat of black beard, opened the door and said, "Walk in."

Seated in the center of a circle of the 12 men chosen to investigate the boys might make some people uncomfortable, but of course no newspaper man has any irritability on that score.

There was Uncle George Boaz who was born near Lexington 74 years ago. He is a Baptist and a Democrat.

James R. Jennings next in point of age was born in Virginia 71 years ago. He is an old school Presbyterian, in politics he is independent.

Thomas J. Yandell is 66 years old, was born in Hopkins County. He is a Presbyterian and Republican.

Joseph Hina was born in France 61 years ago, reared in Germany, is now a good American citizen. He is a Cumberland Presbyterian and a Republican.

Robert L. Wilson is 55 years old, like a great many of our citizens he was born in Tennessee. His politics run smartly with those of Uncle Joe Hina.

Abraham C. Deboe first saw the light in Caldwell County 51 years ago. He is a Baptist, he usually votes with the Republicans.

George W. Parish is 47 years old, was born in Hopkins County.

Robert N. Grady was born in Bourbon County 46 years ago. He is a Methodist and a Republican.

John F. Snyder is 46, born in Tennessee, is a Baptist and Republican.

Thomas A. Minner is 44, and is the only member of the jury born in Crittenden. He has been a Democrat and a Methodist 44 years.

A. J. Rutherford in 41, born in Christian County. He is a Methodist and a Cleveland man.

George W. Perry is 87, born in Tennessee; he is a Baptist and a Republican.

Ten of the jurors are for working the roads by taxation.

When the reporter reached the door, he found it locked, and was informed that it would require half a bushel of apples to open it. The apples were sent for, and the door was opened.

## Extension Events

Crittenden County Extension events for October include the following:

- Community Christmas Lesson No. 6, 1:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex.
- Twilight Walk, 5 p.m., Marion-Crittenden County Park pavillion next to restrooms.
- Hooks & Needles Club, 1-3 p.m., Extension Annex.
- After Hours Homemakers 5 p.m., Extension office.
- Challengers Homemakers meet at noon, Nov. 12 Extension annex.
- Horse Club meets at 4 p.m., Crittenden County Lions Club building.
- Quilt Club, 1 p.m., Extension annex.
- 4-H Cooking Club, 5 p.m., Extension annex.

### Board of Health Meets

The Local Board of Health also met during this time and transacted the following business.

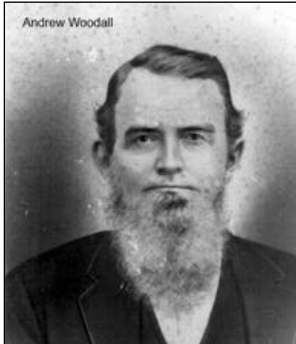
After discussing the sanitary condition of our town, Marion, and our neighboring towns and villages and the county generally, and the varied infectious diseases which have been in our midst for some time and still exist with an increased tendency to spread, issued the following statement to The Press.

Motioned by Dr. Wm. J. Deboe that the Secretary be ordered and directed to notify the citizens of Crittenden County through the medium of our county papers, which motion carried, to clean and disinfect their premises.

We mean by this that all premises must be cleaned out and disinfected with lime or copperas and kept clean and disinfected at least once a week through the season, and all rubbish or garbage in back yards, alleys, livery stables, feed pens, must be cleaned by burning or hauling away from the town.

All ponds and sesspools that retain stagnant water must be drained and filled with earth so as to prevent the accumulation and retention of water. No swill or other food accumulations from hotels or other buildings shall be permitted thrown out on the back yards. All rubbish from business houses must be burned immediately after it has been swept or placed on the street or accumulated from any other sources.

All owners and occupants of lands or build-



Woodall Andrew, from the Piney district and John Cook, of the Bells Mines district, were two members of the tax supervisors board. It was not a favorable position to be in during tax season.

ings are requested and demanded to comply with the requirements of this order. This order applies to the county as well as to the towns and villages.

### Tax Supervisors Made Some Changes

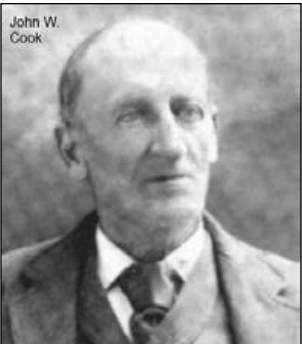
In January 1899 the board of tax supervisors had made some new tax assessments, and the citizens of our county weren't very happy about the tax increase. The Press reporter dropped in on the meeting at the courthouse to get the results. His assessment of the scene is very descriptive, informative and amusing.

We dropped in to see the board of tax supervisors just before it went into executive session Monday afternoon. The room was full of people, and the temperature generally was up to about 98 degrees in the shade. There seemed to be a feeling of uneasiness with the men.

Henry Brouster was reclining on the further edge of the table with a restless look in his eye, and the rubber of a lead pencil in his mouth.

Mr. Andy Woodall, sitting in a chair seemed to be trying to slide under the table, except for his head.

John W. Cook was reposing on the small of his back in a chair, with his legs crossed and feet on a level with his head, as a fortification for what was



to come.

Mr. William Belt had fitted himself in a corner behind the stove and occasionally asked somebody to open the stove door.

Reuben Wood fondled his watch guard nervously as his head rested on the window-sill, and he appeared to be thinking of the fresh air and freedom of the broad acres of Piney.

Field Crider had the floor and was making a few pertinent remarks.

Uncle Bird Ashley was giving a lucid description of his farm.

Ben and Tom Thurman were asking the chair for recognition.

Joe Hughes was mopping the perspiration from his face with his coat sleeve.

Just at this time Frank Woolf came in twirling a pump handle in his hand and as it struck the table near Uncle Andy, the latter pulled himself up to a sitting posture, and cried out: "Gentlemen, we will hear you one at a time, please retire and give the board a chance."

### The Outcome Of The Meeting.

The tax supervisors, Messers Rube Woods, John W. Cook, Andrew Woodall, J. H. Brouster and William Belt, con-

vened for the purpose of hearing the statements of those whose lists they had increased.

Quite a number of persons appeared and stated their side of the case, but the board made few changes in their original work.

The following were some of the increases that made for unhappy property owners.

Marion district were Willoughby Guess \$1,700 to \$3,000, Mary Woods \$1,500 to \$2,300, Electra Boaz \$700 to \$1,000.

Fords Ferry District: R. S. Heath \$1,200 to \$1,600, Levi Cook \$400 to \$1,000, Robert Heath \$1,300 to \$1,600.

Bells Mines: S. F(field)

Crider \$1,500 to \$1,750, B.(en) H. Thurman \$800 to \$1,100.

Piney District: Eliza McConnell \$900 to \$1,250, F. G. McDowell \$750 to \$1,000, Frank Woolf \$4,000 to \$6,000.

So ends another informative session of our old courthouse news items and of the men that were a part of our past history.

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




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FOOTBALL

MS Rockets las gm

Crittenden County Middle School lost 42-6 in its final game of the season last week, finishing 2-6 on the season.

SOCCER

Long commits to Brescia

Crittenden County High School junior soccer player Hannah Long has committed to play at Brescia University in Owensboro. Long is statistically ranked among the top 50 goalies in the state based on her performance this season.



SOFTBALL

Sutton is head coach

Crittenden County High School graduate Heath Sutton has been named head coach at Great Crossings High School in Georgetown, Ky. Sutton will be coaching UK commit Camryn Lookadoo, who also has ties to Crittenden County. Her mother, the former Regan Mott, went to school here.

GOLF

Deer Lakes winners

Jeremy and Stefanie Shoulders won first place in the Vikes and Valkyries Golf Tournament last weekend at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. The two shot 15-under par in the 36-hole event. Jonathan Kirk and Vicki Hatfield shot 12-under for second place.

Deer Lakes is also hosting the Crittenden County High School Baseball 4-Person Scramble this weekend. There will be a 9 a.m., shotgun start for the 18-hole fundraising event on Saturday, Oct. 8. Cost is \$280 per team, which includes mulligans, skirts and a meal.

Call Deer Lakes at 270-988-4653 for information or to enter.

CROSS COUNTRY

Rockets run Mad Dash

Crittenden County sophomore distance runner Mary Martinez finished 12th in the 3.2K Mad Marshal Dash last weekend at Draffenville. She finished the race in 14:27.30. Crittenden's Aubrey Grau was 22nd, Presley Potter 24th and Karsyn Potter 30th. Sophomore Asa McCord led the Rocket boys squad with a time of 13:25.05 as he finished 41st out of 108 runners. Jayden Gibson finished 47th.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 21 - Oct. 31
Fall Squirrel	Aug. 20 - Nov. 11
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7
Deer Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Turkey Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Canada Goose	Sept. 16 - Sept. 30
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 17 - Jan. 16
Wood ducks	Sept. 17 - 21
Teal	Sept. 17 - 25
Turkey Crossbow	Oct. 1-16
Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Deer Youth	Oct. 8-9
Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 15-16
Turkey Shotgun	Oct. 22-28
Deer Gun	Nov. 12 - Nov. 27
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Fall Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Quail, Rabbit	Nov. 14 - Feb. 10
Bobcat	Nov. 19 - Feb. 28
Duck	Nov 24 - Nov. 27
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Dove	Nov. 24 - Dec. 2
Turkey Shotgun	Dec. 3-9
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 10-18
Dove	Dec. 24 - Jan. 15
Deer Free Youth	Dec. 31 - Jan. 1
Furbearers Free Youth	Dec. 31- Jan. 6
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round

Lady Rockets 1 short of district crown



Freshman Ella Geary (17) scored a hat trick in Monday's semifinal win over Lyon County.

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's hopes were dashed Tuesday in its quest to win a district soccer championship for only the second time in history. Trigg County beat the Lady Rockets 2-1. However, Crittenden still qualifies for next week's Second Region Tournament at the Stadium of Champions in Hopkinsville.

The girls earned a regional berth by beating Lyon County 6-1 Monday in the Fifth District semifinal. It was the first time CCHS had beaten Lyon County three times in a row since 2016 and the first time they've defeated the Lyons in postseason since 2015.

In the semifinal win, CCHS got three goals from Ella Geary and one each from Taylor Guess, Lizzie Campbell and Bailey Williams. Guess and Campbell

had two assists apiece and Williams had one. Keeper Hannah Long had six saves.

Crittenden completed its regular season last Thursday, beating Hopkinsville 3-2 on the road. Geary, Campbell and Guess each scored for CCHS and Campbell and Kodi Stoner had assists.

Crittenden County's soccer team has posted the school's best record since soccer began here in 2001. The Lady Rockets are 11-5-2 and ranked No. 5 in the First Region, according to the KHSAA power rankings. Trigg County has the region's top power ranking.

CCHS's appearance in the Second Region Tournament next week will be just its fourth ever. The last trip to a regional playoff match was in 2016 and in 2017 the Lady Rockets were winless.

Foster competing at golf's state finals

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County junior golfer Jeremiah Foster shot a 5-over 77 on Tuesday at Bowling Green Country Club in the first round of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Golf Tournament.

Foster started play in 28th place for the second round of the 36-hole state tournament on Wednesday. Final results were not available at press time.

The junior earned a berth in the state finals after shooting a 77 last week and finishing 10th in the new semi-state match at Owensboro Country Club. There were three semi-state qualifying matches held last week across the commonwealth as the KHSAA debuted its new playoff format to include more golfers from each region in the state playoff series. Eighty-nine were playing in the state finals this week.

Foster also shot a 77 in the First Region Tournament two weeks ago earn a spot in the state playoffs. The regional tournament was at Paxton Park in Paducah.

Foster had twice before been close to earning a state tournament berth. As a freshman he missed the state tournament by two strokes and he was one stroke from qualifying as a sophomore.



Jeremiah Foster



Bethlehem 63, Rockets 35

Rockets lose handle in game's 4th quarter

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County fell behind early before making a third-quarter comeback that fell short as No. 5 Bethlehem won 63-35 in a Class A showdown.

The Rockets trailed early 14-0 then were behind 28-7 at the half before scoring twice in the third period on runs by quarterback Micah Newcom to make it a one-possession game with just over six minutes left in the period.

However, the Eagles, who posted 322 yards passing behind college prospect quarterback Cooper Stone, scored four unanswered touchdowns in the final 13 minutes to make it a rout. Stone averaged almost 30 per reception against the CCHS secondary.

The Eagles scored on big plays and two fumble returns in the second half.

Offensively, the Rockets moved the ball well at times, picking ups 16 first downs in the game. Tyler Belt rushed for 77 yards and Gattin Travis 66.

Bethlehem improved to 5-1 on the season and is projected to be a final four team in Class A's playoffs.

Meanwhile, the Rockets fell to 2-4 and will have another long-distance road game this Friday at Liberty Creek, Tenn. (2-4), near Nashville.

Coach Gaige Courtney, who had billed this matchup as a measuring stick for his Rockets, said there's still a lot of work to do. He was particularly critical of the defense, saying much of its inadequacies were his fault for failing to have the team properly prepared.

Elsewhere in the Class A First District, Russellville beat Fulton County 38-32 at Hickman. The Pilots are now 2-5.

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

Crittenden County	0	7	21	7
Bethlehem	14	14	14	21

**SCORING PLAYS**

BHS-Justin Popovich 38 pass from Cooper Stone (Adam Winkenhofer Kick), 9:42, 1st

BHS-Zane Wickliffe 45 run (Winkenhofer Kick), 1:31, 1st

BHS-Wickliffe 28 run (Winkenhofer Kick), 9:46, 2nd

CC-Sam Impastato 3 run (Preston Morgeson Kick), 1:47, 2nd



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Pictured above left is running back Gattin Travis taking a toss from quarterback Micah Newcom at Bethlehem. Above, Coach Gaige Courtney talks with linebacker Briley Berry while reviewing a play on the sideline iPad Hudl program.

BHS-Will Ray 46 pass from Cooper Stone (Winkenhofer Kick), 0:46, 2nd

CC-Micah Newcom 1 run (Morgeson Kick), 10:23, 3rd

CC-Micah Newcom 7 run (Morgeson Kick), 6:49, 3rd

BHS-Wickliffe 74 pass from Stone (Winkenhofer Kick), 6:27, 3rd

CC-Gattin Travis 9 run (Morgeson Kick), 3:42, 3rd

BHS-Hayden Osborne 45 pass from Stone (Winkenhofer Kick), 0:27, 3rd

BHS-Wickliffe 18 run (Winkenhofer Kick), 8:10, 4th

BHS-Ray 50 fumble return (Winkenhofer Kick), 7:45, 4th

BHS-Ray 45 fumble return (Winkenhofer Kick), 5:45, 4th

CC-Kaleb Nesbitt 3 blocked punt return (Morgeson Kick), 1:39, 4th

**TEAM TOTALS**

First Downs: CCHS 16, BHS 8

Penalties: CCHS 4-40, BHS 4-30

Rushing: CCHS 46-182, BHS 23-135

Passing: CCHS 11-17-1, 100, BHS 12-20-1, 322

Total Yards: CCHS 282, BHS 457

Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 2-2, BHS 0-0

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**Rushing**

CCHS: Travis 11-57, Impastato 1-3,

Tyler Belt 10-72, Newcom 20-35, Caden Howard 0-(-8), Morgeson 4-23. BHS: Wickliffe 13-152, Stone 4-(-28), Cal Yates 2-7, Jacob Thornsberry 4-4

**Passing**

CCHS: Newcom 11-17-1, 100. BHS: Stone 12-20-1, 322.

**Receiving**

CCHS: Rowen Perkins 1-6, Kaleb Nesbitt 3-27, Howard 1-23, Briley Berry 1-2, Case Gobin 1-21, Morgeson 4-21. BHS: Popovich 4-64, Ray 6-139, Osborne 1-45, Wickliffe 1-74.

**Defense**

Impastato 2 solos, 2 assists, TFL, sack; Case Gobin 2 solos, blocked punt; Perkins 2 solos; Nesbitt 5 solos, assist, TFL; Berry 2 solos, 4 assists; Morgeson solo, 2 assists; Seth Guess 4 solos; Zach Counts solo; Evan Belt solo, assist; Travis 3 solos, assist; Bennett McDaniel 4 solos, assist; T. Belt 2 solos, 3 assists, interception; Howard solo, TFL, blocked punt.

**Players of the Game** Offense Gattin Travis and Tyler Belt, Special Teams Kaleb Nesbitt, Linemen Phoenix Clayton and Kaden Travis.

**Records:** CCHS 2-4, BHS 5-1



Crittenden's volleyball girls have won three of their last five games with just one more regular season match before the playoffs that begin at Rocket Arena on Oct. 18. Pictured above is Payton Hall returning a shot and at left is Riley Smith (18).



# Marion native left complicated legacy in Colorado



Benjamin Potter of Marion poses next to the statue of Marion native Walter Walker on Main Street in Grand Junction, Colo.

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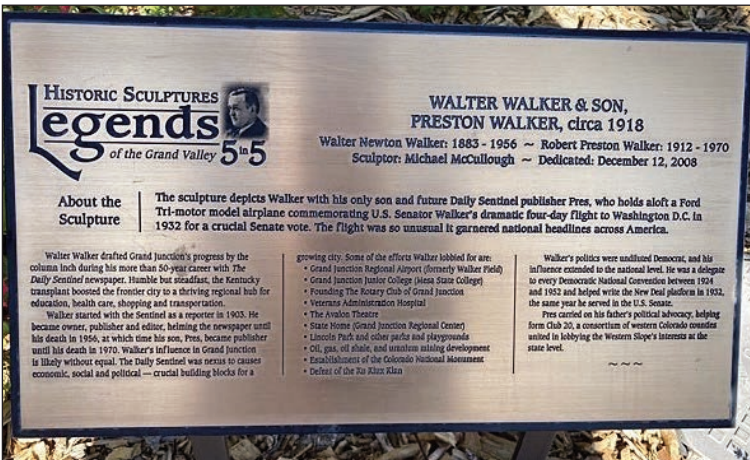
Some local folks traveling near Denver recently discovered some Marion roots that had sprouted in Colorado. They observed the statue of Walter Walker – a newspaper owner and editor who hailed from right here in Crittenden County in the early 1900s.

Walker lived from April 3, 1883 to Oct. 8, 1956 and received his education in the schools of Marion. He was son of the founding editor of The Crittenden Press, R.C. Walker, where his father had several positions within Crittenden County, including sheriff.

Walker Walker had reportedly joined another early Marion newspaper, The Crittenden Record, as manager from 1900 to 1903.

Walker eventually moved to Colorado and served as Democratic United States Senator in 1932, appointed to fill a vacancy while a special election was pending. A resident of Grand Junction, Colo., he continued his career in journalism working for the newspaper, eventually becoming editor and owner of the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel. He aided in establishing Mesa Junior College, a veteran’s hospital and was instrumental in bringing aircraft service to Grand Junction.

“Viewing this statue of a Crittenden County native has been on my bucket list for many years,” Marion resident Brandi Potter said. “I encourage people who are thinking about visiting the ‘Mighty Five’ national parks



to include a stop in Grand Junction to stroll down the interactive, art-filled streets.”

A statue of Walker was installed at 634 Main St., in Grand Junction as part of the Legends of the Grand Valley project, which sought to honor those who made an impact on the city with an open-air art gallery of bronze statues. The statue is of Walker with his young son, Preston, on his shoulders, who succeeded him as the Sentinel’s publisher in adulthood.

Walker was active in the Democratic Party and a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1924, 1928 and 1932, serving as chairman of Colorado’s Democratic state committee. He was also appointed to fill a vacancy in the United States Senate by Colorado’s governor and even ran in the special election to complete the term, though he was defeated by Karl C. Schuyler, a Republican.

Walker continued to own and

publish the Daily Sentinel and remained a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions for many years. He became presidential elector for the ticket of Franklin D. Roosevelt and John Nance Garner. He died in Grand Junction on Oct. 8, 1956 and was buried at the Orchard Mesa Cemetery.

Controversy for a time surrounded Walker because of his involvement in the Klu-Klux-Klan, though he eventually rallied against it, despite numerous threats of violence and members of the group attacking him in the street. He refused to end his anti-Klan activities. The Sentinel eventually succeeded in thwarting the Klan’s efforts and turned public opinion against the organization. Its membership there eventually fell to “insubstantial numbers” by 1926. Grand Junction still contends with the complex and complicated history of Walker as one of its most commended historical figures.

Crittenden Press contributing reporter Alexa Tabor created the illustrations above, among others, for a books series by an Indiana author.



## Local artist provides illustrations for book series by Indiana author

STAFF REPORT

Indiana children’s book author and retired educator Kathleen Strole Miller, 70, has introduced readers to the entertaining Strolemoolie farm with a family that includes 13 siblings. A debut author located in West Central Indiana, she has recently published four books and is blazing a trail in the literary world.

Her books are illustrated by Alexa Tabor, a Livingston County native who lives in Crittenden County and is a part-time writer and contributor to The Crittenden Press.

The author was surrounded by a larger extended paternal family of 12 aunts and uncles whereby farming was a way of life for all. She writes from oral history collected from the Strole family that molded her life and teaching career.

Miller is a retired educator devoted to the development of young children through values-infused storytelling. She spent 26 years as a Family and Consumer Services teacher, including 11 years managing high school vocational early childhood education. She also spent seven years leading systemic character education for high school students for Community of Caring, working with Eunice Kennedy Shriver on behalf of the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation. Miller generated over \$100,000 in grant funding for her school and community.

“I hope to provide teachable moments of character development for parents, educators and the early reader,”

Miller said. “They are guided by five core values: trust, respect, responsibility, caring and family, I use the family dinner table to celebrate the lessons learned on the farm.”

Miller brings her readers to the Strolemoolie Farm and a family that includes more than a dozen siblings. All are characters within the series, and they take “star turns” in respective titles throughout, as do the 26 dairy cows — all named, two for each child. For example, in “Up Do Fix of Dorisy Moran Strolemoolie,” Dorisy gives the 26 dairy cows entertaining “up do fixes” with makeup, costume jewelry and cosmetics while caring for them when her siblings fall ill. In “Leah Rose: A Real Strolemoolie,” the title character handles the repeated mischief of her brother, Marvie Wayne, compelling him to change how he treats animals and others.

Miller works other farm animals into the stories, such as Lizzie, the hen in “Cowboys and the Chicken Coop Tea Party,” where the protective rooster Cowboy gets a little too feisty when watching over the farm. In Simeon’s Third Ear, she focuses on the patriarchal grandfather Simeon Strolemoolie, who shows his prowess at communicating with the animals, all living characters in the story.

“When illustrating this series, I definitely tried to pull from my own experiences from rural life and playing around my friend’s farm as a child,” Tabor said. “It was fun to

go back and relive those memories to get inspiration for her books, also the many life lessons and values that I learned back then that stuck with me. Her stories are chock full of them and a great learning tool for kids.”

The Strolemoolie Series provides boundless entertainment for early readers, through the rhythmic writing, engaging illustrations and relatable storylines that capture farm life from the eyes of children and animals. Miller also weaves into each story object and life lessons that subtly draw out character strengths — and children a sense of rural life and the experiences it brings. She offers plenty of farm experience, having grown up on a farm in Indiana.

“My stories are to tickle the heart and stir the mind,” Miller said. “Because of lessons I learned on the farm, I’m milking life for all it has to offer. I once read an anonymous quote that said ‘the secret to life is: Cows don’t give milk, you have to milk them.’”

Miller is planning to author approximately 14 more books to the Strolemoolie series. She can be found on all social media platforms as Strolemoolies of Fayetteville where she posts frequently entertaining excerpts from the books, life lessons for children, her family history, events and much more. She has been doing book tours across Indiana and will be branching out to surrounding states, western Kentucky schools and libraries included.

## Deer crashes killed three people in 2021

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has issued its annual "Antler Alert" to remind motorists that the peak season for deer-vehicle collisions has arrived. About half of all such crashes occur during the last three months of the year.

"October, November, and December bring a noticeable increase in highway collisions involving deer," KYTC Secretary Jim Gray said.

According to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Deer Program Coordinator Noelle Thompson, shorter days and cooler nights help to trigger deer mating season and put deer on the move.

"The onset of autumn brings about physiological changes in male deer," Thompson said. "Bachelor groups of bucks break up and expand from their core area, leading to increased deer movement and the possibility of being hit on the roadways."

Autumn harvesting also contributes to this movement as deer are forced to range farther afield for forage and hiding places.

In addition to causing vehicle damage, deer can be hazardous to humans. Deer are among the leading causes of animal-related human fatalities in the United States, contributing to about 200 deaths on the highway every year.

In Kentucky, 2,988 highway crashes involving deer were reported to police in 2021, according to crash data used by the

KYTC Office of Highway Safety to monitor highway crash trends. That was an increase of about 100 crashes from 2020. There were three reported fatalities and 25 serious injuries due to deer collisions in 2021.

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., which uses insurance claims to produce a closely followed annual report on collisions involving wildlife, said deer accounted for 1.5 million of the 1.9 million animal collision claims in the United States for the year ending June 30, 2020.

On average, U.S. drivers have about a 1 in 116

chance of a collision with an animal. Kentucky ranks above the national average and 18th among the states at 1 chance in 88.

KYTC offers these driving tips: Slow down immediately upon spotting a deer crossing the roadway; they tend to travel in groups; Don't swerve to avoid a deer, which can result in a more serious crash with an oncoming vehicle or roadside object; In the event of a crash, keep both hands on the wheel and apply brakes steadily until stopped; and always wear a seat belt.

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