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ONE DOLLAR

Salem Day will be held on Saturday

Join Salem in celebrating on Saturday with its annual Salem Day. There will be more than 40 vendors of arts, crafts and other items set up in the parking lot at the corner of U.S. 60 and North Hayden Ave., between 10 a.m., and 3 p.m. Churches will provide free games and face painting and there will be giveaways from vendors. Local businesses and the City of Salem have contributed funds to provide free inflatables for kids. Balloon Dude will also be on hand to entertain children and adults alike. There will be live music and food trucks on site for the event, hosted by Salem Volunteer Fire Department. For more information or to reserve a vendor booth, call Taylor Crabtree at (270) 704-9153 or Tiffany Newcomb at (270) 508-2384.

Authorities investigate alleged fatal dog attack

Caldwell County Sheriff's Department and Caldwell County Coroner's office are investigating the death of a 48-year-old Creswell woman. No foul play is suspected, said Chief Deputy Stacey Blackburn, but authorities believe a German Shepherd dog belonging to the family may have been responsible for killing its owner. The sheriff's department was notified at 3:10 p.m., Monday that Carol Ridlen's husband had returned home from work and found her deceased in the yard. Blackburn said evidence was taken from the suspected dog and the deceased's body, including a dental impression from the dog. If found to be true, this would be the second fatal dog attack in Caldwell County in just over a year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion Tourism Commission meets at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 12 at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 16 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 16 at city hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 19 at the county office complex.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., the Thursday, Sept. 19 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Sept 23 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Livingston Fiscal Court meets at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the county office complex in Smithland.
- Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the courthouse.

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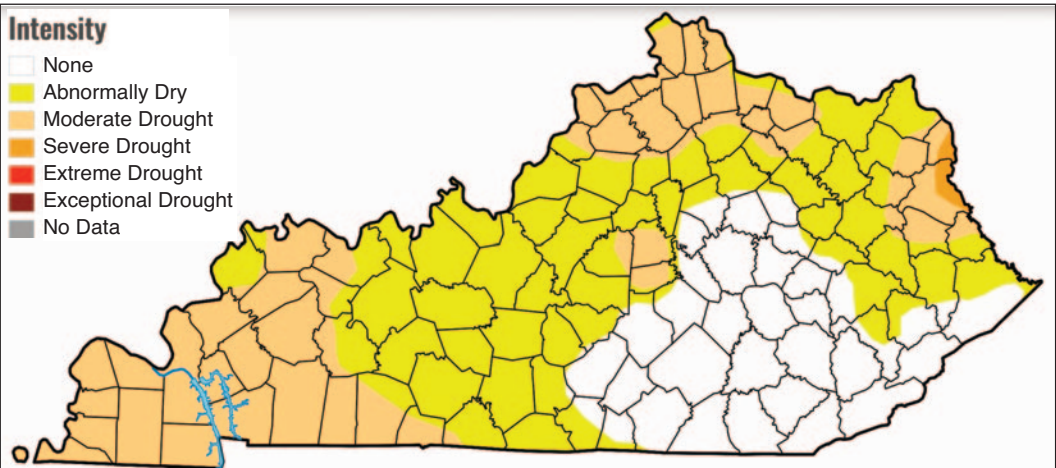
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Bone Dry

Burn bans, dusty fields, dying lawns, early hay feeding part of drought

STAFF REPORT

Summer here started off chasing rainfall typical of a tropical forest and it's apparently going to wind down like sun wrinkles on a Texas tater chip. Fall will whisper in on Sunday, Sept. 22 and she's predicted to open with continued dry conditions. Since the first day of August, Crittenden County has seen measurble rainfall on five days amounting to less than one inch. Wettest was the last day of August with 0.27 inches at the Mesonet weather station near Mattoon. Some parts of the county got more, some less on that day. Last week, Crittenden, Livingston and Union counties joined a growing chorus of communities in western Kentucky that have instituted burn bans to protect property and resources. Philip Parish of P&H Farms says spring and early summer rainfall was a blessing for farmers and he expects a better than average corn crop here. Yet, the latest weather trends are dry-

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Help on the Way
From 2 to 4 inches of rain could fall on the area late this week thanks to a tropical storm that is predicted to move up from the Gulf. July 17 was the last time Crittenden County saw more than an inch of rain in a single day.

Dry weather makes harvest run smoothly, but it can also pose a risk of equipment-malfunction fires. Pictured above is a P&H Farms corn harvest operation going on last week just east of Salem.

2024 Crittenden County Real Property Tax Rates

TAX DISTRICT	Change from '23	2024	2023	2022
City of Marion	+0.4	22.9	22.5	22.4
Crittenden County	-0.4	11.4	11.8	11.6
School District	-0.2	51.4	51.6	49.0
Public Library	-0-	5.0	5.0	5.0
Extension	+0.1	4.4	4.3	4.1
Health Tax	-0-	3.0	3.0	3.0
Public Library	-0-	5.0	5.0	5.0
Tradewater	+1.3	34.9	33.6	33.7
Total (minus Tradewater)	-0.4	98.1	98.5	95.1

Values are shown as cents per \$100 of assessed value

City sets '24 tax rates; bills mailed this week

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council late last week executed a final decision, setting its property tax rates for 2024. The real property rate was approved at 22.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Other property tax rate established last week were 27.1 for personal property and 22.9 cents for vehicles, boats and public utilities. The city was the final government entity to set its rates for this year. Its tax bills will go in the mail late this week and will be due by Nov. 1. A 25-percent penalty will be added to tax bills paid after that date. County taxes are due starting in November. A two-percent discount will be available if paid before December. If you live inside Marion City Limits, you will pay both city and county taxes. In that

case, you can expect to pay \$98.10 for every \$10,000 worth of real property owned. For example, if you own a home with an assessed value of \$100,000, your total tax bill will be \$981, which includes various other taxes in the county, including health, library and school. Residents who live along the Tradewater River also pay a special tax. Its rate went up this year by 1.3 cents. If you live in Crittenden County, but outside of Marion's limits and the Tradewater Tax District, your effective overall rate will be 75.2 cents and you will pay \$75.20 for every \$10,000 in value. That means your \$100,000 home will be taxed at \$750.20. For those who live inside the Tradewater Taxing District, add another \$34.90 for every \$10,000 in value. Property that lies within the floodplain of river is subject to the

special tax.

Overall, the tax rate is down slightly from 2023, but that does not necessarily mean you pay less. If the assessed value of your property went up, you could still pay more in 2024 than you did last year. If your assesment did not rise, you will pay less overall. The assessed value of Crittenden County real property went up this year by \$26.8 million. The 2024 value of real property in the county is calculated at \$422.1 million, which includes residential, farm and commercial property. Based on the Crittenden County PVA's new assessed value for all county property, Crittenden County government should see tax receipts of \$481,267. The school district should see property tax receipts of just over \$2.1 million.



Kye Smith and grandmother Edna work together to help save a tiny raccoon from a plastic jar.

Wedge coon saved by 9-yr-old

Kye Smith was in his element after a Marion woman discovered a small raccoon with a peanut butter jar stuck on its head at Marion City-County Park last week. He eagerly jumped into action when Stacey Jones contacted his mother for help rescuing the raccoon from a sticky situation.

Smith, 9, is a self-proclaimed snake and opossum wrangler, who isn't afraid of anything, according to his grandmother Edna Smith.

"The raccoon was suffocating in the heat," Smith said. "It was just lying on a low branch of a tree."

The younger Smith made a house call to his friend, local animal rescuer Tricia Boyd, for some advice on the best way to remove the jar and save the animal.

Boyd receives frequent visits from Smith to discuss snakes and other critters.

"She told me to put cooking oil on it," Smith said.

Knowing her history as a rescuer and rehabilitator of unusual or unwell critters, Smith has developed a relationship with Boyd. Smith has shown up at her door with a bucket of snakes for identification and the two, along with Boyd's husband Brian, have been opossum wrangling in the neighborhood.

"He is gentle with them, he doesn't hurt them, he just likes to catch them, talk to them and release them," she said.

The third-grader has fostered a baby opossum and has had snakes as pets, including a Lemon Pepper Python. Identifying venomous snakes is easy.

"If they don't have round pupils, they're not venomous," he said, pointing to other distinguishing characteristics.

Edna Smith and his mom Leann Smith will be on standby, because this likely isn't the nine-year-old's last rescue.

"When they called about the raccoon at the park, he told me, 'This is my first call Nanny, we've got to get out there!'," Edna said.

Allison MICK-EVANS
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Deaths

Myrick

Tana Shey Myrick, 66, of Paducah, formerly of Lola, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024 at Mercy Health- Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.

She was a 1974 graduate of Livingston Central High School. She attended Paducah Community College, receiving her degree as a registered nurse and obtained a BSN in nursing from Western Kentucky University and MSN from the University of Evansville. She had advanced degrees through the University of Louisville and the University of Missouri-St. Louis as an ARP.N. She worked in the nursing profession for over 37 years at both Livingston Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Madisonville.

Surviving are a brother, Delbert Myrick;

an aunt, Margaret Hollo-man; an uncle, Louis Myrick; nine cousins, Belinda Perkins, Sandra Ramage, Sharon Hosick Thompson, Faye Croft, Dimitri Croft, Debie Croft, Larry Myrick, Robyn Myrick, Phyllis Damron; two children, Joe Myrick, and Gayle Adcock; and six second cousins, Ashley Keith, Keshia Ramage, Daphane Ramage, Kaytelin Ramage, Adyson Davenport and Lexi Davenport.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil J. and Majorie E. (Parker) Myrick; a grandmother, Ialeen (Strong) Parker; and two aunts, Jean Hardy and Louise Hamrick.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 10 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Rev. Tim Fouts officiating.

Beavers

Sue Beavers, 87, of Marion, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, in Madisonville. Sue and her husband Creed were the long-time owners of Bumper to Bumper Auto

Parts in Marion, and she attended Mexico Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter; Tina (Russel) Brewer of Madisonville; two sisters, Pam Duvall and Dorothy Boone; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hyrom and Marie Stone; her husband, Creed Beavers; three children, Hollis Gene Fox, Theresa Jane Fox and Jefferey Thomas Fox; a brother, Phillip Stone; and a sister, Donna Rushing.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Mapleview Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Hill

Betty Jane Hill, 83, of Marion, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024. She was a member of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are three children, Eric (Dina) Hill of Marion, Christa (Bruce) Gibson of Robards and Josh Hill of Paducah; nine grandchil-

dren, Shane (Tashena) Hill, Jacob Hill, Mason (Lindsey) Gibson, Lance Gibson, Ashton Hill, Heath Hill, Kolby Gibson, Brendan Hill and Keira Hill; two great-grandchildren, Sadie and Liam Hill; and siblings Erroll Leet, Leroy Leet and Nancy Joyce; and several nieces and nephews.

She was proceeded in death by her husband, Robert E. Hill; her parents, Carlos and Mayo Leet; and two brothers, Wayne and Jimmy Leet.

Funeral services were Sunday, Sept. 8 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Piney Fork Cemetery.

Paris

William Ralph Paris, Jr., 82, of Fredonia, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2024 at his home.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton. Family will welcome friends from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the funeral home.

See complete obituary Sept. 19.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, Sept. 12

• Line dancing begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.

Saturday, Sept. 14

• A 4-H Forestry Field Day will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at LBL's Woodland Nature Station.
• The Crittenden County Genealogy Society meets at 10 a.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library.

Monday, Sept. 16

• Crittenden County 4-H Geology Club meets at 3:30 p.m., at the Clement Mineral Museum
• A Wits Workout for adults begins at 1 p.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library.

Tuesday, Sept. 17

• Crittenden County Elementary School SBDM will meet at 4 p.m., in the library.

Thursday, Sept. 19

• Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the library.
• Garden soil testing will be provided at 5:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.
• Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library will meet at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 21

• Breakfast will be served from 7-10 a.m. at Salem Masonic Lodge #81, 237 W. Main St., Salem. Cost is \$6.



Where in the World digital version

Gina Summers, Brandi Binkley, Wendy Williams and Shannon Thomas traveled to GHEA Field at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., to watch a pre-season event between Summers' beloved Kansas City Chiefs and the Detroit Lions. Look closely and you'll see the crew had The Press Online for our first-ever digital version of Where in the World is The Crittenden Press, as also displayed by Summers (inset).

September senior month

September is National Senior Citizens Month, a good time to remind local residents of the programming available at the Crittenden County PACS Senior Citizens Center, located at 210 N. Walker St., in Marion.

Weekday lunch, which is \$3 for 60 and older, is provided weekdays. Drive-through pickup is available, or call (270) 965-5229 to discuss delivery.

Weekly activities include Ladies Exercise with Full Body Fitness at 10 a.m., Mondays; Yoga with Erin at 9:30 a.m., Tuesdays; Bingo 11 a.m., Wednesday; Bingo at 9:30 a.m., Thursday; and line dancing at 11 a.m., Friday.

THANK YOU

The family of Harry Epley would like to thank everyone who had any part of Harry's Celebration of Life Service. Thank you to all those who visited, spoke and to Ginger Boone for the beautiful song he'd requested many years ago. Also, to those who brought food and served in the kitchen it was very appreciated.

We would especially like to thank you for all your prayers during his up and down illness. Without them he wouldn't have made it as long as he did. A special thanks to Baptist Health, Dr. Maurice Robinson, Mercy Health Hospice and Dr. Jonathan Maddux. Your kindness and care were very personal to us and deeply appreciated.

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Health literacy project helps people understand medical lingo

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Extension is committed to improving individuals' and families' quality of life, resulting in strong families for Kentucky.

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In other words, all programs provided by

FCS assist in creating and maintaining happy, healthy homes.

Several new programs are offered in Crittenden County, each designed to address specific community needs.

Aligned with the FCS goals, these programs are set to significantly and positively impact



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the lives of individuals and families in our community.

Only 12 percent of the U.S. adult population is estimated to be fully health literate. Almost nine out of 10 adults are at or below basic levels of health literacy. These individuals experience severe challenges in understanding and using health information to make informed decisions about their health.

Those who experience poor health literacy are also more likely to experience poor health outcomes.

To combat this in our

community, the Cooperative Extension office has partnered with Crittenden Community Hospital to offer monthly sessions to help our community become more health literate.

The next session will occur at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the

hospital cafeteria.

Marcie Ellington, APRN at Family Practice Clinic, will be the guest speaker and discuss the type of questions to ask your provider and how to get clarification when you don't understand something.

The hospital will also

provide free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings during this event.

Rebecca L. Woodall can be reached at Crittenden County Extension office, 1534 US 60 East, Marion, KY 42064, by phone at 270-965-5236 or Rebecca.Woodall@kysu.edu.

Are taxes curbing smoking?

KY HEALTH NEWS

Increasing state cigarette taxes has proven to be an effective policy to decrease smoking rates, and it appears that is also true in Kentucky.

Nearly 30 percent of Kentucky adults smoked in 2011, two years after the legislature had doubled the cigarette tax to 60 cents a pack. Following a 50-cent increase to \$1.10 in 2018, the state's adult smoking rate fell to 17.4% in 2022, the last year for which a rate is available.

Shannon Baker, the American Lung Association's advocacy director for Kentucky and Tennessee, said that while she could not point to something definitive to explain why Kentucky's smoking rate has been decreasing, as has also been the case in the nation, she could speak to the impact of raising cigarette taxes.

"When taxes increase, smoking rates decline. We should take advantage of that, for goodness sake, and increase the cigarette tax in Kentucky by at least \$1 and then tax all other nicotine products at parity with the cigarette tax, Baker said.

After the initial boost in cigarette-tax revenue from the rate hikes in 2011 and 2018, revenue from the tax declined 24% from 2019 to 2024.

The legislature increased the tax to 30 cents from 3 cents in 2005, but smoking rates before 2011 should not be compared with those after that because of a change in survey methodology, says the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, a continuing federal-state poll of Americans' habits.

Baker stressed that it's important to take advantage of all policies that are known to decrease smoking. Beyond raising taxes, she said it's important to fund the state tobacco-control program and enforce the law against underage sales, which she said would result in fewer youth becoming addicted to nicotine and growing up to be lifelong smokers, and all the health issues that come with that.

A new report on state General Fund receipts for the fiscal year that ended June 30 showed a 1.5% increase in receipts from other tobacco products, such as electronic cigarettes or vapes.

MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of August 2024 to the same month in 2023. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year's monthly average.

CATEGORY	AUGUST 2024	AUGUST 2023	JULY 2024	2023 YR TOTALS	2023 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	1,630	1,874	1,788	24,766	2,063.8
Criminal investigations	11	13	16	133	11.1
Domestics	7	8	8	82	6.8
Felony Arrests	3	10	3	55	4.6
Misdemeanor arrests	3	7	4	93	7.8
Non-criminal arrests	9	9	7	99	8.3
DUI arrests	0	1	0	9	0.8
Criminal summons served	2	12	2	46	3.8
Traffic citations	19	10	26	189	15.8
Other citations	22	38	16	307	25.6
Traffic warnings	4	3	1	48	4.0
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	6	8	9	63	5.3
Security checks/alarms	81	61	52	741	61.8
Calls for service	245	227	240	2,463	205.3
Code Enforcement	17	—	10	—	—



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Seated are Mary Quertermous, administrative assistant; Patti McConnell, physical therapist; Andrea Lovett, director of rehab and occupational therapist; (back) Kelly Kirby, occupational therapist; Kayla Brasher, physical therapist assistant; Joni Truitt, physical therapist assistant; Ashley Cavanah, physical therapist; and Pamela Kirk, certified occupational therapy assistant. Not pictured, Jessi White, physical therapist assistant.

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No burning order is issued by county judge

Crittenden County Judge–Ex–ecutive Perry Newcom last Thursday signed an executive order creating a burn ban in the county due to dry conditions that have created a hazardous situation for outdoor burning.

The order says that “due to continued dry and unseasonably warm weather conditions and the fact that long–term weather forecasts indicate no change in the current pattern which has created an extreme danger of wildfires in Crittenden County” the ban will be enforced immediately and will remain in place until “we have received a significant amount of precipitation necessary for the removal of this ban.”

The order prohibits all outdoor burning.

Livingston County issued a similar order earlier last week as had other nearby counties.

Fohs Fall into Arts

The third annual Fall Into the Arts Festival is set to take place on Sept. 21, beginning at 9 a.m. at Fohs Hall in Marion. This family–friendly event will feature a wide range of activities, vendors and entertainment for all ages.

The festival will host craft vendors showcasing handmade items, demonstrations and a FFA Pedal Tractor Pull for kids. Attendees can enjoy offerings from local food vendors and take part in fun, interactive activities like the Instrument Petting Zoo, run by the Crittenden County High School Band Director Alex Benoit and students. Children will have the chance to try out a variety of instruments, learning how to hold them, identify their instrument families and even get a few tips on playing.

For other hands–on learning, a series of workshops will be led by Crittenden County Schools GT Teacher Kathleen Guess, Crittenden County Extension Agent Dee Heimgartner, H&H Home and Hardware, and CCHS art teacher Elizabeth Rodriguez. These workshops are designed to inspire creativity and curiosity in participants of all ages.

Other activities include kids' games, a cake walk sponsored by the Mary Hall Ruddiman Animal Shelter, and booths featuring both youth and adult vendors, offering a diverse selection of handcrafted items. New and returning vendors will provide a variety of unique goods, ensuring there’s something for everyone.

While admission is free, some booths and activities will have individual costs. The festival offers an opportunity for community members to support local artists, explore new hobbies and enjoy a day of creativity and fun.

CAF plans Soup-Arts event at Fohs Hall

The Community Arts Foundation will host its annual "Soup–ort the Arts" fundraiser in conjunction with the Fall Into the Arts Festival at Fohs Hall on Saturday, Sept. 21. The event combines art, community and food to raise funds for local arts programs.

At the event, attendees can choose from over 75 hand–glazed bowls created by talented art students at Crittenden County High School. For \$20 plus tax, guests will take home one of these one–of–a–kind bowls and receive two servings of hot soup from local restaurants and stores. Each bowl will also come with bread and a drink to complete the meal.

Soup will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., during the Fall Into the Arts Festival. With a limited number of bowls available, attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance to guarantee their spot. To secure your bowl and soup tickets, text Kim Vince at 270–704–1446 or purchase online at <https://tinyurl.com/2t9p8jdn>.

“This event is a wonderful opportunity to support the creative efforts of local students and the broader mission of the Community Arts Foundation. Each purchase helps fund arts programming and activities that enrich the local community,”



Vince said.

4-H clubs start to roll for season, here is how to join them

Crittenden County 4–H Clubs are off and running for the new program year. Nearly a dozen different groups are available for youth and teens, including Cloverbuds, cooking, home–school, ecology, horse, livestock leadership and Early American Heritage clubs.

A 4–H Achievement informational workshop will be held Thursday, Sept. 18 at 3:30 p.m., and again at 5:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension office. The program recognizes participants’ accomplishments and is designed to increase 4–Hers’ knowledge, skills and abilities.

Club meeting times and locations are as follows:

Geology Club – 3:30 p.m., third Monday of each month at Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum.

Horse Club – 3:45 p.m., third Wednesday of each month at Crittenden County Extension Annex.

Livestock Club – 4:45 p.m., third Wednesday of each month at Crittenden County Extension Annex.

Early American Heritage – For sixth–12th grade, meets at Crittenden County Extension Park first Monday of each month.

Cooking Club – For fourth–sixth graders, meets at 5:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.

Cooking Club – For high school students, meets at CCHS Sept. 24, Oct. 15 and Oct. 29, Nov. 12 and 26 and Dec. 10 in partnership with the 21st Century Learning Program.

Horse Club – 3:45 p.m., third Wednesday of each month at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.

Livestock Club – 4:45 p.m., Sept. 18 at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.

Two homeschool clubs for Lyon and Crittenden County will begin meeting Oct. 18 in Marion, followed by monthly dates rotating between Marion and Ed–dyville.

For information about the Cloverbuds program, Forestry Field Days, and any 4–H club, call the Crittenden County Extension Service at (270) 965–5236.

Union County looking for US 60 yard signs

Union County Tourism Office is offering a “ransom” on all usable official Highway 60 Yard Sale signs through Oct. 1. The office will pay \$1 per sign, with or without the metal stand. Signs should be taken to the Tourism Office, located in the Union County Courthouse, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The bright yellow and black signs were distributed for several years in Union and surrounding counties. New signs are not currently available and requests for the attractive signs have surged. For any questions, contact Paul Monsour at (270) 997–1007.

Attorneys want to move Brown’s trail out of Livingston

A two–week death–penalty trial is set to begin on Oct. 17 in Livingston County, but now the defense team for accused murder Claude Brown is asking for a change of venue.

In a motion filed last week, Brown’s attorney has asked to move the case based on racial bias and pre–trial publicity that would prevent a fair trial. Brown, 27, who is black, is accused of stabbing a Livingston woman to death in her home near Carrsville on March 27, 2021.

Brown is a Marion resident and is charged with capital murder and felony first–degree burglary in the case involving the death of 56–year–old Karla S. Haley.

The suspect has been held on a \$1 million bond in Christian County Jail since he was arrested shortly after the incident.

Haley was stabbed multiple times with an ice pick. She was taken by EMS to Livingston Hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries.

In seeking a change of venue for the case, the motion filed by Brown’s attorney said that following Brown’s arrest, members of the community “expressed outrage using abhorrent and overtly racially–charged language.” The motion alleges that public comments were made, calling for Brown to be “hung from a tree, summarily executed without a trial, referred to him as an animal, and expressed neo–Nazi sentiments.”

The motion also says that the “Commonwealth has a history of sentencing Black men – and in particular, Black men convicted of killing white women – to death at vastly disproportionate rates even when controlling for the circumstances of the crime. This history provides important context for the broadscale, racially charged reaction to Mr. Brown’s case.”

According to court records, Brown admitted to investigators that he had gone into Haley’s home on Lola Road near Berry’s Ferry Landing to get a drink of water. When he encountered the victim, she began to scream and asked if he was going to assault her. Brown told authorities, according to court records, that he feared she would call police so he stabbed her. He then attempted to flee the area but was detained by another man who reportedly was working next door the crime scene until a deputy arrived.

Brown was covered in blood, according to the criminal citation. Court records say Brown told authorities where the alleged murder weapon could be found, and police recovered it.

Kuttawa, Smithland among towns opted out of med cannabis

KY HEALTH NEWS

Nearly 5,000 medical cannabis business license applications have been submitted to Kentucky’s Office of Medical Cannabis, with 88% of them arriving in the last four days of the licensing period, Gov. Andy Beshear announced at a Sept. 5 news conference. The deadline to submit an application was Aug. 31.

“The results are clear,” Beshear said. “There is incredible, if not overwhelming interest, especially among Kentuckians. That’s proof that the program is going to meet its goals. We are just going to have some challenges getting through those total number of applications, doing it right, ensuring that the process is fair, getting through the lotteries and then getting up and running.”

Among the 4,998 applications, there were 4,076 dispensary applications, 584 cultivator applications, 333 processor applications and five safety compliance facility applications.

Besehear said the staff to review these applications had already been increased from nine to 29 people and that they would be adding an additional 20 employees to process the applications.

Crittenden and Livingston counties will put the question to voters in November to see if medical marijuana will be legalized here. The question of whether to allow cannabis business operations will appear on ballots in 51 counties and 50 cities.

Nearby communities of Kuttawa and Smithland have opted out of allowing cannabis to be sold with a prescription.

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Crittenden County continues to prepare for the November Presidential Election. Pictured above is David Sizemore conducting an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) survey at Repton Baptist Church to ensure the church’s fellowship hall meets requirements to be used as a voting site in a federal election. County Clerk Daryl Tabor said a couple of minor issues were discovered, but they will be rectified and the church will be approved as a polling place.



50 YEARS AGO

September 12, 1974

■ Two major construction projects were underway in Marion, including the Crittenden County High School and English Manor, which today houses Marion City Hall.

■ The Rustic Inn in Darben Plaza was serving catfish fiddlers with sides for \$2.75 a plate and a steak special for two people for \$4.50.

■ The Rockets tied Webster County 6-6. Its only score was a 30-yard run by senior halfback Mike Taylor.

■ The special education classes at Marion Junior High were moved to the building that formerly served as the band room to make necessary room in the two-story school for classrooms.

25 YEARS AGO

September 9, 1999

■ Drought conditions caused multiple fires to spread uncontrollably. Between July 1-August. 31, only 1.8 inches of rain had fallen in Crittenden County. Lack of moisture in the soil proved to be a hardship for cattle farmers who were feeding several months ahead of normal schedule.

■ The Rockets were 3-0 after a 42-0 shutout of Fulton County. Steve Thompson, Matt Mattingly, Tanner Tabor and Josh Cozart got in on the scoring, along with kicker Brad Madden.

■ Crittenden FFA’s livestock judging team comprised of Jeremy Binkley, Lindsay Teer, Sarah Long and David Maddux attended a clinic at Murray State University.

25 YEARS AGO

September 11, 2014

■ Evan Smiley, son of Mr. And Mrs. Michael Smiley, graduated basic training at Parris Island, S.C.

■ Mattoon Fire Department was the site of a Republican town hall meeting planned to introduce local candidates.

■ Crittenden County Middle School’s football team won its first three games of the season, including contests with Union, Webster and Massac County, Ill. Hunter Boone passed four times for 46 yards against Union County, including a scoring strike to Payton Riley.

■ Over 100 people ran in the Lady Rocket Basketball program’s Glow in the Park 5K.

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Faith helps us manage what happens “today”

It is one thing to consider and prepare for disaster or difficulty. It is another to act as though it is inevitable. Doing so affects our mood and decision making so that even if the dreaded thing does not happen (or turns out to be not so bad after all) we will step into another of our own making. The greatest source of drama in our lives is reacting to things that have not happened yet as though they have. It robs us of a today that could be used much more productively.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

past so that we gain wisdom from it. It does not guarantee that “today” will be a good day or a bad day, but gives hope for tomorrow and purpose so that our responses set us up for better tomorrows. So much of our current angst and anxiety today has to do with what we are afraid will happen if...“What if “they” win the election?” “What if “they” execute their agenda?” “What if everybody starts listening to “them”? I do not deny that the left, the right, preachers, gurus, and radical religionists of every faith have agendas, and they often get conflated. I am suggesting that focusing our energy on what might happen “if” takes our focus off what we are supposed to be doing today. In The Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis warned of this danger. For those who are unfamiliar with this work, Screwtape is a senior demon writing to his demon nephew, “Wormwood,” letters to help him lead a new convert to Christianity astray. The entire book is written from this perspective therefore, in the following quote, “the enemy” is

God. “To be sure, the Enemy wants men to think of the Future too — just so much as is necessary for now planning the acts of justice or charity which will probably be their duty tomorrow. The duty of planning the morrow’s work is today’s duty; though its material is borrowed from the future, the duty, like all duties, is in the Present. This is not straw splitting. He does not want men to give the Future their hearts, to place their treasure in it. We do. His ideal is a man who, having worked all day for the good of posterity (if that is his vocation), washes his mind of the whole subject, commits the issue to Heaven, and returns at once to the patience or gratitude demanded by the moment that is passing over him. But we want a man hag-ridden by the Future — haunted by visions of an imminent heaven or hell upon earth — ready to break the Enemy’s commands in the present if by so doing we make him think he can attain the one or avert the other — dependent for his faith on the success or failure of schemes whose end he will not live to see. We want a whole race perpetually in pursuit of the rainbow’s end, never honest, nor kind, nor happy now, but always using as mere fuel wherewith to heap the altar of the future every real gift which is offered them in

the Present.” The call of faith for “today” is that we are not controlled by our past nor an imagined future. In the sermon on the mount Jesus said, “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day.” The Psalmist in a fit of praise calls us to listen to our creator “today.” O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would hearken to his voice! (Psalm 95:6-7, RSV) Perhaps we should not be so seized by fear of an imagined future that we cause ourselves to see other human beings as “the enemy.” This does not prevent us from standing firm

on the side of justice for all. It does not prevent us from being straightforward with our speech. But we must learn to live today without being dragged around by fear. It will cause us to say and do things we will later regret. 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.

Religious Outreach

- Enon General Baptist Church will have revival at 7 nightly, Sept. 16-20 with Bro. Ross Atwell. For more information contact (270) 554-2032.
- 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.
- 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.

NOTICE

CROOKED CREEK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

will meet

Sunday, Sept. 22 at 2 p.m.

at Crooked Creek Baptist Church.

Please try to attend.

In Loving Memory

Jeffrey Haire, born September 3, 1971, was 52 years old when he passed on July 11, 2024. He left behind his two children, Abbigayle and Mical Haire; his parents, Larry and Donna Haire; siblings Daniel Haire, Brandi Potter, and Joshua Haire; as well as his wife Vikki Haire.



Abbigayle Haire, Jeff Haire and Mical Haire

When Jeffrey was little, he loved dancing and swimming, and devoted his life to the Lord at age 6. He boasted about being the oldest grandchild of Lafe and Inez Linzy. It was on a 4-H trip to Frankfort that Jeffrey discovered politics. Before he graduated high school, he spent a summer as a page in the US House of Representatives in Washington D.C. He attended Kentucky State University for two years on a Presidential Scholarship before returning home to complete his business degree from Murray State University in 1993.

While in Murray, Jeffrey surrendered to the call of our Savior’s ministry. The Lord then led him to Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Memphis. In 1996, on a leap of faith, Jeffrey paused his business career and his master’s degree plans to work part-time at a small church in Marion, Arkansas as a children’s minister.

Jeffrey was able to incorporate his love of dance into a form of worship that children were drawn to. In November of 1997, he was ordained and started his career as a full time children’s minister at Beaver Baptist in Brighton, Tennessee. In 2001, the Lord blessed him

with the start of a beautiful family which was one of Jeffrey’s greatest desires. Over the years, Jeffrey served in many churches and schools, and also assisted individuals with special needs and senior citizens.

In 2014 Jeffrey graduated from Liberty University with a master’s degree in Christian Education. All of Jeffrey’s life experiences gave him opportunities to undeniably profess his love for the Lord. He not only demonstrated this love by meeting the needs of children and their families, but introducing countless individuals to the Lord in a manner so unique that one couldn’t help but fall in love with the Lord. Jeffrey knew of at least 7 young men that he lead to Jesus’ saving grace that later surrendered to ministry themselves. Though Jeffrey may not have had abundant accolades here on this Earth, he has innumerable jewels on his crown in Heaven.


Those of us left here know that he is dancing joyfully before the Lord while he waits for us to join him there.

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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.

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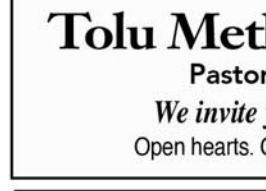
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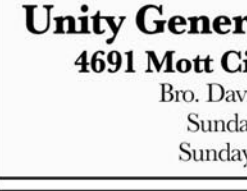
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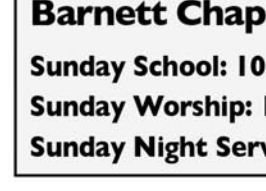
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Mattoon crossroads and Flynn’s Ferry Road significant to history

Early Beginnings of Mattoon

The small community of Mattoon sits in a small plain through which flows the northern fork of the Bushy Fork of Crooked Creek; therefore it’s well-watered and easily defended position on the way to the Ohio River crossing would have no doubt made the spot an excellent campsite for hunters and trappers on the Saline big-game trail, and as a campground-rendezvous for pack horse traveling pre- 1803 pioneers and local settlers.

According to local tradition, the campsite was known as “Lick-Skillet,” and this name was probably a true one, for the trail was the natural pathway of the bison, deer, elk and other grazing animals on their necessary periodic journeys from the barrens or plains of southwestern Kentucky and northwestern Tennessee to the Saline Salt Licks, just across the Ohio in what is now Hardin County, Ill.

The trail began at French Licks (now Nashville) on the Cumberland River in Tennessee, and since in the popular pioneer slang of that day, a small plain or level, used as a campsite or cooking place, within a larger rolling valley was often called a “skillet,” and since the trace that led to its use as a campsite ran between the two salt “licks,” deviation of the locals’ early name from these two names seems quite reasonable.

Flynn’s Ferry Road

When George Flynn opened his Ohio River Ferry in 1803 and caused the widening of the trace or trail into a wagon road, the Flynn’s Ferry way became the main highway for the overland-traveling pioneers to Illinois and the trans-Mississippi region to its west and northwest, and it is said that a covered wagon was rarely out of sight on this road.

The campsite of Lick-Skillet lay about a day’s journey, by the pioneer’s slow-moving ox-drawn wagons, north of the pioneer towns of Donaldson Creek’s in what is now the northeast corner of Caldwell County and Centerville, the last two towns and supply points for the northward traveler before reaching the Ohio that existed in those days; the areas thus became a camp or overnight “park” for covered wagons.

The field upon which the Mattoon Graded School building used to sit would be lined from day to day with the high wheeled wooden wagons, while the oxen which drew them along the dusty roads from Tennessee and the South and the few cattle and other livestock, which had been drawn along by a rope or buck-skin strap attached to their owner’s



These two Kentucky Historical Highway Markers located at the crossroads of U.S. 60 East and KY 654 South help preserve the importance of this once vital trade route through Crittenden County.

wagon, drank from the nearby streams or grazed peacefully in the tall grass of the branch bottoms.

Name adopted in 1894

It is thought that it was in these days that Mattoon

first received its name. It was first called Matt’s-town after an early peddler or trader who operated at the covered wagons “towns” usually always present in the area, and the two words soon became phonetically joined to form the present name.

The actual area of old Mattoon could be said to have covered many square acres and to have included three villages. The history of each of the communities of Mattoon, Willow Grove or Lamb’s and Repton are tied together like successive development of a singular community.

First Permanent Settler

The first permanent settler of the area of old Mattoon was the Alfred Moore family, who built a large, L-shaped 1 ½ story, hewn-log dwelling, on the west side of the Flynn’s Ferry Road on the crest of the first small ridge or hill that marked the southern limit of the Mattoon flats or “skillet,” about one mile south of the present highway junction.

Alfred Moore was commissioned Captain and Drillmaster of the 24th Regiment of Kentucky Militia in 1819. Captain Moore turned his large rolling field, directly in front of his home across the Flynn’s Ferry Road, which was called Calvert

Field, into a muster and drill field of the 24th Livingston County Regiment of state militia. Calvert Field was, from 1820 until 1842, one of the two foremost militia muster places in west Kentucky.

Part of Alfred Moore’s home is still there today. Jim Fornear purchased this property and restored the cabin. In 2006, his daughter Becky Fornear owned the property and had more rooms built onto the cabin and has changed the appearance of the old log home.

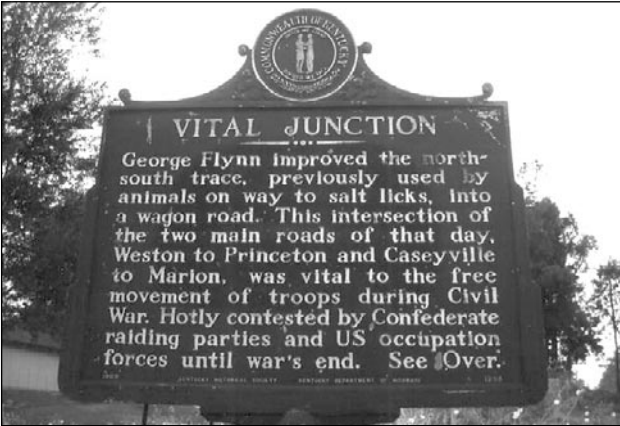
Calvert Field, which is directly across the road from the home’s front yard, when it is in pasture, as it usually is now, must look very similar to its appearance a century and a half ago. As the field’s original size and shape have changed but little, if at all, over the years, it therefore takes only a little imagination to see row after row of men in predominately brown and buff homespun semblance of uniforms, strutting jauntily in their groups, and their wide-brim slouch hats giving them a certain sense of military bearing.

Alfred Moore’s son, Robertus Love “Bart” Moore, took advantage of the much used Flynn’s Ferry road and built a general store at the Mattoon crossroads. Moore’s store handled dry goods and hardware as well as the usual stock of food stuffs and farm implement that was much in demand.

Village of Lambsville

In the late 1820s Joel Lamb settled on a farm that was given to him by his father-in-law, William Hogard. He built his home about ½ mile south of Captain Moore’s on the Flynn’s Ferry Road (now KY 654 S) near the area where Wilson Farm Road joins Flynn’s Ferry Road.

Main buildings of the



community of Lambs, Lambsville, or Willow Grove sprang up soon after Joel Lamb built a blacksmith shop and started operation of a tannery near his home. He built the tan-yard to take part in the vast amount of business generated by the ever-increasing wagon traffic on the roads of the 1840s.

A tanbark mill, which furnished the leather for the home manufacturer of harnesses and shoes to the wide territory of the eastern half of what was shortly to become Crittenden County, was built near the spring-fed Willow

Creek, and the establishment of a general store and U. S. Post Office there made this village a vastly important trading center in the infancy of our country.

Road Less Used

The County of Crittenden was formed out of the northeastern half of Livingston County in 1842, and in 1844 the City of Marion was incorporated as the seat of justice of the new county, and became the commercial center of the territory.

These occurrences, plus the completion of the railroad system to central

Tennessee and the vast improvements of the river steamboat traffic, ended the importance of the Flynn’s Ferry Road as far as interstate commerce was concerned.

The resulting switch of major trade routes to the center and western sections of Crittenden County marked the beginning of the end for the little town of Willow Grove or Lambsville, as the Flynn’s Ferry Road became less traveled.

The once booming trade center of most of western sections of the county became only a point for collection of neighboring local produce for shipment to the county’s new industrial center at Marion and to the river trade at the busy Ohio River port of Weston.

(Article written from information researched by the late Bob Wheeler, genealogist and historian in the 1970s.)

(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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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-04 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR OF 2024

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its special called meeting held on September 5, 2024, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a regular called meeting of the City Council held on August 19, 2024, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

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

\$.2290 per One Hundred Dollar	Real Property
\$.2710 per One Hundred Dollar	Personal Property
\$.2290 per One Hundred Dollar	Public Utilities
\$.229 per One Hundred Dollar	Motor Vehicles
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PREPARED BY:
/s/ Robert B. Frazer
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All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administratrix before the 4th day of March, 2025, and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk

Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 4, 2024, Lee Ann Henry of 318 S. Joe Mackey Rd., Sturgis, Ky 42459 was appointed administratrix of Steven R. Chandler, deceased, whose address was 2945 SR 365, Sturgis, KY 42459. Cobie Evans,, attorney.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00030
SAM BROWN
PLAINTIFF

v.
ROBERT E. FRALEY
And unknown wives, widows, heirs, grantees, devisees, personal representatives, successors and assigns; and any unknown owners, heirs, devisees, legatees, grantees, representatives, assigns, and all persons claiming any right, title, or interest in or lien upon any of the lands described; and generally all persons whom it may concern, MARY E. FRALEY and unknown husbands, widowers, heirs, grantees, devisees, personal representatives, successors and assigns; and any unknown owners, heirs, devisees, leg-

atees, grantees, representatives, assigns, and all persons claiming any right, title, or interest in or lien upon any of the lands described; and generally all persons whom it may concern,

COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY, DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale and to satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:10 a.m., Monday September 23, 2024, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive (the Crittenden County Courthouse under demolition), Marion, Kentucky, the following described property: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3512 SR 297, Crittenden County PVA MAP NUMBER 020-00-00-048.00

A certain tract of land near Sheridan, Kentucky, and bounded as follows: BEGINNING at a stake in the Fredonia & Wallace Ferry Road, corner to A.J. Bebout and running thence with said road E to a stake in said road opposite a white oak tree, corner to W. G. Bebout and Mrs. Beard; thence N. through the garden and field to a persimmon tree in (or near) A.J. Bebout's lines; thence with said Bebout's line S.W. to the beginning and supposed to contain about one acre, be the same more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert E. Fraley and his wife, Mary E. Fraley, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, by Ray Beard, a widower, by Deed dated April 12, 1968, and recorded in Deed Book 104, at Page 369. Mary E. Fraley, since deceased, title vested fee simple in Robert E. Fraley. Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

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bidder is one of the parties, they shall be allowed a credit against the purchase price of their pro rata interest and pay over to the Master Commissioner the balance and any costs of sale apportioned to their interest in the property. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes for the year 2024 and subsequent years. No written bids are allowed and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. The Master Commissioner does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Amended Judgment and Order of Sale. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions. Dated this the ____ day of _____, 2024.

REBECCA J. JOHNSON
MASTER COMMISSIONER
217 WEST BELLVILLE STREET
P.O. BOX 415
MARION, KENTUCKY 42064
270-965-2222 (1t-37-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-00008
DALE WILLINGHAM
PLAINTIFF

v.
HEIRS OF ANNIE MARTIN
And unknown husbands, widower, heirs, grantees, devisees, personal representatives, successors and assigns; and any unknown owners, heirs, devisees, legatees, grantees, representatives, assigns, and all persons claiming any right, title, or interest in or lien upon any of the lands described; and generally all persons whom it may concern,

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BEGINNING at a stake or stone in the center of a road leading to the home of J.N. Parish; thence in a Western direction with the line of J.L. Simpkins 210 feet to a stake or stone, an agreed corner, between first and second parties and in Simpkins line; thence in Southern direction

with an agreed line 210 feet to a stake or stone, another agreed corner; thence in an Eastern direction 210 feet to another stake or stone, in the center of the aforementioned roadway; thence in a Northern direction with the center line of said road as it is now, 210 feet to the point of beginning, containing ONE (1) acre.

SOURCE OF TITLE: This being part of the same property conveyed to Annie Martin, a single person, by Madge Hillyard, a widowed person, by Deed dated August 22, 1961, and recorded in Deed Book 94, Page 83. Crittenden County Clerk's Office.

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The Superintendent is responsible for the entire operation of the water district. Under minimal direction and supervision, the individual ensures the district's customers are provided with a safe and reliable water supply; provides professional and technical assistance to the Board of Directors, and ensures compliance with all regulatory requirements.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

This position is responsible for directing, administering, and coordinating all operational, engineering, maintenance, construction, and financial activities of the District's operation within the scope delegated by the Board. This includes significant field and administrative responsibilities; meeting Division of Water and Public Service Commission requirements; developing and managing budgets; responding to emergency situations; hiring, training, and managing personnel; establishing and enforcing employment policies while maintaining productive relationships with employees; providing regular reports to the Board of Directors; building beneficial relationships with stakeholders and vendors; and fostering good public relations

The Superintendent reviews and approves all proposed construction projects, recurring maintenance programs and ensures completion as proposed. The individual provides financial supervision including the development and review of accounting policies and procedures, review of monthly revenue and expense reports, and cash forecasts. The Superintendent also maintains familiarity with current and new grant and financial assistance programs offered by state and federal governments, and also participates in industry groups and associations to maintain knowledge of evolving standards and training requirements.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

While any combination of education and experience providing the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying, a bachelor's degree in a relevant field such as engineering, management, or finance would be considered a plus.

Minimum Required Certifications/Licensure

- Must possess and maintain (or obtain) a Class II Water Distribution System Operator or a Class III Water Treatment Operator certification
- High School diploma or GED
- Valid Kentucky Driver's license
- Background Check Required
- Compensation

The compensation package is based on qualifications and will include a competitive salary, paid vacation and holidays, health and dental insurance, and CERS retirement plan.

Resumes should be submitted by email no later than September 30, 2024, to clwaterdistrict@gmail.com with the subject "Superintendent Application." A cover letter is required for consideration and should be attached as the first page of the resume. The cover letter should address your specific interest in the position and outline skills and experience that directly relate to the position. Candidates selected for interviews will be asked to complete the district's standard job application form. For any questions, contact the Crittenden-Livingston Water District at (270) 988-2680.

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UPCOMING EVENTS Rocket sports schedule

THURSDAY
Soccer at Trigg County
Volleyball host Muhlenberg Co.
Golf at Mineral Mounds

FRIDAY
Rockets at Hopkins Central

SATURDAY
Cross Country at McCracken Co.
Jr Pro Football hosts Trigg County

MONDAY
Golf at Breckinridge County
Volleyball hosts Union County

TUESDAY
Golf at Deer Lakes
Volleyball at Webster County
Soccer hosts Hopkins Central

Last week scores

FOOTBALL IN WEST KY

Ballard Memorial 44, Massac Co. 28
Bowling Green 38, Bryan Station 22
Fulton County 62, Calloway County 14
Graves County 20, McEwen, TN 20
Hancock County 52, Ohio County 0
Henderson Co. 52, Central Hardin 21
Hopkinsville 40, Christian County 7
Logan County 42, Russellville 3
Madisonville 59, Hopkins Central 6
Murray 34, Marshall County 19
O'Boro Catholic 49, Greenwood 16
Tilghman 41, Mayfield 10
Union County 42, Caldwell County 14
Webster County 23, Todd Central 20



GOLF 57 wins CCVFD event

The annual Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department Zach Latham Fundraising Golf Tournament was won last weekend at Deer Lakes by a four-some that shot 57. Pictured above are winners (from left) Bubba Hunter, Kevin Barnes, Collin Barnes and David Bowen.

•The annual Deer Lakes Golf Course Orange Jacket Invitational will be Sept. 14-15. Entry fee is \$125, which includes cart and play each day, a free practice round and a meal after Sunday's round. Tee times are available for 8 a.m., or 1:30 p.m. This tournament is individual stroke play. To register, call 270-988-4653.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel Fall	Aug. 17 - Nov. 8
Canada Goose	Sept. 1-15
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Turkey Archery	Sept. 7 - Jan. 20
Canada Goose	Sept. 16-30
Teal	Sept. 21 - Sept. 29
Wood Duck	Sept. 21 - Sept. 25
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 21 - Jan. 20
Raccoon	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Turkey Crossbow	Oct. 1-20
Deer Youth	Oct. 12-13
Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 19-20
Turkey Shotgun	Oct. 26 - Nov. 1
Woodcock	Oct. 26 - Nov. 8
Deer Rifle	Nov. 9 - Nov. 24
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 9 - Dec. 31
Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Quail	Nov. 11 - Feb. 10
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 11 - Feb. 28
Woodcock	Nov. 11 - Dec. 11
Bobcat	Nov. 16 - Feb. 28
Squirrel Fall	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Dove	Nov. 28 - Dec. 8
Duck	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1
Canada Goose	Nov. 28 - Feb. 15
Coyote Night (lights)	Dec. 1 - March 31
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Turkey Shotgun	Dec. 7-13
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 14-22
Dove	Dec. 21 - Jan. 12
Deer Youth Free	Dec. 28-29
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round

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CCHS heads to State Tournament Sept. 20-21

Lady Rockets claim first All A region crown

STAFF REPORT

For the first time ever, Crittenden County's volleyball girls are Second Region All A Classic champion.

The girls beat Heritage Christian Saturday morning at Hopkinsville in a tough semifinal match that observers called an "instant classic." Then, CCHS dispatched Fort Campbell in the championship with a little less trouble.

Ranked No. 1 in the region during pre-season, Crittenden improved to 8-1 this fall after winning three straight in the small-school tournament at Hoptown.

The Lady Rockets will advance to play in the All A Classic State Tournament Sept. 20-21 at the Bluegrass Sportsplex at Elizabethtown.

Saturday afternoon's All A championship match was a bit anticlimactic after the epic semifinal win over Heritage Christian. Against Fort Campbell, CCHS won 25-15, 25-11. In All A tournament action, a team needs only to win two sets.

Against the Falcon girls, Carly Porter had 6 kills and a block, Brooke Winstead 5 and Hannah Mott 4. Lilah Sherer had 16 assists and Braelyn Merrill had an impressive 4 assists from the middle blocker position.

"We were really motivated,"



Members of the small-school regional championship CCHS volleyball team are (front from left) Riley Kirby, Mary Stephens, Aly Yates, (back) Braelynn Pate, Lacey Boone, Braelyn Merrill, Brooke Winstead, Hannah Mott, Carly Porter, Lilah Sherer and Hadley Myers.

said Porter, "because Crittenden has never made it to the championship game. So to make it there and to win it just meant so much to us and I will never forget it."

Crittenden County and Heritage Christian were tied 1-1 after two sets in Saturday morning's semifinal. The Lady Rockets fell behind 9-2 in the third set. An 8-0 run fueled by four kills from Porter helped CCHS scratch back from a 12-5 deficit to

win the set and claim the match 25-22, 26-28, 25-23.

On the front line CCHS had 42 kills in the three-set match as Porter led with a dozen, Merrill added 9 and Winstead had 8. Other incredible efforts included Mary Stephens with 16 digs and Sherer's 36 assists against the Warriors. Porter also had one block.

Crittenden County opened All A Classic play with a 25-17, 25-14 victory over

tournament host University Heights last Thursday. Lilah Sherer had all of her team's 15 assists. At the net, Brooke Winstead, Carly Porter and Braelyn Merrill had 4 kills apiece. The trio also had a block each. Winstead and Riley Kirby had 5 digs each and Winstead led the way with six aces.

When the team returned to Marion on Saturday a police and fire department escort led the bus through town.

Rockets blitzed early at McCracken

STAFF REPORT

When nothing was clicking Friday for the Rockets at McCracken County, it could have turned out to be a long night. Instead, the mercy-rule's continuous clock came in clutch.

The pain was over pretty quickly, but the sting could last until Crittenden County can get back on the field this Friday to roll the dice next against Hopkins Central.

McCracken, winless coming into the contest, scored early and often en route to a 42-12 win over the now 1-2 Rockets.

A CCHS fumble deep in its own territory on the opening series let the Mustangs gallop in for the event's first touchdown. Then the hosts caught their guests napping and covered an onside kick that led to another TD, making it 13-0 two and half minutes into the show.

With the Rocket defense poor on pursuit and missing tackles against the more physical 6A opponent, McCracken built an insurmountable 27-6 lead by first quarter's end. The only bright spot was a 74-yard scoring pass from CCHS quarterback Quinn Summers over the middle to Caden Howard, who finished with four catches for 137 yards. Summers completed 13-of-20 passes for 191 yards, but the CCHS running game was non-existent, finishing in a negative figure.

Inability of the CCHS offense to move the chains and a couple of short punts allowed the Mustangs fortuitous field position in the first half. Crittenden had just three first downs, one in the first half against the McCracken regulars. The Mustangs had 15, all but one in the first half.

McCracken scored on its first six possessions, and the running clock allowed the Mustang backups to play the remainder of the game.

After trailing 42-6 at intermission, Crittenden scored the last half's only touchdown when CamRon Belcher snatched a ball away from a MCHS defender in the end zone for a 29-yard touchdown.

"Things started to crumble from the start," said CCHS coach Gaige Courtney. "They outplayed us offensively, de-



Rocket defenders (from left) Braydin Brandsasse, Brayden Poindexter and Jay Stevenson take aim at McCracken running back Landon Newman (4).

fensively, on special teams and out-coached us. It's on me. I have to get our guys better."

The coach felt like his team was flat out of the chute and that never bodes well in an atmosphere like McCracken County, in a stadium that looks more like a small college than a high school.

"You have to be ready to play. It seemed like we were hoping it would just come to us. You have to go out and take a game like this," he added. "They're very physical, a very good team and have a lot of weapons."

SCORE BY QUARTERS
Crittenden County 6 0 0 6
McCracken County 27 15 0 0

SCORING PLAYS
M-Landon Newman 6 run (Brock Wilson kick) 10:40, 1st
M-Cooper Falconite 31 pass from Maddox O'Neal (kick blocked) 9:56, 1st
M-Newman 12 run (Wilson kick) 4:11, 1st
C-Caden Howard 74 pass from Quinn Summers (kick failed) 3:51, 1st
M-Falconite 10 pass from O'Neal (Wilson kick) 1:01, 1st
M-Dawson Hayden 7 run (Wilson kick) 11:24, 2nd
M-Reed Brookshire 22 pass from O'Neal (Newcom run) 5:19, 2nd
C-CamRon Belcher 29 pass from Summers (bad snap) 9:37, 4th

TEAM TOTALS
First Downs: CCHS 3, MCHS 15

Penalties: CCHS 0-0, MCHS 5-30
Rushing: CCHS 9-(-10), MCHS 31-184
Passing: CCHS 13-20-0, 191; MCHS 16-19-0, 175
Total Yards: CCHS 181, MCHS 359
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 1-1, MCHS 0-0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing
CCHS: Michael Porter 2-4, Gaige Markham 1-4, Brayden Mahnke 4-(-2), Summers 2-(-16). MCHS: Newcom 9-83, Logan Alaimo 9-14, Hayden 1-7, Kayden Wahl 6-23, Ethan Atkison 1-(-1), O'Neal 5-58.

Passing
CCHS: Summers 13-20-0, 191. MCHS: O'Neal 14-17-0, 166; Brady Lynch 2-2-0, 9.

Receiving
CCHS: Howard 4-137, Belcher 3-38, Tyree McLean 2-11, Eli Lovell 2-2, Mahnke 1-0, Markham 1-3. MCHS: Daivon Dunbar 1-14, Falconite 6-78, Brookshire 4-69, Jakari Matchem 1-(-2), Newman 2-3, Alaimo 1-5, Bentley Gregory 1-4.

Defense
CamRon Belcher 4 solos, 2 assists; Landon Curry 3 solos; Blake French solo; Brayden Mahnke 3 solos; Tyree McLean 3 solos, TFL; Michael Porter 3 solos; Kaiden Travis solo, assist, TFL; Braydin Brandsasse 3 solos, TFL; Michael Counts solo; Caden Howard 5 solos, 2 assists; Brayden Poindexter 7 solos, 3 assists, TFL; Jay Stevenson solo, sack; Trae Taylor 3 solos, 2 assists; Noah Byford solo; Gaige Markham 2 solos, 4 assists; Logan Nolan assist; Eli Lovell assist.

Player of the Game: Offense Caden Howard. Line-man Braydin Brandsasse.

Records: CCHS 1-2, MCHS 1-2

CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

LADY ROCKET SOCCER

Crittenden County's soccer girls were blanked last Thursday 8-0 at Paducah St. Mary. CCHS goalie Macibelle Hardesty had 13 saves as the Lady Rockets fell to 2-6 on the season. CCHS was scheduled to host Lyon County Tuesday. Results were not available at press time. The girls will close out regular-season Fifth District action Thursday at Trigg County.

CRITTENDEN GOLF

CCHS won its second match of the season Monday and Jaxton Duncan was medalist for the first time. Duncan shot a 41 as CCHS beat Christian Fellowship 187-232 at Deer Lakes. Seventh-grader Bentley Rushing shot a career-best 45 followed by Cash Singleton 47, Levi Quertermous 54 and Jett Champion 61.

•Lady Rocket junior Georgia Holeman shot a season-best 47 last week at Deer Lakes Golf Course to finish third in a four-team match that included Lyon, Webster and Dawson Springs. Lyon's Lilly Perry was medalist with a 43 and her teammate Jenna Coursey shot a 46 for second place. Crittenden's Abby Korzenborn shot 61.

•Holeman finished third in another four-school girls' golf match early last week at Boots Randolph Golf Course, scoring a 50. Hosted by Trigg County, Lyon's Brenna Breitrick shot 42 to win medalist honors. Trigg's Emma McDowell was second with a 46. Crittenden's Abby Korzenborn shot 65. For Lyon, Perry and Coursey scored 53s.

•Levi Quertermous and Bentley Rushing shared medalist

honors in a meet last week at Deer Lakes Golf Course. Rocket golfers outshot Hardin County, Ill. 218-228 to win the match. Mitchell Brown shot 54, Jaxton Duncan 58 and Jett Champion 59 for CCHS.

CCHS CROSS COUNTRY

Mary Martinez crossed the finish line Saturday in 7th place at the Calloway County Invitational with a time of 21:40. Teammates Ella Whitney finished 24th at 25:17 and Hannah Whitney was 59th at 42:53.

For the Rocket boys, Asa McCord finished 26th out of 138 runners with a time of 19:28. River Rogers was 32nd at 19:48, Landon Starkey 66th at 21:54, CJ Nelson 69th at 22:06, Noah Martinez 93rd at 23:14, Zach Rustin was 95th at 23:23, Matthew Valentine 122nd at 26:55 and Cameron Nesbitt 130th at 28:51. CCHS finished 9th out of 16 teams.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Crittenden Middle School closed out its home schedule Monday beating Hopkins County 10-0. Brenna Kemmer, Karlee Jent, Lilly Cappello and Mela Kate Penn had hits for the Lady Rockets, who improved to 8-5. Brodi Rich pitched a 3-hitter and the CCMS girls played error-free in the field.

CCMS blasted Caldwell County 15-2 last Thursday led by Cappello (3 hits, 3 RBI), Penn (2 hits, 2 RBI) and Abigail Champion (2 hits, 2 RBI). Rich had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and pitched 4 innings, allowing 2 hits and striking out 6.

Pickleball fad is catching wave for outddoor court



Brandi Rogers was among a group of women playing pickleball at the former armory last week. A group of players is pushing for a new outdoor court.

STAFF REPORT

Pickleball is the fastest growing recreational sport in America and its time has come in Marion, say those who play and two groups working to help provide an outdoor venue.

Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission is scheduled to meet Thursday morning to discuss what could be final details for building two outdoor pickleball courts at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

The park board met Sunday with more than 20 individuals pushing for more opportunities to play the sport in Marion. Currently, there are two indoor courts at the former National Guard Armory, which is now a county-owned recreation facility.

The park board agrees that building pickleball courts needs to be a top priority. However, it doesn't have funding to build them. The park's annual budget is only \$26,000, which barely pays utili-



A women's pickleball group playing last week at the armory posed for a photo. They are (front from left) Rhonda Horack, Brandi Rogers, Cindy Summers, Denise Guess, Shana Geary, (back) Lisa Boone, Savannah Curnel, Stephanie Travis and Mitzi Hawthorne.

ties and trash collection, according to park leaders.

The tourism and recreation commission is willing to help pay for construction of the courts, but it is unclear where additional funding would come from to build a perimeter fence and install lighting.

As much as \$10,000 to \$15,000 may need to be raised to fully complete a complex for pickleball.

Plans appear in order to go ahead this fall and build two outdoor courts and work to finish the project in 2025 as further funding is secured.

The most economical place to build the courts is where the skate park currently exists. Tennis courts were there before the skate park, so lighting already is in place. The lighting, however, would need to be upgraded significantly.

Consideration is being given to consolidating the skate park features to one end of a concrete pad on which it sits and build pickleball courts on the other end. Some of the skate park equipment may need to be removed. The skate park's use has drastically declined over the past several years.

Despite less traffic at the skate boarding facility, park board members are reluctant to remove the equipment without a plan to either relocate it or keep a significant amount of the features at the park.

Pickleball courts would need to occupy about two-thirds of the concrete pad where the skate park is now located.

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ing up double-crop beans, burning pastures and stunting hay fields.

Hearty green yard grass which demanded more than regular cutting in May and June is now wilted and brown. Stephen Smith, who has operated a commercial mowing service for 26 years, said early summer was the strongest growing season he's ever seen.

"It had been nuts, up until the last few weeks. Honestly, you could have mowed a yard every three days the way grass was growing in May and June, and weed eating was very difficult to keep up," he said. "The past few weeks we've been able to rest up after a tough summer, but it sure affects income."

With six cemeteries on his client list, Smith says there is still plenty to do, but he's backed off to cutting grass to every other week. That, he says, allows it to stay greener as fall approaches. Dry weather and cooler nights are vanishing the landscape with autumn's traditional flat finish.

Although Crittenden County has been lucky so far with just one troubling field fire on Tuesday in Shady Grove, Livingston firefighters have had their hands full. Crittenden has pitched in to help on some of those, too.

Jason Hurley, Crittenden County's Emergency Management Director, said local officials last week decided the timing was right to issue a burn ban, prohibiting virtually all outdoors burning outside of a grill. He explains that conditions are ripe for field fires. Farming practices can lead to fires and they can also start along roadsides if someone tosses out a cigarette. He pointed to a series of roadside fires recently that were attributed to sparks from a truck and trailer dangling on the pavement.

Scott Hurley is chief of

Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department. He points out that most volunteer firemen work during the daytime and that's typically when field fires occur. Getting a response team can be difficult. That's part of the reason a burn ban is necessary, just to lessen the likelihood of a blaze getting out of hand and threatening property or lives.

"We are all praying for rain," said Dee Heimgartner, Crittenden County's Extension Agent for Agriculture.

While she admits that during harvest time farmers enjoy having clear weather to prevent interruptions, there is a growing concern for those with livestock.

"Pastures look rough already and I have heard some say they have already started feeding some hay," Heimgartner said. "That digs into the winter supply and some may not be able to get a

second cutting of hay because we haven't gotten any rain."

She said times of drought reinforce the need for variety in hay and pasture fields. Warm season grasses are more tolerant to current conditions while fescue and orchardgrass are not.

There is an economic impact to farmers with late crops, the ag agent said. Dry weather late in the growing season doesn't allow grain to fully mature, particularly in soybeans. She said a cow eats about three percent of its body weight a day. The price of hay is about \$60 for a round bale. If more farmers are forced to put their livestock on hay earlier than normal, it can drive the price higher as the rules of supply and demand kick in.

"When you put pencil to paper there are consequences" to extremely dry weather, Heimgartner said.

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