

CANDIDATES COME OUT AT LOCAL GOP GATHERING

At last week’s regular meeting of the Crittenden County Republican Party, a handful of individuals announced their plans to seek public office here in 2022’s elections. Local attorney Bart Frazer told the GOP he intends to run again as a challenger for county attorney, County Clerk Daryl Tabor says he will be seeking his first election next year and detention center employee Athena Hayes says she will seek the jailer’s post. Additionally, Tami Stainfield, who moved to Crittenden County a couple of years ago and lives in the Mexico community, says she will challenge Sen. Rand Paul for his U.S. Senate seat in Kentucky. Stainfield also once ran for President of the United States.

SCHOOL LEADERS WILL DECIDE THURSDAY ABOUT MASKING POLICIES

Crittenden County Board of Education will meet in special session at 6 p.m., Thursday at the Rocket Arena conference room to discuss how the district will proceed based on Senate Bill 1 which was passed last week by the Kentucky General Assembly. The legislation gives local school boards control over masking and other pandemic-related issues.

The school district asked parents, students and community members to respond to an electronic survey, the results from which will be used by leaders to determine the best path forward.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 16 at the courthouse. The court’s October meeting next month will be on a date different from the typical third Thursday of the month. Due to a conflict with other official statewide meetings for local government officials, the court will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 19.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 20 at city hall.
- Marion Tourism, Recreation and Convention Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., at the Marion Welcome Center.



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ASKEW

Askew Industrial, located in the Darben Plaza, has rows of shelves filled with manufacturing hardware. Pictured above is Scott Hurley, the company’s branch manager, and Theresa Price, one of Askew’s employees. At right is another worker, Miranda Smiley, who started a few weeks ago. She’s counting out washers, nuts and bolts to package.



Nuts & Bolts of Manufacturing

Local supplier grows to 6 employees

One of Marion’s best kept industrial secrets is a California-headquartered company that provides manufacturing inventory to Siemens and other industries in Kentucky and Tennessee.

BY CHRIS EVANS | PRESS EDITOR

Askew Industrial is located in Darben Plaza inside the former Food Giant grocery. The building was recently renovated by its new owner, Strong’s Enterprises of Richmond, Ky. The company set up a distribution center in Marion, originally at the former skating rink behind Darben Plaza on the north side of town, about 10 years ago. Siemens was its primary area customer for a long time, but over the last few years Askew Industrial has consolidated its Kentucky and Tennessee operations to Marion.

It formerly had other centers in Lexington, Ky., and Mount Juliet, Tenn. Askew has locations in almost a dozen cities across seven states from Vir-

ginia to Washington and in Tijuana, Mexico.

The company is a light assembly, inventory, warehousing and distribution specialist.

Scott Hurley has been with the company since 2019 and is now the branch manager. He’s also a volunteer fireman in Crittenden County. Hurley says the company supports his involvement in the community.

Askew supplies screws, nuts, bolts, washers, studs and other hardware of countless shapes and sizes. The number of products it sells to manufacturing firms is far too large to know an exact number.

“These shelves are just full,” he said pointing to boxes and containers sitting on lines of

metal shelving inside the more than 12,000-square-foot building.

The company moved from the former skating rink to the former Movies to Go building in Darben Plaza in 2018, and this past spring relocated next door in the former grocery store.

Six employees count, package, track and deliver the goods to Siemens in Marion and Louisville, Oliver Travel Trailers in Hohenwald, Tenn., and a scaffolding company in Columbia, Tenn., plus other smaller operations, mostly those involved in the rail industry.

In addition to providing hardware to those companies in a traditional form – packed in crates or boxes, Askew also stocks vending machines at the manufacturing facilities. These are not typical vending supplies you might image. There are no

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Ferry Tales

Hats off to librarian Brandie Ledford and the Crittenden County Public Library for kick-starting a comprehensive three-month look at the Ohio River’s role in local history, lore, commerce, travel and recreation.

With a financial backing from the Kentucky Local History Trust Fund, the Illinois Humanities program and tourism and historical groups in Marion and

Hardin County, Ill., Ledford has spear-headed this program that got off to a remarkable start Saturday morning at Fohs Hall with interpretive historian and author Eddie Price presenting “Ohio River Heritage” to a crowd of nearly 50 people from Kentucky and Illinois.

A retired history teacher from Hancock County, Price has written a handful of books, most notably “Wilder’s Landing,” an historical fiction piece about pioneer travel and settlement along the Ohio River.

While vessels plying the Ohio River from Pittsburgh to Cairo changed during America’s Manifest Destiny and beyond, the river has not. From the beginning it was a “super-highway” and an incredibly important part of Westward Expansion in the early 1800s and has remained a critically important part of the American economy.

Price’s program is the first of several, including a limited-ticket driving tour in early November that will visit exclusive sites that are not typically open to public perusal.

“That’s what will make it so interesting,” said Ledford. “We will get to go to the Pott’s Tavern, Ford Cemetery and other places that aren’t open to the public.” The day-long driving tour will be limited to 20 vehicles, so get your reservation early.

This series of events produced by the local library is centered around the Cave In Rock Ferry, the Ohio River and its significance in every era of American history.

From the earliest canoes to diesel-driven tugs pushing a limit of 15 barges along the Ohio, the river has been a passage way and a breadbasket for Kentucky and the other states it tickles along its route from Pennsylvania to the Mighty Mississippi.

As Price pointed out in his lecture last weekend, control of the river has been fought for by pirates, lawyers, governors and armies. The river has evolved from a

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Shanna West has been recognized as one of the nation’s rising stars in the hardware industry.



Something to Crow About

West’s rooster painting helped catch national hardware honor

STAFF REPORT

Attention garnered from a rooster painting has led to national recognition for a Marion business owner.

Shanna West, co-owner of H&H Home and Hardware in Marion, has been named one of the 25 Top Women in Hardware & Building Supply.

The HBS Dealer Top Women in Hardware & Building Supply program honors women making outstanding contributions to their companies and their communities. The Rising Star award recognizes up-and-coming

women in their profession and those who make significant, positive impacts within their business and community.


Do It Best, a hardware and lumber cooperative to which H&H Home and Hardware belongs, nominated West for the Rising Star award.

“That’s what is so awesome, that out of the 25 selected, there are people from the largest retail stores in the country and that’s saying a lot for Shanna’s work ethic and


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AUGUST 2021


Weather Yearbook



Coldest Temp
58.3
Thur., Aug. 5



Warmest Temp
91.9
Thur., Aug. 26



Wettest Day
2.42
Sat., Aug. 21

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Average Temp	77.1	83.6	85.4	86	84.2
Coldest Temp	58.3	57.0	55.4	55.9	52.1
Hottest Temp	91.9	90.5	91.9	92.8	93.5
Precipitation	5.9	2.8	3.0	2.0	2.7
Wettest Day	2.42	0.5	1.1	1.3	0.8

■ August in Crittenden County was the wettest since 2015, according to data collected by the Kentucky Mesonet weather station that is located just south of Mattoon. With 5.9 inches of rainfall last month, it marked the most since 3.2 inches in 2016 and 5.2 in 2015. Meanwhile the average temperature here was much milder last month than in five previous Augusts. It was the coolest since August 2015 when the average temp was 73 degrees. The past five Augusts saw average temperatures above 80. Rainfall through eight months of 2021 was 35.1 inches. The average rainfall in the county is about 55 inches per year based on recent history.

Deaths

Riley

Kathie June Riley, 66 of Grand Rivers, died Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021 at Baptist Health Paducah.

Born Sept. 19, 1954, in Benton, she was the daughter of Luther D. Morehead of Calvert City and the late Martha Ann (Jes-sup) Morehead. She was a loving wife and mother and a retired Registered Nurse, having spent most of her career in the Transitional Care Unit of Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, where she made many lifelong friends. Riley earned her BSN from Murray State University. She was a devoted Christian and the pastor's wife of Lake City Baptist Church. A true servant of the Lord, she often served as organist, children's Bible study leader and Sunday school teacher.

Surviving are her adoring husband of over 40 years, Billy Riley of Grand Rivers; a daughter, LeeAnn (Stephen) Glisson of Paducah; a son, Dr. Derek (Cara) Riley of Pulaski, Tenn.; two brothers, Mickey Morehead of Mayfield and Monty Morehead of Gilbertsville; a sister, Karen Faughn of Gilbertsville; and seven grandchildren, Nadia Yamada, Eliana Riley, Parker Riley, Rowan Riley, Daley Glisson, Eli Glisson and Eden Glisson.

She was preceded in death by her mother. Funeral services were Saturday, Sept. 11 in the chapel of the Collier Funeral Home in Benton with Dr. Darvin Stom officiating. Burial was in Miller Cemetery in Grand Rivers.

Paid obituary

Mitchell

Jimmie Ray Mitchell, 85, of Smithland, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 at his home.

He was born in Crittenden County June 6, 1936 to the late Jim and Geneva (Curnel) Mitchell. He was a retired carpenter, and a veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of Smithland Pentecostal Church.

Survived are his wife of 38 years, Marlene Mitchell of Smithland; two daughters, Tina (Joe) Kemp of Hampton and Crystal (Derek) Thorning of Paducah; a son, Ed (Trish)

Decker of Mayfield; four grandchildren, Cole Grimes, Ella Byers, Landon Byers and Ainsley Thorning; and two great-grandchildren, Aiden and Casey.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Jannell Hardin, and his parents.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Sept. 15 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Carey Cowell, Bro. Tim Fouts and Bro. Fred Wynn officiating. Burial was in Cothron Cemetery.

Henson

Helen Loretta (Crouch) Henson, 87, of Smithland, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2021 at her home.

She was born in Tiline on March 4, 1934 to the late Wallace and late Beatrice (Stevens) Crouch.

Surviving are four sons, Mike (Melanie) Henson, Rick (Shelia) Henson, Gary Henson and Eddie (Donna) Henson; a sister, Joyce Belt; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Henson; three sisters, Nora Evelin Ramage, Mina Ramage and Junita Crouch; a grandson, Stuart Henson; and her parents.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Sept. 14 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Jack Kee to officiate. Burial was in Cothron Cemetery.

Conditt

Marcie Ann Bruce Conditt, 50, of Marion, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021 at Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

She enjoyed traveling, photography and spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas Conditt of Marion; her father, James Puckett of Bangs, Texas; a son, James Ray Bruce of Evansville; a daughter, Rebecca McFadden of Booneville, Ind.; a brother, Curtis Puckett of Morganfield; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, Sept. 11 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Stone

Danny R Stone, 68, of Marion, died Monday, Sept. 13, 2021 at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville. He was a

member of the Bigham Lodge Number 256. He was a retired UMWA coal miner, during which time he held many positions at Hamilton 1 and Ohio #11 and was a member of the mine rescue team. Following his retirement from coal mining, he worked as a Millwright in Local #1080 (now local #1076).

Stone was truly one of a kind - from his award-winning beard to his large presence, overalls, sense of humor and infectious laugh. He had an unmatched work ethic and his word was his bond. He was a devoted father and found immense joy in his "grand girls" who adored him and his best friend, rescue dog, Parker, who was often riding shotgun in his truck. He greatly enjoyed riding his Harley and made several trips to Sturgis, S.D. He courageously battled cancer for seven years but never lost his sense of humor or will to fight.

Surviving are a daughter, Kristen A. (Andrew Mathias) Stone of Paducah; a son, Kirk D. (Sylvia) Stone of Goodlettsville, Tenn; two beloved granddaughters, Kennedy and Camille Mathias; a grandson, Daniel Stone; and an aunt, Barbara Kirk of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Shirley Kirk and Charles G Stone.

Masonic Rites will be given at 1 p.m., Friday Sept. 17 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Visitation is scheduled from 10 a.m., Friday until service time. Burial will be in Mapleview Cemetery. The family kindly requests all in attendance wear masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Memorial contributions may be made to ChemoGuardians 911 Crossland Ave, Clarksville, TN 37040 or Happy Feet Equals Learning Feet Inc., c/o Jerry Baird, 1020 State Route 56 East, Morganfield, KY 42437.

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Moore

Mareta Moore, 61, of Hampton went to heaven Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021. She was the wife of her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Mark Moore, for 37 years.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Kimberlie (Jeremy) Lady and Karlie Moore. Her children were the light of her life. She had two biological children but her unofficial adopted children were too numerous to name and she loved them all as her own.

Mareta spent her life

volunteering and being a full-time caregiver for her mother and children. Her family, church family and friends were very important to her, as well as her "furry people" Ellie. Philippians 4:13 was her favorite verse

Club awards members, sets officers

BY JANEEN TRAMBLE
EXTENSION AGENT

Crittenden County Homemakers recently held its 72nd annual meeting. We recognized the accomplishments of members for the past year and prepared for the new homemaker year with our theme, "Adventure Awaits."

Following along with the theme, our speakers were Benjamin Potter and Grier Crider who shared about their adventures out West to various national parks, monuments and sites as they earned their Jr. Ranger Badges. They traveled to Utah, Colorado and Arizona. A few of the sights they visited were the Rocky Mountains, the Mighty Five National Parks, Grand Canyon, Painted Desert and Petrified Forest. The pictures and videos they shared showed the beauty of God's creation. The homemakers thanked the youth with a monetary donation they can use toward their next adventure.

Michelle Crider led us in a group singing of Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land" and entertained us with other patriotic songs.

Individual Awards presented included: Booklist: For reading at least six books from the nine categories on the Homemakers book list: After Hours: Darl Henley, Nancy Hunt, Debbie Padgett Challengers: Glenda Chandler, Susan Crase, Micki Crider, Victoria Edwards, Sarah Ford, Linda Morris

Perfect Attendance: After Hours: Darl Henley, Nancy Hunt, Debbie Padgett Challengers: Glenda Chandler, Susan Crase, Micki Crider, Victoria Edwards, Sarah Ford, Linda

and she always encouraged everyone to pray and follow their hearts.

She was preceded in death her mother, Armale Kimberlin; her father, Jack Kimberlin; and a brother, Charlie Kimberlin. May she re-

joice with them in Heaven forever.

Services are at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 17 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Jim Wring officiating. Burial is in Hampton Cemetery.



Crittenden County Homemaker Leadership Team (from left) includes Sarah Ford, Janet Stevens, Darl Henley, Victoria Edwards, Nancy Hunt, Debbie Padgett, Nancy Lanham, Micki Crider, Brandi Potter and Jerrell James.

Morris Volunteer Service Unit Awards: Extension: Sarah Ford - 1st, Debbie Padgett - 2nd KEHA: Darl Henley - 1st, Sarah Ford - 2nd Community: Sarah Ford - 1st, Janet Stevens - 2nd, Darl Henley - 3rd Personal: Debbie Padgett - 1st Overall: Sarah Ford - 1st (318 hours), Darl Henley - 2nd (172 hours), Janet Stevens - 3rd (107 hours) Top Club: Challengers 425 hours

Reach incentive program: Reading: Darl Henley, Explore: Debbie Padgett, Action: Tabby Tinsley, Community: Sarah Ford, Homemakers: Debbie Padgett

Club Awards: Extension/4-H Support- 2nd place- After Hours, 1st Place- Challengers

Club Community Service Award - 2nd Place- Challengers, 1st Place- After Hours County Community Service Award - 2nd Place- Challengers, 1st place After Hours

Health & Fitness Award - 2nd Place Challengers, 1st Place- After Hours

Go Green Award - 2nd

place Challengers, 1st place After Hours

Outstanding Club Award - 2nd Place After Hours, 1st Place Challengers

The new leadership team was recognized by Sarah Ford was installed By Jerrell James.

Homemakers leadership team members are President, Sarah Ford; President-elect, Darl Henley; Vice-President, Victoria Edwards; Secretary, Debbie Padgett; and Treasurer, Nancy Hunt. County Chairmen include: Cultural Arts & Heritage, Nancy Lanham; Foods, Nutrition & Health, Janet Stevens; International/Global, Micki Crider; Public Information & Marketing, Nancy Hunt; 4-H Youth Development, Brandi Potter; Family & Individual Development, Victoria Edwards; Management & Safety, Darl Henley; Leadership Development, Kristi Harris; and Environment, Housing & Energy, Jerrell James. Club presidents are: After Hours, Jerrell James; and Challengers, Victoria Edwards.

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ACCUSED CEMETERY KILLER HAS TRIAL DATE MOVED TO SEPT 2022

The South Carolina man accused of killing his wife and leaving her body in a shallow grave in a rural cemetery near Fredonia will not go on trial until late next year.

Larry Florentine, who has been held in the Caldwell County Jail on a \$1 million bond since last year, was originally set for trial in January in Caldwell County Circuit Court. Last week, his attorney, Gregory Colson of Louisville, asked for more time and the judge moved it to September 2022.

Florentine is charged with murder and abuse of a corpse. The body of his wife, Nichole Florentine, 36, was found at Hill Cemetery in Fredonia in June 2020. She was also from South Carolina.

SHERIDAN HITS IT BIG WITH FEMA'S GRANT

Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department has received one of the largest aid packages in the history of the county.

Fire Chief Evan Head says the department will get \$242,666 for a new fire truck and another \$121,919 for turnout gear, air packs and training.

The money is coming from FEMA's Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant. Other local departments have applied for similar grants, but have not received notice of a reward at this time.

Head said Sheridan's department will have to pay five percent of the cost for the truck and equipment. That's its matching part of the grant, he explained.

Firemen were at the building early this week getting fit for the new gear, which will include 13 complete sets of pants, coats, helmets and hoods. Nine air packs will be part of the deal.

"The truck is the biggest thing. That just



Evan Head, chief of the Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department, tries on some new gear as part of a process to outfit the department with new turnout equipment.

tickles me to death," said Head, who's been fire chief at Sheridan since 2009.

For several years, he said the agency has run on old equipment. The new 2,000-gallon pumper/tanker truck will replace an old gas-operated 1962 fire truck.

"We are going to have to put in about \$18,000 for all of it and that includes a brand-spanking new, bumper-to-bumper, ordered-from-the-factor fire truck," Head said with a huge smile.

It will take a while before the truck order will be filled, about 12 to 18 months, Head projects.

County fire departments must have at least a dozen certified and trained firemen on their roster. Sheridan has 15, including the chief.

Head said the matching funds will come from fire dues that residents pay on their tax bills each year and state fire aid money.

The department bought a 1,200-gallon truck a few years ago. It's a 2006 Ford that it financed and is paying for with state financial aid funds.

"For a long time we had 50-year-old equipment that would hardly run and now we will have some of the newest in the county," Head said.

The Sheridan department was first organized in the early 1990s.

LIVINGSTON MAN DIES IN MOTORCYCLE CRASH

A Livingston County man driving a motorcycle was killed in a crash Friday at about 11 a.m., on U.S. 60 near the Smithland Dam Road.

Livingston County authorities say Harvey Walton, 55, died in the crash. Walton had been thrown from his bike and was in the roadway when he was struck by another vehicle.

The accident remains under investigation.

SHOW & SHINE EVENT IS NEXT WEEK IN TOWN

Marion's monthly Show and Shine cruise in will be Thursday evening, Sept. 23 at Crittenden County Courthouse, weather permitting. It is sponsored by City of Marion Tourism, Recreation and Convention Bureau and is approved by the City of Marion Police Department.

FOHS HALL ABOUT HALF WAY TO SOUND GOAL

Fohs Hall's fundraising effort to replace sound and lightening system is about halfway to its goal, according to Fohs Hall, Inc., President Alan

Stout.

"To date, 22 individuals, businesses and foundations have made contributions or commitments to the Fohs Hall Performing Arts Center Fund. The total stands at approximately \$22,000 in contributions and pledges received toward the overall goal of \$50,000," Stout said.

Stout said Fohs Hall directors are appreciative of the support and working diligently toward reaching the goal.

"If you have ever attended school or an event at Fohs Hall, please consider supporting this project to renovate the lighting and sound system," Stout said.

Coordinators hope the project is completed by the Nov. 13 when the next production of Kentucky Hayride will be held.



Jim Johnson and Annie Rubino pose for a photo during the the Woman's Club airport tour.

MARION WOMAN'S CLUB TOURS LOCAL AIRPORT

"Taking Off" was the theme for the Sept. 1, Woman's Club of Marion's meeting held at the Marion-Crittenden County Regional Airport.

Annie Rubino, as program chair, introduced Jim Johnson who explained the history of the airport and its importance to the county. He informed the club of the Airport Day scheduled for Oct. 2 which will include the dedication of the new runway expansion. The airport will also be formally named for Johnson at that event.

Dan Rubino took the club on a tour of the main building along

with two of the hangars where they learned about some of the historical airplanes located there. Following the business session Roberta Shewmaker won the door prize. Rubino and Becky Combs provided refreshments from Nan's Coffee and Tea Company. The club will have a leadership work session Sept. 16, 5-7 p.m., at the club building.

HEROIN FOUND IN STOP MONDAY NEAR FREDONIA

Caldwell County Sheriff's Deputy Evan Head found heroin in a vehicle during a traffic stop Monday night near Fredonia.

Although law enforcement agencies acknowledge heroin is present in the area, they seldom find it.

Deputy Head observed a vehicle on KY 91 that crossed the center line multiple times. After stopping the vehicle, the deputy detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car. The three occupants of the vehicle were removed to further investigate the source of the strong odor of marijuana. A quantity of marijuana was located in the vehicle along with several grams of suspected methamphetamine, a quantity of suspected heroin, digital scales, a large quantity of plastic baggies, smoking pipes and several other items of suspected drug paraphernalia.

All three subjects in the vehicle were taken into custody and charged with the following offenses:

Breauna A. Moon, 23, of Princeton was charged with reckless driving, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree trafficking in controlled substance (methamphetamine) and having no insurance.

Brandon Beverly, 27, of Benton was charged with possession of marijuana, possession

of drug paraphernalia, and first-degree trafficking in controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Deanalan D. Stormoen, 27, of Marion was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance, first-degree trafficking in controlled substance (methamphetamine) and first-degree possession of controlled substance (heroin).

All three subjects were lodged in the Caldwell County Jail. Deputy Head was assisted on scene by Deputy Chad Hawkins and Princeton Police Department.

PRAYER VIGIL AT PARK FOR COVID-19 VICTIMS

A prayer vigil for Kim and Stacy Collyer will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16 at Marion City-County Park. Organizers David Godfrey and Rene Sizemore are asking friends, family and others affected by COVID-19 to meet at the competition track at the end of Upper Park Drive for a time of prayer and music. Both Kim and Stacy Collyer are on ventilators at separate Paducah hospitals as a result of COVID-19.

DAVIS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST FOR NH UNIVERSITY

John Davis of Marion has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.699 and earn 12 credits for the term.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution serving more than 150,000 learners worldwide.

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THROW BACK THURSDAY OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

10 YEARS AGO

September 15, 2011

- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce named Gilbert Funeral home the September business of the month.
- Kentucky Emergency Management Regional Response Manager Vicki Martin was recognized by Director John Heltzel for achieving RPM Level III. The RPM Level III is part of a divisional training process that consists of extensive classroom curriculum, field operations and administration.
- Attendants and those competing for the title of 2011 Homecoming king and queen were Callie Doom, junior attendant; Ella LaPlante, freshman attendant; Ashley Collyer, sophomore attendant; Jenna Odom, senior queen candidate; Taylor Keister, senior queen candidate; Zoie Black, senior queen candidate; Clint Asbridge, junior attendant; Jarrett Smith, freshman attendant; Micah Hollamon, sophomore attendant; Wes Evers, senior king candidate; Dustin Hernandez,

senior king candidate and Bryce Willis, senior king candidate.

25 YEARS AGO

September 19, 1996

- The Woman's Club of Marion celebrated its 76th anniversary with a luncheon at the club's building.
- The Rockets football team captured its third win of the season against Webster. Players of the game were David Beverly, Robby Croft and Bobby West.
- Agriculture Extension Agent Tom Moore and Farm Bureau President Danny Hearell signed a proclamation in recognition of Farm Safety Week.

50 YEARS AGO

September 16, 1971

- Twenty-six initiates joined the Future Homemakers of America at CCHS during a membership service at Lake George. Those attending included all the new initiates, members, officers, and advisors. With the advisors, Mrs. Barbara Roberts and Mrs. Marjorie

Yandell, the officers, Marilyn Wade, Sherry Tinsley, Gail Campbell, Elsie Watson, Valerie Jones, Rita Ford, Debbie Boone and Sheryl Oates planned and initiated the new members.

- FFA members Bobby Conditt, Gary Robertson, Richard Newcom, Mike Walker and Jo Walker received ribbons for their farm mechanic entries at the state fair.
- Paula Kaye Murray a 1966 graduate of Crittenden County High School, graduated from Lockyear College of Business in Evansville.
- Senior and junior class presidents were selected. Senior class president was Ronnie Watson; vice-president, Curtis Turley; secretary, Scottie Leet; treasurer, Jat Tabor; and reporter, Cheryl Pohlman. Ricky Guess was elected junior class president, Mike Stone, vice president; Rhonda Woodside, secretary; Ronnie Beavers, treasurer; and Cindy Wallace, reporter.
- County Judge John W. Chandler presented certificates to Sherry Tinsley and Diane Tinsley naming them Kentucky Colonels.

WEST

Continued from page 1 talent in this business," said co-owner Phillis Hardin, who started the business with West's father, Allen Hunt, nearly 20 years go.

"At first I thought, 'Oh, this is cool,' but the more I learned about it, I thought, 'This is kind of a big deal,'" said West, who joined the business, along with her husband David in 2019. "It's a real honor, and I have trouble sharing it with people because I didn't expect it."

Do It Best's communications director picked up on H&H's community engagement and West's enthusiasm for her company.

West finds ways to engage members of the community, even if they're popping in the store to buy a couple hinges or a hose fitting.

Paint smudges that formed that colorful rooster on a canvas at her paint counter ended up earning \$500 for local charity and caused Do It Best's communications department to take notice. Do It Best featured West's artwork in its trade magazine and came to Marion to present her a framed copy.

The rooster took 12 months to develop, but all the while attracted attention of customers and eventually trade professionals. Each time West mixed a can of paint in 2020, she dipped her finger on the paint lid and transferred that color

swatch to a canvas resting on an easel behind the counter. Eventually the design began to form into an abstract piece of art – some say it looked like a rooster – and it was auctioned in late 2020 with proceeds donated to the school's backpack program, which sends weekend meals and snacks home with kids in Crittenden County.

West is doodling with paint again in 2021 and this time the design is an eye. It, too, will stay on an easel behind the counter until another silent auction is held at the end of the year.

Since quadrupling its square footage in 2019 during relocation to Sturgis Road from the other end of town, H & H Home and Hardware went from being an unassuming plumbing and electrical parts store that catered largely to contractors to a full-service retail paint and hardware store.

West uses engaging marketing schemes that include clever video advertising, attracts crowds to Ladies' Night events, hosts food trucks in the store parking lot and is producing a fall festival in October.

"I think people realize we are different," West said. "We're very personable with social media and it causes people to interact with us and engage with us and get to know us. We're just different I guess."

The selection of honorees is part of a year-round program to

promote the role of women in the industry. West will be recognized during the Top Women the Hardware & Building Supply networking event in Chicago Nov. 10-11.

"I won along with people from Lowes and Milwaukee Tools, so to see the list of winners and to see my name and H&H Home and Hardware is really flattering," West said.

Her business partner said the award is well deserved.

"She's one of the most talented people I've ever known," Hardin said. "She's creative, she's very hard working, a people person, she's humble and knows how to treat her customers."

Hardin said West has helped transform H&H Home and Hardware.

"We strictly took care of plumbing and electrical contractors," Hardin recalls when she and Allen Hunt started the supply store in the 1990s. "After Shanna came on board, we branched out into the retail business. She has a good knowledge of what to order, what people are requesting, what they're looking for and has a knack for knowing what people will buy – and that's the hardest thing, I think."

"It makes us so proud of her. We know she is talented, but it means so much to us that people out in the world know it. When she gets recognized, this business also gets recognized."



Girls from Hebron School formed their own croquet team in 1930. Shown with their mallets and balls are (from left) Ruby Hardesty, Lolita Lofton, Margorie Arflack, Mary Jane Easley, Virginia Shaffer, Ruby Underdown, Helen Carter and Gladys Easley.



Students and parents enjoyed a fun-filled days at Chapel Hill during field days. It wasn't just for the students, all participated and had a good time together.

School activies played important part of rural life

School activities of yesteryear were much anticipated events. The little country schools were the center of the communities. Teachers and parents worked together to make these events special, not just for the students but for their family, friends and neighbors of the surrounding area. Here are a few from those days of long ago. The school fairs seemed to be a fun-filled day for everyone, and the competition of games, whether mental or physical, was on the top of the list.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

School News in 1914
News from County Schools

Miss Lola Claghorn is doing good work at Forest Grove this year. The attendance has been fine and her success has, in a very great measure, been shown by the way her people have taken an interest in the fairs, contests, etc.

Miss Dewdrop Graves represented Forest Grove in the Declamatory contest giving her selection in a way that was a very great credit to herself and to her teacher. Miss Graves won the blue ribbon in storytelling at the Hurricane Fair.

Miss Claghorn has had several spellings and they have all been well attended. One evening last week her pupils gave a Thanksgiving program consisting of recitations, songs and dialogues to the patrons of the school.

On Nov. 14, Mr. Dennis D. Clark at Colon gave a box supper at which he made about \$7 for school purposes.

Some weeks ago, the school at Tolu, assisted by Miss Lena Holtsclaw of Marion, gave the play "The Dust of the Earth," at the Presbyterian church. The proceeds, which amounted to over \$25 will go for school improvement.

Miss Kate Wright of Tolu received the silver medal in the contest at Deer Creek.

The school at Irma gave a box supper Nov. 11 and cleared a nice little sum, which was invested in a new table for the school.

The Literary Society of Oak Hall meets twice a month on Friday nights. The teacher, Mr. George Conditt, believes in making the school the community center, and his work is bringing results. Little Miss Belt represented Oak Hall in the contest, and all of Divi-

sion 2 should be proud of her. Mr. Conditt gave a pie supper in October for the benefit of his library.

At the fair at Hurricane Oct. 3 the school won 12 points, the largest number won by any school.

Miss Ena Clark, who represented Hebron in the Declamatory contest at Deer Creek Nov. 7, was awarded the Gold Medal. Miss Clark's selection was "The Queen's Robe" written by Opie Read.

The school had its fourth traveling library this year. They have added 16 new volumes to the library, among them being Lansing's History of the Civil War with all the Brady war photographs, a 1,700 page Webster's Unabridged Dictionary and Harold Bell Wrights new book, "The Eyes of the World."

The folks of Hebron still spell the name of their school in capitals letters. Attendance this year has been the largest of any school in the division and perhaps in the county. The annual Hebron School entertainment was given in connection with a box supper Nov. 21. The house was crowded until there was not even room for one more. A pretty feature of the box supper was the candy booth decorated in green and yellow. The candy was furnished by Mesdames H. E. Wathen, E. J. Franklin, M. T. Sliger and Misses Miles Bracey and Ruth Cook. A new basketball outfit was put up in September and daily basketball games make school all the more interesting.

Miss Mildred Rankin at Fords Ferry gave a box supper a few weeks ago, clearing about \$7. Her pupils gave an interesting program of songs, recitations and plays the same evening.

October 1916 – **School Fair at Crayne Saturday a Success.**

There were many present to enjoy the kind of hospitality of the good people of Crayne and to help make the day pleasant and profitable.

Crayne won first place and Chapel Hill second. Other schools made good showings. The day was ideal, the roads were fine. Long before the time which had been set for the beginning of the program, people from all the schools in that part of the county were gathering to show their interest in and

their appreciation of the splendid work which is being done by the school in that division.

The first part of the morning was given to the selection of the judges for the day and then after that task was finished the reminder of the morning was given to the contest in arithmetic and reading.

At 12 o'clock a sumptuous dinner was served, and in this the good people of Crayne showed their appreciation of the many people who had come to spend the day in their little town.

The people of the surrounding country showed themselves equal to occasion and with true Kentucky hospitality did every thing in their power to make the day a success and to make their guests for the day feel that it was good to be there.

Immediately after dinner, the drawing contests were held in the school-house and the contests in storytelling and spelling were finished in the church. The spelling contest was one of the most interesting features of the work.

The first prize was won by Dycusburg and the second by Chapel Hill. The exhibits were splendid. The work was good and well displayed. Most of the schools had booths and the work on display was a credit to the schools of the county.

Most of the schools had splendid exhibits in Manual Training, Domestic Science and Agriculture. The first prize on General Exhibit was awarded to Crayne and the second prize to Chapel Hill.

Athletics are always an interesting feature of the school fair program. All the first prizes in athletics went to Frances, with Chapel Hill getting two seconds and Jackson getting one. The schools represented and the number of ribbons won by each follows: Crayne 18; Chapel Hill 9; Frances 7; Dycusburg 7; Union 5; White Hall 3; Owen 3; Jackson 2, Sisco 1.

Nov. 1922 – **School Fair at Forest Grove**

The weather man provided us an excellent day for our program. There was a large number pres-

ent and everybody had a real nice day.

Besides the community and school program, we wish to thank Miss Ethel Hard and Dr. Frazer for the excellent addresses which they gave.

Owing to lack of time, very little of the community products were judged but we appreciate the interest shown and are sorry we had to neglect this part.

There were six schools present – Oak Hall, Brown, Hebron, Glendale, Colon and Forest Grove. Following are the names of the winners: Spelling: Bonnie Lindsey of Glendale; Mary Hoover of Forest Grove. Best built bird house, Hayden Winders of Colon. Best made garment: Alba Arflack, Hebron and Elva Belt, Colon. Best told story, Rosalie Stout, Brown and Jamie Fox of Hebron. Best March and Salute to Old Glory by whole school, Forest Grove and Colon.

Potato Race: Jessie Hodge, Forest Grove; Joseph O'Brien, Glendale; Boys 50-yard dash, Miles Hodge, Forest Grove, and John Claghorn, Oak Hall. Girls 50-yard dash, Eva Belt, Hebron, and Toby

Clark, Forest Grove.

Boys 100-yard dash, Verg Cook, Hebron and Stanley Herrin Oak Hall. Girls 75-yard dash, Bertie Hoover, Forest Grove and Elva Belt, Colon.

The schools made the following number of points; Oak Hall, 6; Colon, 17; Glendale, 18; Brown, 21; Hebron, 23; Forest Grove, 40.

Good memories of our little country schools of long ago.

(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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Wider and deeper

Life would be more comfortable for all of us if we could agree on everything – probably not. I cannot imagine living in such a world. It would be a wretched place to live. We understand this when it comes to jobs and vocations. Not everyone is built to be a plumber, professor or personal trainer. Each brings something of value to the rest of us.

It is this variety that leads to disagreement. Those digging in the ground for coal and those trying to build sound structures on that ground can have different priorities. Those wanting to use waterways for recreation and those using them for transporting goods on or over them need to work together.

Religion is an obvious place where disagreement is abundant and unavoidable. Education, economics, political and economic systems, culture, and geography are just a few of the sources that cause us to approach faith from different starting points. For example, those who come from more privileged backgrounds are much more willing to talk about grace and mercy than justice, while those from less privileged backgrounds preach on justice and judgment more often. It is as though we talk more about what we know we need rather than what we need to be doing.

As a person of faith, it is important to keep in mind that if we fail long enough God will make it happen without our cooperation. It would go a long way toward healing what ails us if those who are privileged practiced justice and those who have been wronged practiced forgiveness. We would learn to love and appreciate each other's stories and strengthen each other's weaknesses. There are a few things that can get in the way. I am a Christian, but I believe that these things

broadly apply. It is vitally important to understand the difference between facts and truth, which according to what I see, has been lost. Facts do nothing and on their own contribute nothing without something to carry them. The carrier of facts is "truth." Here we run into another problem. We, as a society, have trouble agreeing on which truth we should carry these facts. It is better for that truth to be something other than an individual. "My truth" may be a popular phrase but it is a shallow and unstable vector for carrying facts.

Truth is best found outside of a person and incorporated into life. I have no illusion that we will all agree on which truth is best. I do know that if something is stable enough we can at least have the chance to have discussions that are meaningful rather than yelling self-serving insults at each other.

There are also chronic differences in generations. Older generations tend to be about prohibition. Younger generations tend to be about permission. One asked, "Tell me why I should?" The other, "Tell me why I shouldn't". If this is not understood we can talk past each other without realizing it. Where we start will drastically affect where we end.

When it comes to reading scripture, it is easy to fall into the modern trap of seeking for "the meaning" of a text. Anyone who has lived long

enough and read or recited Psalm 23 over the years will understand instinctively that the poem does not carry "a meaning." Over the years I may decide that what I thought was wrong. More often I add depth and width to understanding rather than jettisoning what I thought 10 years ago and completely replacing it. We do not work that way.

The hazard of communicating is that as soon as we speak a word we will be misunderstood. Not usually tragically, but if we tried to explain all the processes and context of every sentence we uttered, nothing of value would ever get said. How many times has it taken me a particular experience to fully understand something said to me years earlier? How many times have I walked away from a conversation that did not go well (or so I thought) only to go back and apologize? The opposite is also worth remembering. To listen is to risk misunderstanding what another is saying.

We know this about each other and yet seem to forget it every single day. Our differences are a strength. Our misunderstandings are opportunities to grow and mature as human beings. Conflict has the potential to bring us together.

But we must agree on this, "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right." (1 Corinthians 13:4-6).

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Sean NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

Community Events & News

■ The Paris Reunion 2021 has been cancelled due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic and other variants in Crittenden County, Kentucky.

■ Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16 in the school library.

■ Marion Kentucky Show & Shine will be at the Crittenden County Courthouse, Thursday, Sept. 23 weather permitting.

■ The Clothes Closet of

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

the church.

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

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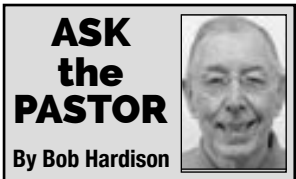
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and belief, and they quickly fall away. Other seeds fall on thorny soil and the thorns choke out the plants. These hearers quickly follow Christ but let other things steal their focus and are unfruitful.

The fourth soil is good ground, and seeds cast on it produce a bountiful crop. Good ground hearers receive the Good News and "produc-

es a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown" (23). Only one of the four soils produced an abundance of fruit.

Though we can't control how others respond to our witness, our chief concern should be that they hear the "Good News" about Christ. We should sow God's Word into the lives of others—and leave the results in His hands. May the love of Christ control and motivate all of us to share the Word with many folks (2 Cor. 5:14).

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Brucie Moore, P.O. Box 210, Morganfield, Ky. 42437, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administratrix on or before the 6th day of March, 2022 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
(1t-37-c)

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Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Clerk on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Crittenden County Clerk, for the period October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the period then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Crittenden County Clerk for the period October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 28, 2021, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Crittenden County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:
2020-001 The Crittenden County Clerk's Fourth Quarter Financial Statement Was Materially Inaccurate
2020-002 The Crittenden County Clerk's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Their Disbursements Process

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts

June 28, 2021
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UPCOMING EVENTS

CCHS Schedule

THURSDAY
Soccer at Trigg County
Volleyball at Trigg County
MS football at James Madison

FRIDAY
Varsity football at Hancock County

SATURDAY
Volleyball at Livingston Tournament
MS football at Trojan Bowl v McLean
X-Country at Muhlenberg County

MONDAY
Soccer hosts Webster County
Volleyball at Madisonville

TUESDAY
Golf at Morganfield
Soccer at Lyon County
Volleyball at Union County

OUTDOORS
Hunting Seasons

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

Bull Frog	May 21 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	Aug. 21 - Nov. 12
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Deer archery	Sept. 4 - Jan. 17
Turkey archery	Sept. 4 - Jan. 17
Canada goose	Sept. 16 - Sept. 30
Wood duck	Sept. 18 - Sept. 22
Teal	Sept. 18 - Sept. 26
Deer crossbow	Sept. 18 - Jan. 17
Turkey crossbow	Oct. 1 - Oct. 17
Raccoon hunt	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Deer youth	Oct. 9-10
Deer muzzleloader	Oct. 16-17
Turkey shotgun	Oct. 23 - Oct. 29
Deer gun	Nov. 13 - Nov. 28
Turkey crossbow	Nov. 13 - Dec. 31
Squirrel	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Raccoon trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Quail	Nov. 15 - Feb. 10
Rabbit	Nov. 15 - Feb. 10
Bobcat trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Fox hunt/trap	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28
Dove	Nov. 25 - Dec. 5
Duck	Nov. 25 - Nov. 28
Canada goose	Nov. 25 - Feb. 15
Bobcat hunt	Nov. 27 - Feb. 28
Turkey shotgun	Dec. 4 - Dec. 10
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Deer muzzleloader	Dec. 11-19
Dove	Dec. 18 - Jan. 9
Deer youth	Jan. 1-2

DEER HUNTING
Archers take 28 bucks

Archery deer season is in full swing and hunters have already taken 50 deer in Crittenden County, 32 were antlerless and 28 were bucks.

FOOTBALL
Friday night tickets

Tickets to Friday’s high school football between Crittenden County and Hancock County at Hawesville can be purchased at the gate.

ECOLOGICAL
Butterfly in Mexico

A monarch butterfly tagged in Kentucky as part of a research project last October was found 1,600 miles and months later in Mexico. Kentucky Wild member and citizen-scientist Tri Roberts of Versailles originally captured and tagged the female monarch butterfly at Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site in Perryville. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources tags monarch butterflies each fall from late August through early October. Kentucky Wild hosts an annual tagging event to help capture, tag and collect data on migrating monarchs.

GOLF
Glow Ball results

Here are results from Saturday’s Glow Ball Golf Tournament at The Heritage Golf Course.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT	
C.McDaniel, J.Lowery . . . . .	.63
C.Watson, E.Watson . . . . .	.70
K.Myers, R.Riley . . . . .	.71
B.Winders, B.Winders . . . . .	.71
S.Reynolds, McLoed.... . . . .	.73
B.Hunter, K.Barnes . . . . .	.77
J.Hall, M.Hall . . . . .	.78
C.Barnes, A.Barnes . . . . .	.82

FIRST FLIGHT	
E.Perryman, I.Perryman . . . . .	.79
J.Hurley, A.Holmes . . . . .	.79
S.Holeman, L.Holeman . . . . .	.81
C.Evans, A.Evans . . . . .	.82
M. Pflung, M.Beck . . . . .	.88
C.Thomas, A.Thomas . . . . .	.90
D.Phelps, K.Phelps . . . . .	.91
S.McKinney, S.McKinney . . . . .	.98
C.Cooksey, M.Cooksey . . . . .	.99
G.Holeman, N.Buchanan	103



Taking Account
Rocket head coach Gaige Courtney aligns his punt block team as it readies to go after a kick by the Tigers Friday night. There was no block on the play at hand and Caldwell escaped Marion with a 9-0 win in the annual grudge match.

Caldwell County 9, Crittenden County 0
Tigers blank CCHS in defensive battle

STAFF REPORT
It could be described as perhaps the best defensive effort against Caldwell County in nearly 20 years, but the endeavor went for naught as the unranked 2A Tigers beat 1A No. 10 Crittenden County 9-0 Friday night at Rocket Stadium.

ANOTHER GAME
CCHS has added a ninth game to the schedule. The Rockets are now set to play at Christian County on Oct. 8. Crittenden lost two games from its original 10-game schedule this fall when Fulton bowed out and the Murray game was canceled for COVID.

Crittenden County (1-2) hadn’t held the Tigers (2-2) to single digit-scoring since the Rockets beat their neighboring-county rivals 8-7 in 2002 at Princeton. Meanwhile, the Tigers shut out the Rockets for the second straight season and did it with their own version of a steel curtain. Caldwell’s defense stymied the CCHS ground game, which has now rushed for minus-6 yards in the past two games. The Rockets gained a meager seven yards on the turf against Caldwell and had just two first downs until a small spark of late offense in the fourth period. Crittenden was unable to move the chains at all until it opened up the passing game, trying to catch up late. But even then, the offense sputtered deep in Caldwell County territory, turning the ball over on downs and being intercepted once – all three times within the Tiger 35-yard line. After giving up more than 300 yards rushing the previous week in a loss to 4A Madisonville, first-year head coach Gaige Courtney was encouraged with what he saw against the Tigers. “I thought we came out and answered the call. Overall, I was happy with the defense and the effort,” he said. CCHS junior defensive end Case Gobin has emerged as a key defender. He turned career numbers against the



Rocket defensive end Case Gobin stops Caldwell running back Logan Smiley.

Tigers, recording 19 tackles and three sacks. “Our defense did really good. We executed,” Gobin said. “We just couldn’t get the offense started until late in the game.” The Tigers scored on a short field, from the 21, to take a 6-0 lead early in the second period. Tiger kicker Blake Vivrette, who rarely misses an extra-point, was wide right on the PAT, but he made up for it with a third-quarter field goal for the game’s final points. Caldwell rushed for 181 yards on the back of senior Logan Smiley. He carried the ball 30 times for 189, but a large chunk of those came on one play – a 68-yard run in the third period to set up Vivrette’s three-pointer. The Rockets threw the Tigers for a loss on 11 plays and recovered one fumble, so the defense was more than adequate. Crittenden was a bit turnover prone on offense as senior quarterback Luke Crider was intercepted twice and the Rockets lost two fumbles. The Rockets also executed poorly on third down, converting on just three of 13 attempts. Courtney saw spurts of productive offensive play, particularly late, but he lamented the team’s inability to be more balanced on that side of the ball. “We’re missing our running game that we had last year,” he said. “Our execution has to get better, but we will figure it out.”

SCORE BY QUARTERS				
Caldwell County	0	6	3	0
Crittenden County	0	0	0	0

SCORING PLAYS	
Cald-Jamus Carneyhan 5 pass from Jack Stevens (kick failed) 11:53, 2nd	
Cald-Blake Vivrette 26 field goal, :13, 3rd	

TEAM TOTALS	
First Downs: Rockets 5, Tigers 10	
Penalties: Rockets 3-13, Tigers 4-45	
Rushing: Rockets 15-11, Tigers 47-181	
Passing: Rockets 19-37-2, 163 yds., Tigers 9-16-0, 38 yds.	
Total Yards: Rockets 174, Tigers 219	
Fumbles/Lost: Rockets 3-2, Tigers 4-1	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
Rushing	
Crittenden: Gattin Travis 3-4, Levi Piper 2-1, Preston Morgeson 5-6, Luke Crider 6-0. Caldwell: Logan Smiley 30-189, Carneyhan 1-2, Logan Chambliss 2-(-1), Jack Stevens 14-(-9).	
Passing	
Crittenden: Crider 19-37-2, 163 yds. Caldwell: Stevens 9-16-0, 38 yds.	
Receiving	
Crittenden: Morgeson 9-64, Brysen Baker 3-36, Kaleb Nesbitt 4-27, Trace Derrington 2-32, Hayden Adamson 1-4.	
Defense	
Coleman Stone 3 solos, 2 assists; Holden Cooksey 3 solos, assist; Luke Mundy 3 solos, assist, TFL; Trace Derrington 6 solos; Dylan Yates 5 solos, 2 assists, TFL; Logan Bailey 7 solos, 3 assists, TFL, fumble recovery; Zech McGahan 4 solos, 7 assists; Hayden Adamson solo; Sam Impastato 5 solos, 2 assists; TFL, sack; Deacon Holliman solo; Case Gobin 11 solos, 8 assists, TFL, 3 sacks, caused fumble; Kaleb Nesbitt solo, 4 assists; Briley Berry 6 solos, 2 assists TFL, sack; Preston Morgeson 2 solos, 3 assists, TFL; Seth Guess 2 solos, 3 assists.	
Players of the Game	
Defense Case Gobin. Offense Preston Morgeson. Line-man Tucker Sharp.	
Records: Crittenden 1-2, Caldwell 2-2	

KDFWR activates CWD plan
after infection found in TN

STAFF REPORT
Whitetail Properties agent Mark Williams says Kentucky’s response to a deer disease found in nearby Tennessee is to be commended. A deer in northwest Tennessee recently tested positive for chronic wasting disease. “Kentucky is doing a really good job. You have to admire that they had this rapid response ready,” said Williams, whose primary business is the marketing of hunting land. Williams doesn’t believe the finding of Chronic Wasting Disease south of Murray near Puryear, Tenn., will have a big affect on hunting in Crittenden County unless deer with CWD are found in the commonwealth. The disease has not been found in Kentucky at this point, but since first diagnosed in 1967 it has been discovered in 26 states. Williams said hunting has not waned in the states where it’s been found. KDFWR has implemented a prepared response, which includes more extensive checking of animals harvested or found in the border counties of Calloway, Marshall, Graves and Fulton. Also in those counties, the use of attractants such as mineral, salt or grain cannot be used by

hunters. “Hopefully, they will get this locked down and isolated,” Williams said. The always-fatal neurological disease affects deer, elk, moose and caribou. Kentucky’s response plan calls for implementation of specific measures following a positive detection within 30 miles of Kentucky’s border. This is because deer are highly mobile, and can range up to several miles in a single day. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife activated its response plan last week after the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency announced confirmation of CWD in a 3 ½-year-old female deer collected in Henry County, Tenn. The deer was thin and exhibiting strange behavior. Multiple tests confirmed the presence of CWD. Chronic wasting disease is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy disease. It is caused by an abnormal prion - form of protein - that collects in an animal’s brain cells. Those cells eventually burst leaving microscopic empty spaces in the brain matter that give it a “spongy” look. Some have described the disease as something like dementia that affects humans.

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Crittenden County's Carly Porter (8) goes up for a kill shot during a recent Lady Rocket volleyball match.



Crittenden County's fifth- and sixth-grade Junior Pro football team won its debut game Saturday at Rocket Stadium, beating Trigg County 7-6. Eli Lovell scored the Rockets' only touchdown on a 15-yard run. Pictured here are Crittenden coaches Wes Lovell, Adam Beavers and Hunter Boone in a timeout with players Ethan Gonzalez, Ezaria Rich, Ethan Sosh and Dominic Koontz.

SOCCER V-BALL

CCHS playing key match at Trigg Co.

The Lady Rocket soccer team has been off since Labor Day, but will get back to action Thursday night at Trigg County against a Lady Wildcats club that beat CCHS 4-0 earlier in the season. Crittenden has won five of its last eight matches for a 5-6 overall record and is playing much better than it was earlier in the season when the girls lost to Trigg to end a three-game losing streak to start the season.

Kirby leads girls in kills and aces

The Lady Rockets volleyball squad went into action this week with a 5-2 record and will play district foe Trigg County at Cadiz on Thursday night. A win there could give the CCHS girls at least a share of the Fifth District regular-season title with Livingston Central. Crittenden has won the last three district crowns. Crittenden played at Caldwell County Tuesday night, but results were not available at press time.

Through the first four



Crittenden's Brylee Conyer watches a shot last week in a match at Marion. She was medalist in the event.

matches for which statistics are available, the team's only senior, Addy Kirby, led the way in kills with 30. Payton Hall had 13 and Katie Perryman a dozen. Carly Porter was the top blocker with eight and Hall had five. Riley Smith had 50 of the team's 53 assists and Jaylee Champion was team-leader in digs with 33. Kirby led with squad with seven aces and Champion and Sofie Watson were close behind with a half dozen apiece.

X-COUNTRY

Martinez 12th in race

Freshman Mary Martinez was two minutes off the lead Saturday in the McCracken County Invitational cross country meet. She was 12th overall with a time of 24:46. Freshman Jayden Duncan was 52nd with a time of 34:48. Livingston's Karlee Davidson, a seventh grader, placed 50th for Livingston Central with a 34:34. Rylee Culver was 57th with a 39:18. Crittenden's boys were paced by Asa McCord, 63rd with a 24:14; Denon Wilson, 79th, 27:02; and Nate Faith, 86th, 29:04. Livingston Central's boys team finished 11th overall with the following individual results: Mason Hargrove, 80th, 27:36; Reese Davidson, 85th, 28:49; and Demetriusz Taraskiewicz 89th, 38:27. In middle school action, Crittenden eighth grader Ella Geary was 19th with a 21:06 in the 4,000 meter race. Jayden Gibson was 13th among middle school boys with a 17:52; Colt Belt 55th with a 22:20; and Logan

TEAM STATISTICAL LEADERS

Player	Gms	Goals	Asst
Taylor Guess	11	15	6
Lizzie Campbell	10	9	8
Addyson Faughn	9	4	4
Raven Hayes	11	4	3
Bailey Williams	10	3	1
Leah Long	11	2	1
Brynn Porter	11	1	1
Maggie Blazina	9	1	1
Jacey Frederick	8	1	0
Lyli Wesmoland	11	1	3
Ashayla McDowell	11	0	1
Emilee Russellburg	11	0	1
		Goals Allowed	
Player	Gms	Saves	Allowed
Joslyn Silcox	8	46	26
Taylor Guess	11	32	6
Hannah Long	11	26	10

Rockets to a team victory. Parker Kayse shot 44, Avery Belt 48, Evan Belt 50 and Jaxon Hatfield 51 to round out CCHS scoring. Livingston's Davin Grant shot 41 and Lyon County's Travis Perry was at 40. Mayfield also participated in the event. In the girls' match, Crittenden's Addie Hatfield shot 49 and Brylee Conyer 59. In a match last Thursday at Marion's Heritage Golf Course, Conyer was medalist in girls' completion with a 43. Hatfield shot 48 and Georgia

Holeman 59. The CCHS boys were led by Foster with a 45. Evan Belt shot 46, Kayse 48 and Avery Belt and Jaxon Hatfield carded 52s. Crittenden lost the match to Dawson Springs by 13 strokes. The Rockets played in a middle school match last week also at Marion's course. Grayson Davidson shot a 21 on six holes to win the event, which included a team from Morganfield's John Paul Middle School. Cash Singleton shot a 33 for CCMS and Georgia Holeman shot 31.

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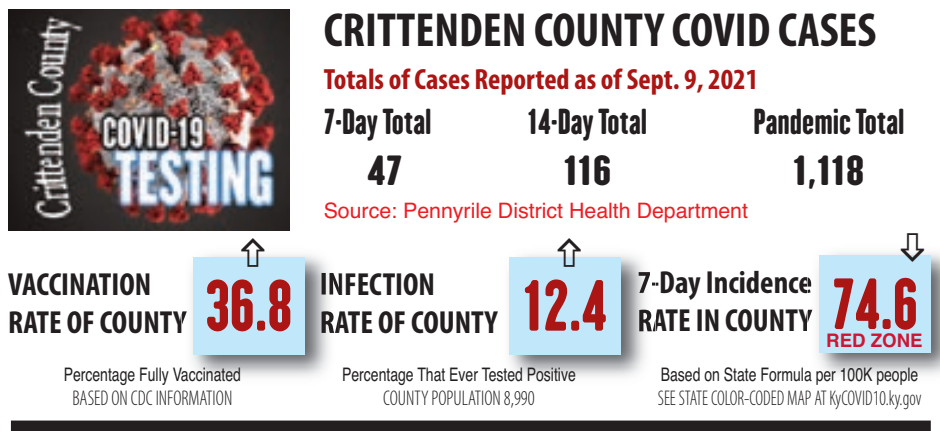
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Vax rate jumps 10 points in county

STAFF REPORT

Over the past three or four weeks, Crittenden County’s vaccination rate has gone up about 10 percentage points.

In mid July the Centers for Disease Control said this county’s vaccination rate was 26 percent, based on the number of individuals who had received at least one shot.

By early September it had inched up to just over 29 percent. Now, over the past two weeks, local individuals have been lining up for a jab, pushing the county’s vaccination rate to almost 37 percent, according to the CDC’s figures.

Young people are among those getting vaccinated in recent weeks. Last Thursday, nurses at Crittenden County Health Department administered 114 shots. More than 10 percent were age 12-17.

“The trend of youngsters really started in the past few weeks,” said Jim Tolley. “Very, very few were given in the early days.”

Vaccine was approved for that age group in May, but it was June before the local health de-

partment had it available. Since then about 75 teens have gotten a shot.

Crittenden County Health Department holds vaccine clinics each Thursday, but you can make appointments on other days if necessary. Area pharmacies and healthcare providers are also giving shots.

The actual percentage of the county’s population that has sought vaccination is actually higher than the CDC’s numbers because the youngest in the population are not eligible. When you filter out children 11 and under, because they are not eligible to take the vaccine, the county’s vaccination rate is about 42 percent of the population.

Still, Crittenden ranks among the bottom half of Kentucky counties when it comes to vaccination rates. More than 50 states have rates higher than 40 percent and 14 have rates higher than 50 percent.

Gov. Andy Beshear said early this week that Kentucky ranks third in the nation for the highest number of new daily COVID-19 cases per

capita, with a seven-day average of approximately 90 new cases reported per 100,000 people.

“I am asking you to break the Thanksgiving dinner rule and have a tough conversation with those you love and care about who are hesitant to get the vaccine,” said Gov. Beshear. “It won’t be easy. But they are more likely to listen to a friend or family member, and that one conversation could save their life.”

The Governor highlighted a recent U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study that found people who were not fully vaccinated this spring and summer were more than 10 times more likely to be hospitalized, and 11 times more likely to die of COVID-19, than those who were fully vaccinated.

*Note: Data for the graphic above were only available as of Sept. 9, perhaps due to a backlog of work for public health officials. It’s unclear whether local cases have continued to trend downward early this week, but anecdotal information indicates that perhaps they have.

New 911 fee will trigger tax bills for otherwise exempted

Don’t be surprised if there is a balanced owed on your property tax bill, even if you have never paid anything at all due to exemptions.

Some Crittenden County property owners who have not been paying a property tax bill in several years may have a surprise when they go to their mailbox in October.

A 911 service fee levied on residential and commercial dwellings to fund emergency dispatch in Crittenden County will be new this year, approved by the fiscal court a few months ago. That \$36 fee will ensure that the owner of just about any inhabitable building will receive a 2021 county tax bill, regardless of their previous tax status.

That means even seniors or disabled individuals who have received a

homestead exemption that excludes the entire value of their home from taxation will have a county tax bill mailed to them in the coming days. If the \$40,500 homestead exemption is above the value of the property, the owner will receive a 2021 county tax bill for only the \$36 fee for 911 services.

This situation should affect only real property owners in the City of Marion – 102 to be precise – all of whom are exempt from paying county fire dues. Marion property owners pay for fire protection through the property taxes paid to the city. The city tax bills are separate from county tax statements.

For several years, rural property owners have been assessed fire dues by the county, which like the new 911 fee are not

abated by the homestead exemption.

Renters will not be assessed the new 911 fee; instead, landlords will foot the bill and may pass on the cost to renters through monthly rental fees.

The new 911 levy is not optional; failure to pay will be a Class A misdemeanor offense with additional penalties of up to a \$500 fine and 90 days to 12 months in jail.

When the fiscal court enacted \$30 fire dues on tax bills for property outside the City of Marion, they made it optional. Property owners may opt out by mid-year – it is too late for 2021 – but are then responsible for the cost of any fire department responding to a call for the property in question, which can be hundreds of dollars.

Museum has Satan’s Ferrymen reprinted

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Historical Museum has acquired the rights to reprint “Satan’s Ferrymen,” a book first published in 1968.

Written by Jr. W. D. Snively and Louanna Furbee, the book traces a great deal of early American history on the Kentucky shore of the Ohio River. It centers around the area near what is now Cave In Rock, Ill., where the Ohio River ferry operates.

Local historian Brenda Underdown says it’s a

great opportunity for the museum and the timing is just right to coincide with the Ferry Tales program that is being produced largely by the Crittenden County Public Library from now until early November.

Underdown said “Satan’s Ferrymen” had been out of print since 2004. Finding copies had become quite difficult, she explains, as rare copies had been selling on the internet for as much as \$150.

Evansville Bindery has reprinted the book for

the museum. There were 75 copies ordered in this printing.

“It is one of those books everyone wanted, but it just wasn’t available,” Underdown added. “It means a lot to have this book available here again because it includes so much local history like the Fords Ferry Gang, Tolu, Hurricane Island and Fords Ferry Road and Landing.”

The 244-page books are on sale at the museum on East Bellville Street in Marion for \$50.



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major migration and trade route to an industrial freeway and recreational gem. Over the last two centuries, the river odyssey has been navigated by pirogues, flatboats, keelboats, coal-burning steamboats, outboards, runabouts and modern vessels hauling grain, fuel and

other commodities.

Freight, passengers and mail have been pushed along the river since the beginning of European settlement in the New World. The river has been tamed by locks and dams and entrepreneurship. Showboats and recreational boating and fishing are also part of its history.

For Crittenden County, the river has never been a major and

direct source of economic advantage, largely because the majority of its river shore is low and not suitable for ports. Still, the Ohio has a place in the history and hearts of this community and it’s incredibly thrilling to know that the library’s well-planned program will give us all a free opportunity to become more acquainted with the river and its many tales.

HERE’S HOW AND WHEN TO PARTICIPATE

Crittenden County Public Library along with Crittenden County Historical Society, Hardin County Historical Society and tourism agencies in Marion and Cave In Rock have partnered to create a local history project called “Ferry Tales: Outlaw Stories on the Ohio.”

Cave pirates, the Ford’s Ferry Gang, counterfeiters and the reverse underground railroad are among the most notorious characters in the history of the Ohio River in proximity to Marion and Cave In Rock. Through a series of presentations, programs and exhibits taking place from now through November, participants will not only learn about outlaws and pirates, but also come to understand the river’s key role in local history and heritage. Following are the key programs associated with the project:

Schedule of Events

- **Sunday, Sept. 19, 3 p.m.** Local author Todd Carr presents “Frontier Ferries and River Pirates” at the cave in Cave In Rock State Park.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2 p.m.** Book discussion at Crittenden County Public Library about the outlaw stories. Book club sets of “Cave In Rock Pirates and Outlaws” by local author Todd Carr and “The Outlaws of Cave In Rock” by Otto Rothert are now available for checkout at CCPL. “Satan’s Ferrymen” by W.D. Snively Jr. and Louanna Furbee is available for in-library reading or can be purchased at the Crittenden County Museum. Authors will sell copies of books at each event.



- **Friday, Oct. 1 6:30 p.m.** Movie Showing of Davy Crockett and the River Pirates at Riverview Park (Dam 50). A short program is scheduled before the movie and concessions will be sold with all proceeds benefiting the Crittenden County Museum.
- **Friday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m.** Movie Showing of Davy Crockett and the River Pirates at the lodge parking lot at Kaylor’s Restaurant at Cave In Rock State Park. A short program is scheduled before the movie. Concessions will be available.
- **Thursday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m.** Author Eddie Price presents “A Tale of Two States” at Fohs Hall.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2 p.m.** Book discussion about the outlaw stories at Crittenden County Public Library.
- **Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Ohio River Outlaw Trail Caravan Tour. Partnering agencies have created a driving map of the outlaw sites on both sides of the river. By special permission, participants are able to visit select sites on private property that are usually inaccessible to the public. Registration for this day-long tour is now available by calling the Crittenden County Public Library at (270) 965-3354. The tour begins at CCPL and ends at the Ohio River Welcome Center in Equality, Ill. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic at Cave In Rock State Park.

