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## Crittenden's burn ban remains effective, Livingston's is lifted

Despite optimism for a soaking rain late last week from remnants of Hurricane Francine, local observers say the area came out much drier than had hoped. Rain-fall was spotty with some areas of western Kentucky getting around three inches. Crittenden County's official weather station near Mattoon registered just over a half inch. The Mesonet weather observer showed 0.33 inches on precipitation last Thursday and 0.30 on Friday, bringing the montly total to 0.9 inches. Meanwhile reports of greater precipitation were recorded in the county, including around 1.5 inches at the Marion Water Treatment Plant and about an inch at Frances. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said this week that the county's burn ban will remain in effect until further notice. Meanwhile, Livingston County Judge-Executive Teris Swanson last weekend lifted the ban in that county.

## Fall wildfire season

Staring Oct. 1 is Kentucky's wildfire season when outdoors burning within 150 feet of a grassland or woodland is prohibited during daylight hours from 6am to 6pm.

## Trick-or-Treat set

Trick-or-Treat on Main Street will be held in Marion on Thursday, Oct. 31, coinciding with the annual holiday.

## Dates to Remember

- Oct. 3-6 is the annual US 60 Yard Sale. Place your sale ads in The Press to get thousands of views.
- Oct 4 is deadline for parade entries email derrick.ford@critten-den.kyschools.us. See more homecoming activities on page 4.
- Oct. 6 is unveiling of historical marker commemorating Lafayette's 19th century visit to Smithland. See page 4.
- Oct. 25 is deadline for write-in candidates to file for the November election.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 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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## City banners honor hometown heroes



Other nearby cities have undertaken similar projects to recognize military personnel. Marion's project starts next spring. The banner above is an example of what to expect.

STAFF REPORT

Marion will next year unveil a Main Street project to recognize military personnel past and present as part of a Hometown Heroes program.

Mayor D'Anna Browning rolled out the plan for city council members during Monday night's monthly meeting at city hall. Last week, Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission discussed details of the effort and will be providing support to the idea.

"This is very, very important to me," the mayor said. "We posted something about it on social media and have already gotten some applications."

Banners will be hung on decorative light poles along Main Street, where seasonal pennants are typically displayed. Plans are to open the project for the 2025 Memorial Day holiday period. With some modifications, the lamp poles will be able to accom-

### Participation is Limited

modate 54 flags with photographs of military personnel. There will be specific guidelines for sets of flags displayed for Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day. For Memorial Day the focus will be on Crittenden County soldiers who either died in action, went missing in action or were prisoners of war. Forty-nine spaces will be set aside for those killed in action with five POW/MIAs. Active military and veterans will be the focus for Fourth of July and veterans will be the exclusive category for the Veterans Day celebration in November.

Banners will cost between \$65 and \$72 depending on size. Organizers hope local businesses or corporations will sponsor the Fallen Heroes flags since many of those may no longer have descendants in the area. Families

will be asked to honor their own veterans or active military personnel by sponsoring the cost. The city is charging the bare cost of the banners. All other expense will be paid through other sources.

There are 86 Crittenden Countians who have died during service, according to The Crittenden Press's annual spotlight on those individuals, which is published once a year. Local historian Brenda Underdown and former Press editor Daryl Tabor provided much of the research for creating that feature in the newspaper.

Each banner will have space for three lines of text that will include name, rank and branch of service. Deadline to have a banner created will be April 1 of next year. Each application must include a digital photograph of the soldier. Due to limited space on poles, the program is open on a first-come, first-served basis.

## FALL into ARTS

### Fohs Hall Saturday

STAFF REPORT

Boredom bred creativity on canvas for Marion teenager Abigail James. Now she's putting her creations on the market.

The 14-year-old and a host of other artisans will fill Fohs Hall for the third annual Fall Into the Arts event Saturday, Sept. 21.

"I started sketching and it takes a lot of time, so I thought, 'let's spray paint,' and I just started spray painting things, and it was fun, so I thought maybe I could spray paint on canvas," James said.

It seems impossible that some of the designs James has created were done with spray paint. By using techniques she developed herself and learned from a few videos, James has created texture and various size paint droplets without the use of brushes or any other tool.

She showed - and sold - her artwork to a couple of friends and on their recommendation decided to make a business of it.

"I really just do this for fun," James said.

She has a collection of planets that were created using a sand bucket. The application of three different colors of

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Abigail James, 14, will display her spray paint art at Saturday's Fall Into the Arts event.

### Fohs Fall into Arts - Calendar of Events

9 a.m., continuing all-day - Arts Vendors. Octahedron Demonstrations - demonstrations on cleaving octahedrons from fluorite where you can learn the techniques for splitting the mineral into geometric shapes. Community Artwork - create community art by participating in a collaborative painting project. Photo Opportunity sponsored by Rusty Gate Farms. Crittenden County Homemaker Breads & Candy. Woman's Club of Marion pies. Kids Zone. Instrument Petting Zoo - Explore musical instruments up close and try playing them at our Instrument Petting Zoo! Sponsored by CCHS Band Students. Face Painting. Sponsored by CCHS Art Club. Pumpkin painting station. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 30. Nature Activity Station - leaf prints, leaf shadow drawings, leaf doodling, fall matching game, coffee filter leaves, fork painting. Street Art

9:30 a.m. - Fall Planter Demonstration by Dee Heimgartner, Crittenden County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources. In this demonstration, you'll learn

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## Ready, set, go: Voting process begins Saturday

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky's absentee voting process for the November Presidential Election begins Saturday, Sept. 21. From then until Oct. 22, absentee paper ballots may be requested online.

Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, but there are various ways to cast a ballot prior to that time. Requests for a

paper ballot can be made online at GoVote.ky.gov or by visiting the clerk's office at the Crittenden County Office Complex in Industrial Park South. Individuals asking for a paper ballot will need to offer some key information such as Social Security num-



ber and address.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor said his office will mail out requested ballots in batches on Mondays and Thursdays during the request period (Sept. 21 to Oct. 22). Ballot requests made online by local residents will be mailed the following day, Tuesday or Friday, based on when they requested and

based on customary mail delivery.

Cost to mail a ballot is almost \$4, including \$1.77 postage and \$2.20 certificate of mailing receipt.

Ballots can be mailed only to an address already on election rolls.

"So if you've not updated

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Crittenden County School Superintendent Tonya Driver uses illustration on a display screen to explain how passage of Amendment 2 could affect local schools.

## School district discusses how A2 could affect educational funding

STAFF REPORT

If approved by voters in November, an amendment to the Kentucky Constitution would provide tax dollars to private schools.

Historically, taxpayer money solely has been used to fund public schools, which is where 90 percent of the state's students receive their education.

Amendment 2, or the so-called Voucher Bill, would open the

door for Kentucky to provide financial support to private and charter schools.

Voting yes to Amendment 2 means you support giving public funds to private schools.

Crittenden County Superintendent Tonya Driver outlined Amendment 2 during last week's meeting of the Crittenden

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# Deaths

## Peek

Tyrone Tracy Peek, 67, of Marion, died Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

He was owner and operator of Peek Sawmill. He worked in timber and heavy equipment all of his life.

Surviving are two daughters, Amy Peek and Carrie Peek, both of Marion; two sons, Justin Peek and Mitchell Peek, both of Marion; three sisters, Sandy Frizgerald and Janice Tinsley, both of Marion, and Regina Peek of Clarksville, Tenn.; and four grandchildren, JD Prowell, Dalton Peek, Layla Peek, and Ethan Peek.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Kaiden and Eli Peek; two brothers, Kenneth Peek and Van Peek; and his parents, Richard M. and Nina G. (Farmer) Peek.

Services were Friday, Sept. 13 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Dycusburg Cemetery.

## Thomas

David Leon "Dave" Thomas, 75, of Marion, died of complications of cancer on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024 in Evansville.

He was born in Evansville on June 1, 1949 to the late Frank and Dean Thomas. He was a 1968 graduate of North High School. He was a Vietnam veteran and a member of Caldwell Springs Baptist Church in Marion.

He retired as an over the road truck driver, but continued to drive locally for P&H Farms. He loved to ride horses, his Harley, and also loved to work on old tractors.

Surviving are his wife of 45 years, Donna Thomas; a daughter, Andrea (Karl) Hay; a stepdaughter, Dian Baird; a stepson, Dewayne Bushard; three sisters, Leigh Thomas, Deanna (Chris) Froman, and Deb (Paul) Skelton; two grandchildren, Christian and Kiersten Hay; and two step-grandchildren, Tiffany (Rodney) Little, and Eric (Katie) Bushard.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21 at Caldwell Springs Baptist Church, 2212 State Route 855 S., Marion, Kentucky 42064. Friends may call from 2-3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21 at the church.

## Campbell

Dennis R. Campbell, 81, of Eddyville, died Saturday, Sept. 14, at Baptist Hospital Paducah.

He was born Jan. 17, 1943 in Russellville,

Mo., the son of Dennis Wesley (DW) and Ruby-cile (Tambke) Campbell.

He was an Eagle Scout, US Army veteran and a graduate of Gupton School of Mortuary Science in Nashville. He worked for many years as a mortician and funeral director, co-owning Sturm Funeral Homes in Grayville and Crossville, Ill., until his retirement in 2003.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Glore-Campbell; a daughter, Andi (Doug) Ford of Grayville, Ill.; a daughter, Delores (Tino) Drish-Young of Eddyville; a son, Eli (Mackenzie) Espinoza of Eddyville; three grandsons, Jacob and Tanner Ford of Grayville, Ill., and Ezra Espinoza of Eddyville; two granddaughters, Katherine and Karaline Drish-Young of Eddyville and several nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Bernita Sturma; a brother, Gene; and three sisters Shirley, Betty and Jane.

Services were Wednesday, Sept. 18 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Pastor Willis "Bill" Kline officiating. Burial was in Rolling Hills Cemetery.

## Lowery

Paul Allen Lowery, 71, of Tolu died at his home Friday, Sept. 13, 2024. He was born Sept. 11, 1953 to Guy and Nellie Lowery.

Paul retired as a surveyor and engineering assistant from the City of Paducah in 2004. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved horseback riding, hunting, and fishing with family and friends.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Karen; three daughters, Jenny Lowery (Robby) Croft, Julie Lowery Davis and Emily (Dustin) Lowery Wheeler; and six grandchildren McKenna and Leah Croft, Gavin and Jack Davis,

and Lane and Luke Wheeler with whom he enjoyed sharing his love for the outdoors.

He had a wonderful sense of humor, loved music and World War II history. He loved his family and was a loyal and dependable friend to many. He showed his love to those around him and his community through acts of service by donating his time, talent, and resources to those in need.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Nellie; a sister, Mary Ann Lowery Cox; and son-in-law, Aaron Davis.

Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Visitation is from noon until service time. Burial will follow in Mapleview Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Association.

## Sisco

Graveside services for Matthew Don Sisco, 42, will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 at Mapleview Cemetery.

Sisco was a native of Crittenden County and 2000 graduate of Crittenden High School. He died unexpectedly at his home Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024 in Portland, Ore.

Surviving are his wife of 19 years, Chassidy Sisco of Portland; his father, Donald "Don" Sisco of Marion; uncles and aunts, Stewart and Brenda Sisco Whitt, Mike and Lisa Sisco Smiley and Mary Jo Clark Woodall, all of Marion, Vernon and Linda Woodall Gil-land of Fredonia, Larry and Melissa Woodall of Eddyville and Clinton Woodall of Kuttawa; as well as several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lana Woodall Sisco; and grandparents, Charles and Jenny Sisco and Houston and Willeen Woodall.

## Goldsberry

Joyce JoAnn Goldsberry, 73, of Henderson, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024 at Lucy Smith King Care Center in Henderson.

She loved to sing and play bingo.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Goldsberry; a son, David (Vikki) Gamblin, Jr. of Henderson; four sisters, Hazel (Charles) McKinney, Melinda (Jerry) Vandeusen, Linda Kay (Danny) Childers and Linda Sue (John) McClure; two brothers, William Guess and Timmy Hayes; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Fannie Jean (Hayes) Rittenberry; two sons, Dusty Wayne Gamblin and David Lee Gamblin; two sisters, Del Guess and Debbie Shindler; two brothers, James and Andy Hayes; and a grandson, Dustin Gamblin.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Timmy Rittenberry officiating.

Friends may visit with the family Friday from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses, and caregivers at St. Anthony's Hospice for their exceptional care of Joyce.

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## Community Calendar

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

### Thursday, Sept. 19

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

### Friday, Sept. 20

- A book sale begins at the Crittenden County Public Library at 9 a.m., and continues Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 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.
- Former Marion resident Phil Parker will sign copies of his book, "Guard," which chronicles his time as warden of Kentucky State Penitentiary, from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., at Crittenden County Public Library.

### Wednesday, Sept. 25

- Brown Bag Book Club will discuss "Girl on the Train," by Paula Hawkins beginning at 12:30 p.m., at Crittenden County Public Library.
- Crittenden County Middle School SBDM will meet at 3:45 p.m., in the school library.

### Thursday, Sept. 26

- Crittenden County Public Library board of directors will meet at 5 p.m.

### Monday, Sept. 30

- Boundless Bookworms, a book club for youth in kindergarten through fourth grade, begins at 3:30 p.m.
- Narrative Navigators, a book club for fifth- through ninth-grades begins at 4:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library.

## PLEASANT GROVE GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Monday-Wednesday  
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# Judge denies plea deal mediated by former chief justice

STAFF REPORT

A proposed plea deal in a case involving two men charged with serious sex crimes drew a great deal of debate last Thursday in Crittenden Circuit Court.

The prosecutor told Judge Daniel Heady that due to age of the allegations against the men and lack of physical proof, “alternative” sentencing was being recommended. The case had been mediated the day before by former Kentucky Supreme Court Justice John Minton, who had negotiated the proposed offer after meeting with all parties, hearing evidence and getting input from the crime victims’ guardians.

Judge Heady questioned whether the offer was fair and consistent, pointing out that other cases with similar facts have not included such a deal. Proposed were amended charges that would have been much lighter and could have resulted in shock probation so the defendants could get out of jail in order to enroll in a year-long, religious-based counseling program in Pennsylvania. The amended charges would not require defendants to register as sex offenders as would the existing charges.

Charged are Vernon Yoder, 37, of Marion on two Class D felony

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT



Judge Heady

counts for first-degree sexual abuse and a misdemeanor charge of first-degree indecent exposure; and Leroy Yoder, 34, of Marion on three felony charges, two Class C felonies of second-degree rape (victim under age 14) and a Class D felony of first-degree sexual abuse.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Wes Hunt said the case posed unusual dynamics due to the Amish community in which the men live and its religious beliefs and practices. After Hunt and Judge Heady spent about 20 minutes debating proposed sentences, Commonwealth Attorney Zac Greenwell stood and asked for a chance to speak with the judge at the bench. For the next hour, Greenwell and Hunt representing the prosecution and Public Defender Jason McGee were in private discussions at the bench with Judge Heady. Their conversations were outside the hearing of those in the courtroom gallery, which included about 25 members of the Amish

community. The defendants were indicted in November 2023 and have been free on bond. The alleged crimes were perpetrated against three female victims from their community, two allegedly under the age of 14.

Hunt told the court that without physical evidence and no proof of force, prosecution of the case at trial would rest solely on testimony of the victims. He also said it is difficult to be clear about ages of the victims when the alleged incidents happened, because years had passed before they were reported. Two victims, he said, are now 18. The prosecutor said the father of the victims had concerns about them having to testify in court and was agreeable to the proposed sentences. Audio evidence exists in the case file of each victim making a statement to investigators, but the judge said he had not heard it.

The pretrial review was about an hour and a half old when Judge Heady apologized for the lengthy hearing and notified both sides that he would not be accepting a plea in either case. Instead, he scheduled another pretrial hearing for Nov. 14. Heady told the defen-

dants and prosecution team that he was not “comfortable accepting the offer” and would be setting the cases for trial unless “the parties provide me with more information” about how and why the proposed plea deal had been arranged.

In a statement after the hearing, Commonwealth Attorney Greenwell said, “The Commonwealth puts great weight upon victim input and impact in reaching a decision in the plea offer in compliance with Marsy’s Law.

“It is always a policy of this office to first consider the best interests of all crime victims in resolving cases, particularly when the crime victims are children,” Greenwell added.

Following are dispositions of other cases before Judge Heady last week in circuit court:

•Donald Baker, 26, of West Point, Ky., pleaded guilty to flagrant non-support and received a probated five-year sentence under the condition that he complete a substance abuse program with after-care and make child-support payments.

•Shawn A. Slayton, 43, of Marion pleaded guilty to nine charges, including felony possession of methamphetamine. Slayton was sentenced to three years on the meth charge, 30 days for oper-

ating a motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, 365 days for leaving the scene of an accident, 365 days on each of three counts of third-degree possession of controlled substance (suboxone, diazepam and other unspecified pills) and 90 days on each of three counts of possession of prescription medication not in its original container. Court records indicate that Slayton was operating a vehicle on June 1 that crashed into a guard rail on US 60 West. The court did not oppose probation for Slayton so long as he completes a substance abuse program.

•Christina M. Abeglen, 39, of Marion pleaded guilty to theft by unlawful taking for embezzling \$1,650 in cash from Five Star in Marion where she was employed between Sept. 22, 2023 and Oct. 15, 2023. Abeglen was given a diverted five-year sentence and placed on probation. If she stays out of trouble, the court will drop the charge in five years. She was also ordered to pay restitution to Five Star.

•Jacob Mooney, 22, of Morganfield pleaded guilty to a charge off first-degree criminal mischief, a class D felony for intentionally damaging property belonging to Crittenden County De-

tention Center. Court records show that Mooney on June 27 damaged a mobile phone kiosk in the jail. The damages equaled \$1,410.96, based on court records. He was ordered to pay restitution and serve a one-year sentence.

•Matthew J. Lawson, 27, of Cadiz pleaded guilty to felony charges of theft of a firearm and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Court records indicate that on March 22 Lawson took a Smith and Wesson handgun he was not authorized to have. The commonwealth is recommending a sentence up to one year on each count with the time to run concurrently. Lawson will be formally sentenced in November.

•Cody Rogers, 33, of Grand Rivers pleaded guilty to a felony charge of fourth-offense DUI and resisting arrest. He ran off the road on US 60 West last spring and was arrested by Sheriff Evan Head. Rogers was sentenced to one year on the DUI charge and 365 days for resisting arrest with the time to run concurrent.

•A probation violation against Brian Fitzgerald was dismissed because he is federal custody awaiting formal sentencing on other charges.

# 11 indicted in Livingston

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County Grand Jury last week indicted 11 individuals, seven of them from one drug investigation that culminated in a search of an address on Stringtown Road between luka and Grand Rivers.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely determines whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecution in circuit court.

Indicted last week were:

•Ryan D. Ballard, 37, of Mayfield was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), second offense; and misdemeanor offenses of possession of drug paraphernalia and giving an officer false identifying information. Court records say officers had gone to a residence on Depot Road in Smithland on Aug. 18 to serve a warrant against Ballard. When they found him, investors allege that Ballard was in possession of a meth pipe with crystalline residue. Court records say Ballard ran from officers, but was eventually caught and identified himself as someone else, providing a false date of birth and Social Security number.

•Brandon M. Cannon, 40, of Grand Rivers was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than 2 ounces); two counts of misdemeanor third-degree possession of a controlled substance and first-degree persistent felony offender. Court records say deputies found two Ziplock bags with approximately 17 grams of suspected methamphetamine, pills identified as Alprazolam and Suboxone, digital scales and other items.

•Sydney N. Gutierrez, 27, of DeLand, Ill., was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than 2 ounces); and two counts of misdemeanor third-degree possession of a controlled substance. Court records say Gutierrez was charged following a drug investigation by Livingston County Sheriff’s Department that culminated in a search warrant on Aug. 12 at a residence on Stringtown Road in the

## LIVINGSTON COUNTY GRAND JURY

southern part of the county. Court records say deputies found two Ziplock bags with approximately 17 grams of suspected methamphetamine, pills identified as Alprazolam and Suboxone, digital scales and other items.

•Tori N. Littlepage, 35, of Benton was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. Court records say Littlepage was charged following a drug investigation by Livingston County Sheriff’s Department that culminated in a search warrant on Aug. 12 at a residence on Stringtown Road. The citation says she was found asleep inside the home when officers searched it. Located nearby were alleged drugs and paraphernalia.

•Jesse S. Maxfield, 43, of Smithland was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than 2 ounces); two counts of misdemeanor third-degree possession of a controlled substance; and first-degree persistent felony offender. Court records say Littlepage was charged following a drug investigation by Livingston County Sheriff’s Department that culminated in a search warrant on Aug. 12 at a residence on Stringtown Road.

Court records say deputies found two Ziplock bags with approximately 17 grams of suspected methamphetamine, pills identified as Alprazolam and Suboxone, digital scales and other items.

•Stephen D. Newton, 34, of Grand Rivers was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Court records say officers found Newton in possession of hypodermic needles and items containing meth residue.

•Jacob T. Weaver, 38, of Grand Rivers was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than 2 ounces);

and misdemeanors for third-degree possession of a controlled substance and second-degree possession of a controlled substance. Court records say deputies found two Ziplock bags with approximately 17 grams of suspected methamphetamine, pills identified as Alprazolam and Suboxone, digital scales and other items.

•Christian Jane Walker, 30, of Smithland was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor first-degree possession of drug paraphernalia. According to the sheriff’s department citation, Walker was picked up July 3 at a residence on Court Street on an unrelated warrant and was allegedly in possession of drugs and drug-related items.

•Larry R. Coursey, 54, of Calvert City was indicted on charges of managing, third-degree assault, alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest, third-degree terroristic threatening, criminal littering, second-degree disorderly conduct and first-degree persisted felony offender. Livingston County authorities were summoned to Green Turtle Bay Resort to investigate the report of someone trespassing. When deputies arrived Coursey was found sitting in a gazebo with a beer and appeared to be heavily intoxicated, according to the citation. The suspect allegedly became combative when officers tried to arrest him. One deputy was slightly injured in a scuffle.

•Billy J. Dismore, 49, of Grand Rivers was indicted charges of theft of services, receiving stolen property less than \$10,000 and persistent felony offender. He is accused of illegally tapping into electricity owned by Kentucky Utilities.

•Jeremiah R. Tabor, 38, of Smithland was indicted on felony charges of first-degree wanton endangerment; second-degree tampering with physical evidence and tampering with a witness. Tabor is accused of intentionally ramming his vehicle into another on the Cutoff Road and later making a jail phone call to a witness.

## Jail offers to help with leaves, other projects

Crittenden County Jailer Athena Hayes told Marion City Council Monday night that the jail’s work release program is prepared to help pick up leaves this fall throughout the city.

Mayor D’Anna Browning said the city plans to execute its annual fall leaf pickup so long as its equipment holds up. The leaf vacuum has been problematic in recent years.

Otherwise, Hayes said inmate work crews are available for just about any other project to spruce up town. As part of a Crittenden County Cares initiative, Hayes said inmates plan to dress up sidewalks and other public grounds.

“The Community Gardens and our mowing season are winding down,” Hayes said. “So, we want to do some outdoor projects while

the weather is still good.”

Non-profit organizations may contact the jail with project proposals, Hayes said. She hopes to create a list and develop a fall schedule.

“We’re looking at this as neighbors helping neighbors,” the jailer told city council members during Monday’s meeting at city hall.



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## Blood shortage critical, more donors needed

The American Red Cross said last week that it is stressing the continuing critical need for blood products to ensure patient care. Donors of all blood types are asked to give now to keep blood supply levels rising after a summer shortage. Type O blood donors and those giving platelets are especially needed.

September is National Preparedness Month and the Red Cross highlights the importance of having a strong supply of blood products already on hand for disasters and emergencies of all kinds and to meet the needs of patients every day.

Donors who give blood through Sept. 30 will get a \$15 eGift card to a merchant of choice. For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/Fall.

For more information download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information.

Following are locations to give blood to the Red Cross or the West Kentucky Regional Blood Center:

- Sept. 19 from 8 a.m., to 2:30 p.m., Caldwell County High School Student & Faculty Blood Drive at the Fine Arts Center Lobby.
- Sept. 23 from 5-8 p.m., will be the Crittenden Amish Community Blood Drive. The Bloodmobile will be at Byler Cabinet Shop, 1974 Mt. Zion Church Road.

## Stout will serve 1 more year as federal judge

Marion resident Alan C. Stout has notified the U.S. Court of Appeals that he intends to retire as U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge in just over a year.

A former Marion lawyer and county attorney, Stout was first chosen to serve as a federal judge in 2011. With his plans to retire in October 2025, that will give him a full 14 years on the bench.

In a letter of resignation to Chief Judge Jeffrey S. Sutton of the Sixth Circuit, Stout said that serving in the federal judiciary has been the “highlight” of his “professional career.”

## October events are set for CCHS homecoming

Crittenden County High School has announced details for its homecoming festivities in October. Following is a schedule:

- Monday, Oct. 14 at 6:30 p.m., will be a boys’ soccer match. \$3 admission on GoFan.
- Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 will be a boys' volleyball match. \$3 admission on GoFan.
- Thursday, Oct. 17 will be the parade at 5 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 will be the powderpuff football game.\$6 admission on GoFan.
- Friday, Oct. 18 football game, Crittenden County vs. Mayfield at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 19 homecoming dance at the multi-purpose room 7-10 p.m. \$6 admission on GoFan.



## Stokes is Ag scholar

Kailyn Stokes of Marion has been awarded the Ferguson College of Agriculture Scholarship at Oklahoma State University. She was presented the scholarship earlier this month in Stillwater, Okla. Stokes plans to study agribusiness at OSU. The academic scholarship provides support for the 2024-2025 school year. The scholarship is part of the more than \$1.8 million that students receive from the Ferguson Col-



lege and its academic departments.

## Smithland planning event to celebrate Lafayette’s visit

Smithland is planning a grand celebration on Sunday, Oct. 6 to commemorate Frenchman Marquis de Lafayette, who was a general fighting on the colonial side of the American Revolution. He was a great admirer of the American spirit and its ideals of liberty under the new republic. Years after the war, he toured much of America and while making his way along the Ohio River, Lafayette stopped in Smithland and reportedly stayed the night there at the Gower House motel. His tour was during 1824 and 1825, and he wrote extensively about it as he visited the country’s then just 24 states.

Smithland will unveil a memorial to Lafayette during a ceremony on the riverfront at the confluence of the Ohio and Cumberland rivers. A reception will follow at Smithland First Baptist Church Activity Center.

Presenting the event are Lafayette Trail, Inc., Daughters of the America Revolution, Kentucky Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Paducah Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, Clarks River Daughters of the American Revolution, Livingston County Historical and Genealogical Society and Livingston Fiscal Court. For more information at the event, contact Livingston County Judge-Executive Teris Swanson at 270-928-2105.

## Pickleball courts are coming to MCC Park

Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission last week budgeted up to \$40,000 toward efforts to build two pickleball courts at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Work could begin on the project as early as next month with a goal of having them ready for play before winter.

The plan was later approved by the park board which is agreeable to a proposal to site the courts on a concrete pad which is now used as part of the skate park off Old Morganfield Road. Plans are to consolidate most of the skate park features on one end of the concrete pad and build the courts on the other. Some skate park equipment will be put into storage with plans of relocating later. City Administrator Diane Ford-Benningfield said she believes the city would be open to relocating some of the skate park features to Veterans Park on the opposite side of town.

The tourism commission will pay for a paved surface that will go on top of the concrete pad, net and other fixtures, plus fencing, up to the budgeted amount. A group of pickleball enthusiasts who have pushed

the courts to be built say they plan to raise money to help ensure the project is fully funded. While lights exist where the courts will be built, they are inadequate. The old fixtures were in place when tennis courts were located there prior to the skate park. Plans are to improve the lighting at some point once funding for that part of the plan is secured.

## Fredonia hosts tax rate hearing Oct. 7

Fredonia City Council on Monday withdrew its previous proposed property tax rates for 2024 and issued first reading of a new rate. The proposed new rate is 27.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value. That rate is 0.3 cents lower than last year’s rate of 28 cents, yet it will generate more tax revenue because assessments are higher. A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 7 to accept public comment on the proposed rate.

## Ghost Walk set for Caldwell cemetery

Caldwell County Genealogy Society is hosting a Ghost Walk Saturday, Sept. 28 at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Reservations are required and admission is \$5 for everyone over 12.

The event is a non-spooky, historical, guided tour where actors portray departed residents, telling their life stories. Call 270-963-0895 between 9 a.m., and 9 p.m., to register.

## Buckle Up Kid Week

KY TODAY  
State officials are reminding Kentucky parents and caregivers about the importance of correctly buckling kids in the right seats for their age and size during National Child Passenger Safety Week, September 15-21. This annual awareness campaign aims to make Kentucky highways safer by encouraging practices to safeguard some of the most vulnerable passengers. “Our children are our most precious cargo, and as a dad, I know parents and caregivers want to do all they can to keep their kids safe,” said Gov. Andy Beshear. “Simple practices like checking to make sure your kids are in the right seats and are buckled up every trip is a small step that can make a big difference.”

Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death for children, and the latest research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) shows that 46 percent of car seats are misused. Common issues are children being in the wrong type of car seat for their age and size and car seats being installed improperly, both of which leave children vulnerable to injury in a crash.

There are certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians who help educate parents and caregivers about the right seats for their kids and help them learn how to install the seats correctly. To find a technician in Kentucky, visit NHTSA’s car seat inspection location link, call Norton Healthcare at 502-629-7337 or email ncpw@nortonhealthcare.org with your city and/or county.

## Team rewarded by Patriot tour

A busload of tourists stranded after an accident Sept. 9 wound up aiding a small Missouri volleyball team for their school’s role as a good Samaritan. Patriot Tours bus carrying 52 passengers including driver Denis Hodge was rear-ended en route to Branson, Mo., by a pickup truck, forcing evacuation on the side of the highway. Rescue personnel with connections to the closest school in Winona, Mo., arranged for transportation of passengers to Winona Elementary, where the group waited until another bus arrived to continue their four-day trip.

“(The rescue personnel) were just our guardian angels,” said Christine Hodge who was responsible for counting heads to ensure everyone arrived at the elementary school from the accident site. “They transported us in personal vehicles and then a school bus came and got everyone else. They had fruit and drinks there for us and the school was so wonderful to have that available for us.”

After the group arrived in Branson at 1 a.m., Tuesday, someone suggested collecting a donation to give to Winona’s volleyball team which was playing that weekend in a tournament. After the collection was counted, \$1,100 was given to the team.

“We’re so thankful no one was hurt,” Christine said. “The people on the trip with us were the most caring group, they stayed calm, and the rest of the trip went beautifully.”

There were 27 individuals from Marion and 25 more from Eddyville, Paducah and Illinois.



## 10 YEARS AGO

### September 18, 2014

- An estimated 500 people watched as the 83-year-old Ledbetter bridge over the Tennessee River was demolished.
- Retired teachers Phyllis Sykes, Phyllis O'Neal and Marty Hill were honored for their retirement by the Crittenden County Retired Teachers.
- Players of the game from the Rockets' 42-12 loss to Union County were Noah Dickerson, defense; Maeson Myers, offense; Travis McKinney, lineman.
- Kali Travis scored two goals in a soccer loss to Lyon County. Marie Riley and Macye Shoulders were chosen players of the game by the coaching staff.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### September 25, 1999

- The Crittenden County Board of Education created a steering committee to review applicants for superintendent to replace Dennis Lacy who was retiring after 17 years as the head of the school district.
- Army National Guard privates Corey Martin, Jonathan McMackin, Scott James and Brandon Wilson attended basic training after joining the National Guard Reserve.
- Eli Diaz, 29, was serving on the U.S.S. Bremerton home-ported in Pearl Harbor as a technician who maintained, operated and repaired electronics.
- Crittenden County Middle School's football team under the direction of coach Steve Carter, won its 17th out of 19 games, outscoring opponents 134-60 in two seasons combined.
- Josh Rushing and Tabi Morris each finished fourth in a cross country meet, running times of 21.24 and 26.31, respectively, in the 3.1 mile race.

## 50 YEARS AGO

### September 19, 1974

- Marion Elementary principal Charles Talley introduced the community to two new teachers in the school district, Jeannie Keeney, a seventh- and eight-grade teacher, and Joe Sobolewski, a high school math teacher.
- Roy Cherry’s Rocket football team got its first victory of the season with a 20-6 win over McLean County. Mark Hamby, Mike Taylor and Tony Travis scored for the Rockets.
- Cub Scouts competed in the Audubon Council Cub Scout Olympics at Henderson. Donnie Fritts won gold. Others competing were John Martin, Robert Blake, Kenny Bell, Anthony Bowerman, Michael Coleman, Billy Mills, Hank Mills, Donnie Perry and Danny Wesmolan.
- Crittenden County High School business teacher Darryl Seymore was responsible for making daily calls to parents when students were absent in order to ensure they were not playing hooky.

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# Be passionate, attentive and kind

In my natural state, I lean toward being more task oriented than people oriented. It takes effort for me to see what else is going on around me. It has been a life-long journey to bring this into balance. It is, however, still possible for me to be engrossed in a task involving a group and miss what is happening to others in the group. There are times when getting something done is more important than how it affects those around, but they are uncommon.



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

are not true because we want them to be true. We may even spread untruths and half-truths because they advantage the cause about which we are passionate. We lose touch with objectivity. That is not the same as being objective – passionate people are, by definition, not objective. That is how they get things done. Losing touch with objectivity will close our ears and blind our eyes to other views or ways of doing things. Being passionate about the best things in this life, if unchecked, will cause us to lose our place and forget our context...and we won't care. When this happens, we lose access to valuable information and allies before we know they are available. We all know people like this. Maybe we are one. We are in an environment where people are passionate about some very important issues. The ones that are most difficult are

those that do not involve how we spend our money. Taxes, entitlements, and subsidies will always cause arguments but are eventually resolvable with numbers. There are other subjects which hit different parts of our morality than what or whom we spend money on. For many they are clear-cut, and a person is either right or wrong. It is these that can cause us to diminish the humanity of those who disagree with us. Nearly two thousand years ago the Christian Apologist, Athenagoras, wrote to remind believers of keeping God at the center. In so doing we can prevent our passions from getting out of hand. "And we shall make no mistake in saying, that the final cause of an intelligent life and rational judgment, is to be occupied uninterruptedly with those objects to which the natural reason is chiefly and primarily adapted, and to delight unceasingly in the contemplation of Him who is, and of His decrees, notwithstanding that the majority of men, because they are affected too passionately and too violently by things below, pass through life without attaining this object."

In the first generation after the death of the apostles, Ignatius wrote a letter to the Ephesian churches. He uses the word "passion" here and his advice is still solid for us today. "And pray ye without ceasing in behalf of other men; for there is hope of the repentance, that they may attain to God...Be ye therefore the ministers of God, and the mouth of Christ. For thus saith the Lord, 'If ye take forth the precious from the vile, ye shall be as my mouth.' Be humble in response to their wrath... Conquer their harsh temper by gentleness, their passion by meekness." Proverbs 16:21-24 says, "The wise of heart is called a man of discernment, and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness. Wisdom is a fountain of life to him who has it, but folly is the chastisement of fools. The mind of the wise makes his speech judicious, and adds persuasiveness to his lips.

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body." Be passionate but be attentive and kind.

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- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 4-5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- 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.

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# Tolu basketball become winners despite no gym

Friday, Sept. 20, is National POW Remembrance Day. This wonderful article was written for Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, 1993 by the late Nancy Mick, Press Publisher at the time. It is fitting for this special remembrance day in September. Both men in the article have passed away, so it is more important than ever to remember them.

As time goes on, articles such as this grow more meaningful and important in preserving the history and the people that made our country great, and our county so special, as they share their experience and their feelings with us.

Veterans recall lack of food the major problem

While this day will pass much like any other day of the year, it holds special meaning for a few Crittenden County residents, especially the ones who recall first hand the consequences of war.

Two Crittenden Countians will stop to recall some not-so-fond-memories – memories of their days spent as prisoners of war.

R. C. Hamilton

“Now, don't write me up as a hero,” chides Ralph C. “R.C.” Hamilton, as he recalls his days as a prisoner of war during World War II. “I was just doing what thousands of other Americans did for their country. The ones who were heroes were the ones who made the supreme sacrifice.”

Hamilton was a member of the 83rd Infantry Division, nicknamed “The Thunderbolt Division,” and had as its motto: “We Saw It Through.”

At the time of his capture, Hamilton was in the Steckby Forest about 50 miles from Berlin on the east side of the Elbe River.

“We were on an outpost with machine gunners. We had swept about 215 miles in about 10 days. We had set up a defensive position waiting for the Russian allies to meet us,” he recalls.

The Germans counter-attacked Hamilton's division on April 19, 1945. The U.S. soldiers fought off Germans for about three hours before they were given orders to pull back and meet another company. In the confusion of battle, somehow Hamilton and a few other men were not notified of the orders to pull back.

“Three of us were left virtually alone in a fox hole to

fend for ourselves. We fired about 16 boxes of ammunition, and our machine gun got so hot it would no longer fire. So they captured all three of us. I'll never forget the hopelessness of looking up into my captor's eye and hearing him say, “Steigen Sie heraus’ (climb out).” At that point I couldn't have given two cents for my chances of surviving.”

Hamilton is quick to reiterate, “There were others in worse combat, and others who gave it all.”

Slightly injured, Hamilton was taken to an aid station. From there he and the other POWs were taken to a school where they were interrogated.

“We spent the next night in an old barn with other

prisoners. On the third day we were marched back about 50 miles to Stalag 11A. I was there until May 3, 1945. As frightening as it may seem, Hamilton does not dramatize his experience.

Food was scarce.

“We had a bowl of soup for lunch which usually had worms in it, but you just raked those aside and ate the soup. At night, we served a piece of brown bread.

“We were sent a Red Cross package. My bunkmate and I shared a package which contained some sugar, some canned vegetables and cigarettes. I remember trading my cigarettes for a bag of potatoes which someone had bartered for out on the road. I used my steel helmet in which to boil my potatoes. Potatoes has never tasted better.”

An officer imprisoned with Hamilton arranged for a convoy to come and take the men out of the prison camp.

“There were several thousand of us – all nationalities – Indians, French, British. After that, we were shipped back home,” he said.

The war was almost over. Having been a prisoner, Hamilton received an early release and came home early.

Is there bitterness in a soldier's heart – a soldier who fought, suffered and was treated with little dignity? No, replies Hamilton. “They, the German soldiers, were following orders just as we were.”

“I still regret that on the morning of my capture, there were about 150 Ger-



On this POW Remembrance Day, we remember and honor, Ralph C. “R.C.” Hamilton, and James ‘Redrock’ Stone (R.C.'s picture shared by his family).

man youths killed by the allies. The was was so close to being over. It was really senseless death.” (Ralph C. “R.C.” Hamilton died Sept. 17, 2013 and is buried at Mapleview Cemetery.)

James H. “Redrock” Stone

Another Crittenden Countian also held prisoner of war during World War II is James H. “Redrock” Stone. And, much in the same tone of vice as Hamilton, he reiterates his stint in the European Theatre as “just doing his duty.”

A native of Tolu, Stone like many others, could probably have been exempt from active duty based on the fact that the farming community of Tolu needed its young men on family farms.

However, he chose to enlist and serve his country. Beginning his tour of duty in Africa, Stone became a part of the 45th Thunderbird Division and ultimately served under General John P. Lucas, commander of the U.S. VI Corps in Italy.

It was Lucas’ mission to establish a beachhead at Anzio. Known as “Operation Shingle,” this mis-

sion was the brainchild of Winston Churchill and was conceived for the purpose of reaching behind the German stronghold and getting the Allies out of the bloody fighting in the mountains of central Italy. Ultimately, it was to lead to the quick capture of Rome.

According to a Time-Life publication “The Italian Campaign,” World War II General George Patton is quoted as saying to Allied Commander Lucas, “John, there is no one in the Army I hate to see killed as much as you, but you can't get out of this alive.”

Did Stone feel a commitment to the Allied effort in Europe? “Actually at age 18, I'm not sure what my motivation was to enlist. I do remember feeling that one human race shouldn't act as if they owned another. I was eager to go. When you're 18, you don't know what's out there.”

Like many Americans who were sent to war, Stone received only 13 months of training before being shipped overseas. After which, his unit went to North Africa before being sent to Italy and the war front.



James “Redrock” Stone WWII POW/MIA. Held in two German prison camps for 15 months.

At times there was confusion, and much like the experience of Hamilton, it wasn't unusual for troops to become disoriented and even lost.

“At one time my family was notified that I was missing in action, When, in fact, I had gotten separated from my unit temporarily. I relocated my unit when I happened to run into a mailman I recognized.”

At the time of Stone's capture, his company had become surrounded by the enemy and hundreds were taken prisoner. Asked about his treatment as a prisoner of war, Stone recalled, we weren't treated badly. There was very little to eat, but the natives had very little themselves. We were usually fed a wedge of bread a day.

Part of Stone's 13-month period as a prisoner, he worked on a local farm. He and 12 others lived in one room on the farm and did farming chores.

“During this time, we lived as the family lived,” he said. “We had meals with them and generally had living conditions somewhat better than while we were confined to a prison camp.

“One morning at about

2 a.m., a group of German soldiers came out to the farm to work us up. They took us back to the main camp. We had no idea what they were going to do with us. Then they told us that our men would soon be coming for us.

“For about two days, we heard fighting in the hills. Then they came for us. Everyone knew the war was technically over, and the troops began leaving Europe.

“We caught any floating vessel possible. I wasn't so lucky. I caught a small boat, and it took me 21 days at sea to get back to the states.”

(James H. “Red Rock” Stone died May 1, 2008 and is buried at White's Chapel Cemetery.)

Other POW's from Crittenden included Degarth Hall, Thomas Perkins, Elba Walker and Robert Gipson.

In Grateful Remembrance of our past heroes.

(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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Multi-family yard sale, 504 East Main Street, Salem; baby items; infant, children & adult clothing; toys; household items, and much more; Friday, Sept. 20-Saturday, Sept. 21; 8 a.m.-4 p.m., each day. (11-38-p)

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Notice is hereby given that on Sept. 11, 2024 Matthew Jent of 1406 Lloyd Rd., Fredonia, KY 42411 was appointed executor of Donna Gail Roberts (Jent), deceased, whose address was 6128 Mott City Rd., Marion, KY 42064. Rebecca Johnson, 217 W. Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor before the 11th 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 (11-39-c)

I, Melissa Guill, Clerk of Crittenden County District Court Marion, KY do certify that the following has filed notice of Final Settlement:

Donald Harrison of 1027 Red Bird Ct., Shelbyville, KY 40065 for Phyllis Sykes, deceased, whose address was 215 N. Walker, Marion, KY 42064.

The foregoing settlement is to be heard at the regular session of Crittenden District Court on October 23 at 8:30 a.m. All persons having exceptions to said settlements are to file same at once. (11-39-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT  
CASE NO. 24-CI-00072  
FIRST UNITED BANK AND TRUST COMPANY PLAINTIFF

v.  
JEFFREY W. WARWICK, II DEFENDANT  
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 10:00 a.m., Monday September 30, 2024, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive (the Crittenden County Courthouse being under demolition), Marion, Kentucky, the following described property:  
Commonly Known As: 420 N. Main St., Marion, KY 42064 and North College St., Marion, KY 42064  
PVA Map No.: Parcel No. 070-10-12 and 070-10-12-005.00

TRACT 1: 420 Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064:

The following lots in the Town of Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky, bounded and described as follows: Lot No. 3 and the south half of Lot No. 2 in Block No. 1, in Mound Park Addition to the City of Marion, Kentucky, with the improvements thereon. For plat of same see Deed Book 29, Page 430, Clerk's Office, Crittenden County Court.

Also another certain lot or parcel of land in the City of Marion, Kentucky, on the east side of Main Street, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on east side of Main Street, corner to Grady; thence East with Grady's line 187 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence West 187 feet to east side of Main Street; thence North with Main Street 50 feet to the beginning.

TRACT II: North College Street, PVA Map No.: 070-10-12-005.00

All iron pins set are ½ x 24" rebar set with a plastic stamped "B.J. MAY L.S. 878."

BEGINNING at an iron pin set in Phelps's line (Deed Book 95, Page 85), corner to Tract 1 (southwest corner), and 133.60 feet west of the center of North College Street; thence with Phelps's line North 84°02'03" West, passing Phelps's corner with Dutschke (Deed Book 160, Page 528) at 68.58 feet, in all, 74.11 feet to an iron pin set, corner to Byford (Deed Book 172, Page 413); thence with their lines North 13°25'17" East 50.00 feet to an iron pin set, and North 39°24'51" East 23.04 feet to an iron pin set, corner to Gunther (Deed Book 109, Page 381); thence with his line South 85°01'26" East 56.00 feet to an iron pin set in Travis' line (Deed Book 178, Page 54); thence with her line South 06°50'37" West, passing Travis' corner with Tract 1 at 20.00 feet, and with the west line of Tract 1, in all,

69.78 feet to the beginning, containing 0.11 acres, more or less, according to a survey by Billy J. May L.S. 878 of J & J LAND SURVEYS on July 15, 2002. (See plat attached to deed of record in Deed Book 200, Page 653).

Being the same property conveyed to Caroline Roper Warwick and her husband, Jeffrey William Warwick, II, by deed from Danny Eugene Byford, a/k/a, Danny Byford and Carolyn Dean Byford, a/k/a Carolyn Byford, husband and wife, by deed dated the 28th day of March, 2022, of record in Deed Book 245, Page 419, Office of the Crittenden County Court Clerk. Carolyn Roper Warwick conveyed all of her right, title, and interest, in and to the above described property to Jeffrey William Warwick, II, by deed dated the 30th of October, 2023, of record in Deed Book 249, Page 257, office aforesaid. ALL REFERENCES HEREIN TO THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY COURT CLERK'S OFFICE.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS

Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above:

At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of

sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful 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

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September, 2024.  
REBECCA J. JOHNSON  
MASTER COMMISSIONER  
217 WEST BELLVILLE STREET  
P.O. BOX 415  
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270-965-2222 (11-38-c)

**Estate Tag Sale**  
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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-05 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE MARION CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADOPT THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND AMEND OTHER PROVISIONS TO CONFORM WITH THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on September 16, 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 special called meeting of the City Council held on September 5, 2024, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance adopts the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code as the property maintenance code of the city for the control of buildings and structures as amended. Any person who shall violate a provision of this code, or fail to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be prosecuted within the limits provided by state or local laws. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served shall be deemed a separate offense. Any person directly affected by a decision under this Code may appeal to the City of Marion Code Enforcement Board.

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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Pursuant to KRS 132.027, as enacted and amended by the Kentucky General Assembly, the Fredonia City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 7th, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Fredonia City Council Chambers, 312 Cassidy Avenue, Fredonia, KY 42411. The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rates on real and personal property for calendar year 2024. As required by statute, please note the following information: the 2023 real property tax rate was 28.0 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and produced approximately \$32,628 in revenue; the proposed 2024 real property tax rate is 27.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and is expected to produce \$33,868 in revenue; the 2024 compensating real property tax rate is 26.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and is expected to produce \$32,632 in revenue; no new revenue is expected from new property in 2024; and the revenue expected from personal property in 2024 is \$20,767. Revenue received in the current year in excess of the revenue produced in the preceding year shall be allocated to the general fund for general City purposes. THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS REQUIRED PUBLICATION OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN.

**JIMMY DON SEIBERT, MAYOR  
FREDONIA, KENTUCKY**

**CRITTENDEN-LIVINGSTON COUNTIES WATER DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

Crittenden-Livingston Counties Water District (CLWD) is seeking applications for Water District Superintendent. Based in Salem, Kentucky, with its 2.0 MGD water treatment on the nearby Cumberland River, CLWD has approximately 3,900 direct connections. Additionally, CLWD provides wholesale water to the cities of Grand Rivers, Smithland, Salem, and Ledbetter Water District making it the primary source of treated water in the two-county area. Plans to double the plant size, and significantly upgrade the transmission and distribution system are in the early phases of development.

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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Boys' Golf regional at Calvert City

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Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem will host its annual Vikings and Valkyries couples golf tournament on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6. There will be a 10 a.m., shotgun start each day. Entry is \$212, which includes practice round, meal and cart. Call 270-988-4653 or visit the pro shop to register. •Last weekend's scheduled Orange Jacket Championship at Deer Lakes was canceled due to low numbers.

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# Volleyball’s first trip to All A championship series Lady Rockets off to state tournament

STAFF REPORT  
Making their first ever appearance in the All A Classic State Volleyball Tournament, Crittenden County’s volleyball squad has its sights on even further accomplishments this season.  
Its quest for a small-school title begins Friday with pool play games in the state tournament at Elizabethtown’s Bluegrass SportsPlex.  
Format of the state tournament is that all 16 regional champions are placed into four, four-team pools. The top two teams from each pool play, which will be three matches, advance to the championship bracket. Teams with the third and fourth best records in pool play advance to a consolation bracket.  
The Rocket girls’ pool play games will include Sayre, Shelby Valley and Raceland. CCHS opens with Sayre at 5:45 p.m. They take on Shelby Valley at 8:30 then turn around to play Raceland at 8:15 a.m., Saturday. Bracket play starts late morning on Saturday.  
Sayre from the 11th Region started the week 8-2. One of the Lady Spartans’ wins was a two-set victory over Raceland, which was 7-8 heading into this week, Raceland won the 16th region championship. Shelby Valley won the 15th region and the Lady Kats were 14-5 through last



Volleyball started in Crittenden County in 2003 and this weekend CCHS plays in its first state tournament. Pictured is coach Savannah Tays with her team during a timeout at a recent match.

week’s action. Sayre is a private school in Lexington. Raceland is a public school in eastern Kentucky’s Greenup County. Shelby Valley is also a public school. It is located in Pikeville, also in eastern Kentucky.  
Raceland has won its regional tournament and played eight times in the All A Classic State Tournament. The Lady Rams have lost in the quarterfinals once and played in the consolation division the other times.  
Sayre has been to two All A volleyball state tournaments,

losing both times in the quarterfinal round, including last fall.  
Defending small-school champion St. Henry is among this year’s field. The private school from northern Kentucky in Covington has won seven – almost half – of the All A state tournaments ever held. Louisville Holy Cross is a past winner in the tournament this weekend. This is the 16th year for Kentucky’s All A Classic Volleyball State Tournament.  
Second-year CCHS head coach Savannah Tays has

played in three Classic state tournaments including 2017, 2018 and 2019 when she played at Caldwell County.  
“I am so excited to watch these girls show their talents at the All A state games this weekend,” said Tays. “They have worked so hard and this is very well deserved. I’m so proud of all they have and will accomplish. I’m blessed with a great group of girls.”  
CCHS volleyball becomes the fifth school sport to earn a berth in the All A Classic, joining basketball, softball, baseball and golf.

# Rockets half staffed in blowout win at HopCentral

STAFF REPORT  
Half-staffed at Hopkins Central, Crittenden County turned to its most reliable weapons to put a running clock on the Storm in a 42-13 road win Friday.  
With a half dozen regulars sidelined with injuries, Coach Gaige Courtney piecemealed together a defense that bent at times but managed to hold HopCentral to two touchdowns while the offense cleaned its clock.  
The game was close early with CCHS taking a one-possession lead into the half.  
That tenuous margin ballooned quite quickly when Rocket quarterback Quinn Summers started consistently finding dependable handsman Caden Howard and CamRon Belcher for scoring strikes. Most of them included impressive moves after the catch to outrun the Storm secondary.  
Belcher had a first-half scoring catch and Howard scored on three pass plays in the third quarter as CCHS pulled away. By the fourth period, the Rockets had imposed a mercy-rule on their hosts to zip through the last 12 minutes. Still the game was not over until after 10 p.m., partly because of a lightening delay before kickoff.  
Crittenden’s reserve defense scored a touchdown late when Trent Todd returned a Hopkins Central fumble, but it also gave up a late Storm touchdown. Rocket starters posted touchdowns on every possession of the last half.  
With a bye this Friday, Courtney is hoping for a period of healing before his

team travels to Owensboro Catholic to take on the 2A defending state runner-up next week.  
“We’ve had a lot of adversity,” the skipper said, “with injuries and sickness, a lot of guys out. It’s the next man up, and it was good to see a lot of guys get in and make plays and be able to handle the game.”  
“Our number one thing right now is to get healthy, get everybody well and kind of regroup for the second part of the season. It feels good to have a win before the bye for sure, because it’s long sitting on that bye after a loss,” Courtney added.

SCORE BY QUARTER				
Crittenden Co.	8	6	27	6
Hopkins Central	0	6	0	7
SCORING PLAYS				
C-Quinn Summers 7 run (Brayden Poindexter pass from Summers) 9:37, 1st				
C-CamRon Belcher 59 pass from Summers (Adri Berry kick failed) 8:36, 2nd				
H-Isaac Earl 9 run (kick failed) :21, 2nd				
C-Caden Howard 17 pass from Summers (pass failed) 11:08, 3rd				
C-Summers 1 run (Berry kick) 8:09, 3rd				
C-Howard 26 pass from Summers (Berry kick) 2:52, 3rd				
C-Howard 74 pass from Summers (Berry kick) :02, 3rd				
H-Issac Manning 44 pass from Earl (Blaze Whitaker kick) 7:01, 4th				
C-Trent Todd 31 fumble return (no attempt) :56, 4th				
TEAM TOTALS				
First Downs: CCHS 14, HCHS 12				
Penalties: CCHS 7-85, HCHS 12-116				
Rushing: CCHS 21-99, HCHS 30-114				
Passing: CCHS 17-25-0, 297; HCHS 6-18-1, 105				



Rocket quarterback Quinn Summers (12) and teammates Brayden Poindexter (15), Kaiden Travis (53) and Braydin Brandsasse (77) celebrate a touchdown.

Total Yards: CCHS 396, HCHS 219  
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 1-0, HCHS 4-2  
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS  
**Rushing**  
CCHS: Brayden Mahnke 12-69, Summers 6-29, Michael Porter 1-0, Gaige Markham 2-1. HCHS: Michael McDaniel 3-8, Ty Barron 1-(-2), Zayden Parker 11-39, Isaac Earl 10-62, Syllas Gunn 6-7.  
**Passing**  
CCHS: Summers 15-23-0, 282; Conner Poindexter 2-3-0, 15. HCHS: Gunn 2-2-0, 29; Earl 4-16-1, 76.  
**Receiving**  
CCHS: Belcher 6-128, Howard 6-129, Trae Taylor 1-8, Mahnke 2-17, Davis Perryman 2-15.  
**Defense**  
CamRon Belcher 3 solos; Blake French 3 solos, 2

assists; Brayden Mahnke 6 solos, 2 assists, TFL, sack; Michael Porter solo; Kaiden Travis 3 solos, assist, TFL; Riley Barker solo; TFL., caused fumble; Michael Counts assist; Caden Howard 3 solos, 3 assists, caused fumble, interception; Keegan Pierson solo, fumble recovery; Brayden Poindexter 4 solos, 4 assists, 2 TFL; Trae Taylor solo, 3 assists; Noah Byford 3 solos, assist; Gaige Markham 2 solos, 2 assists; Logan Nolan solo, 2 assists; Trent Todd 2 solos, fumble recovery.  
**Players of the Game:** Offense Caden Howard, Quinn Summers and CamRon Belcher, Defense Brayden Mahnke, Lineman Braydin Brandsasse, Special Teams Mitchell Brown.  
**Records:** CCHS 2-2, HCHS 1-3

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP



Crittenden was strong at the net Monday in their 7th straight win. Here Brooke Winstead and Braelyn Merrill guard the frontline with intensity during a recent match.

## LADY ROCKETS VOLLEYBALL

Crittenden County’s volleyball girls won for the 7th straight match Monday at home, beating Union County 25-16, 27-25, 25-22 behind a remarkable effort at the net by Carly Porter. She scored 20 kills, including 10 in the second set, which is likely a school record and certainly the most since 2019. Lilah Sherer posted 37 assists and 3 aces while Mary Stephens had 14 digs. Hannah Mott scored a half dozen kills and 9 digs. Brooke Winstead had 7 kills and a block and Porter had 3 blocks.  
The Rocket girls bested Muhlenberg County at home 25-20, 25-19, 25-21 last Thursday behind an 11-kill match by Carly Porter. Braelyn Merrill had 8 kills and Brooke Winstead 4. Lilah Sherer posted 25 assists and Mary Stephens had 7 digs. Stephens and Riley Kirby had 3 aces to lead the team.

CCHS beat Caldwell County in straight sets 25-20, 25-13, 25-17 last week at Rocket Arena as Lilah Sherer had 22 assists and Carly Porter 9 kills for the Lady Rockets. Brooke Winstead added another half dozen kills and Lacey Boone had 4. Porter registered 4 blocks and Braelyn Merrill paced the team with 6 aces. Mary Stephens had 6 digs and Hannah Mott 5.

## CCHS CROSS COUNTRY

Senior Mary Martinez ran a time of 23:07 to finish 27th out of 132 runners at the Mustang Stampede Saturday at McCracken County. Other CCHS female runners were Presley Potter 64th at 26:15, Ella Whitney 65th at 25:16 and Hanna Whitney 132nd at 45:44.  
On the boys’ side, senior Asa McCord finished 92nd in 21:05 out of 203 runners. Jayden Gibson 126th at 22:23, Landon Starkey 127th at 22:25, River Rogers 134th at 22:43, Zach Rustin 169th at 24:50, Noah Martinez 170th at 24:51, CJ Nelson at 24:51 and Cameron Nesbitt 198th at 29:04. As a team CCHS finished 19th out of 20.



River Rogers

## LADY ROCKET SOCCER

The Lady Rockets closed out its regular-season district schedule last Thursday with a 9-1 loss at Trigg County. Kylie Bloodworth scored the Lady Rockets’ lone goal on an assist from Adri Berry. Goalie Maci-belle Hardesty had 8 saves. CCHS fell to 2-8 overall and 0-4 in Fifth District play.  
Crittenden lost 7-2 at home against Lyon County last week in Fifth District action. CCHS fell to 0-3 in

league play. Ella Geary scored both CCHS goals with Berry and Kylie Bloodworth getting assists. Hardesty had 16 saves at keeper.

## CRITTENDEN GOLF

Junior Georgia Holeman shot a career-best 44 Monday at Sturgis, finishing second in a three-school match against Union and Lyon counties. Jenna Coursey and Brenna Breitrack of Lyon were medalists at 43 and Lilly Perry shot 46. Lady Rocket Abby Korzenborn finished with a 59. Lyon won the match. At Breckinridge Golf Course, Levi Quertermous shot 43 for the Rockets while Jaxton Duncan scored 51 and Jett Champion 69.  
The golf team played a three-way match last week at Princeton where CCHS finished second and Trigg County third. Caldwell County won the match as Collin Whittington was medalist with a 35. Crittenden was led by Mitchell Brown’s 43 followed by Bentley Rushing at 48, Levi Quertermous 52, Jett Champion 56 and Jaxton Duncan 62.  
In girls’s play, CCHS’s Abby Korzenborn was medalist for the first time in her young career with a 60. Georgia Holeman shot a 63 for the Lady Rockets.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Crittenden County wrapped up its middle school regular season Saturday with a doubleheader sweep on the road at Todd County, beating their hosts 8-2 and knocking off Bulter County 3-2. Crittenden, which finished 10-5, will be playing in the statewide middle school tournament Sept. 27-28 at Bowling Green.  
Brodi Rich pitched a 3-hitter to beat Bulter while 6 CCHS players had hits and Brenna Kemmer and Caroline Martin knocked in a run apiece. Others with hits were Rich, Abigail Champion, Lilly Cappello and Addie Nelson. To beat Todd County, Crittenden got two hits apiece from Cappello and Nelson. Nelson doubled and knocked in 2 runs. Kemmer threw 3 innings allowing 3 hits and Rich pitched the final frame.





Ryan Curry with Hardesty Transport Service was breaking down the courthouse gazebo Tuesday, preparing it to move about a block away.

# Gazebo first to go, courthouse next

STAFF REPORT

A crew with Hardesty Transport Service was breaking down the courthouse gazebo early this week, preparing it to move about a block away to Gilbert Funeral Home parking lot. It's a significant sign of movement toward Marion getting a new downtown justice center. A contractor was recently chosen to build the new Crittenden County Justice Center at what will cost between \$15 and \$20 million. Pinnacle, Inc., a general contractor from Benton,

will lead the project. A contract between the county's project committee and the contractor should soon been finalized. A groundbreaking event is scheduled for Oct. 29. Plans are for the existing courthouse to be torn down later this fall or early winter. That's why the gazebo is being moved. Once construction begins on the justice center, it will take about 20 months to complete. The gazebo is something of a city landmark. It was built in 1998 as a replica of a similar struc-

ture that existed in town during the early 20th century. Sandy Gilbert is among leaders of local women's sorority, Zeta Alpha, that raised about \$40,000 about 25 years ago to build the gazebo. Paver bricks to memorialize individuals, families, groups, churches and former county schools were sold to pay for the project. The gazebo's final fate is unclear, whether or not it will be returned to the courthouse lawn once the judicial center is built.



## Lighting Project at Park

A ceremonial unveiling was held Monday at Marion-Crittenden County Park to recognize local agencies and groups who supported a project to put new lights on two recreational soccer fields and replace old lighting on a baseball-softball field that also doubles at times as a practice site for youth football. The project was paid for through financial and other support from the City of Marion, Crittenden County Fiscal Court, Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission, Crittenden County School District, Attorney Don Thomas, Farmers Bank and Trust, First United Bank, Crittenden County Dugout Club, Crittenden County Youth Soccer Association and Crittenden County Quarterback Club. In addition to the those projects, the park is also adding extra lights at the oval track. Pictured are representatives from the various supporting organizations (from left) Ashley Wheeler, Kory Wheeler, Shana Geary, Chris Cook, Perry Newcom, Scott Belt, Dave Belt, Rose Dempsey, Wanda Brandon, Diane Ford-Benningfield, Jessica Walker, Brittney Schneider, Jazmen Hughes, Tanner Tabor, Charlie Day and Chris Evans.

## SCHEDULE

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how to design beautiful seasonal arrangements with autumn flowers, plants, and decor. Perfect for adding a festive touch to your porch or patio.  
**10 a.m.,** Paper Pumpkin Workshop by Kathleen Guess, Crittenden County Gifted and Talented Teacher. Create a charming fall accent at the Book Page Pumpkin workshop. Using old paperback pages, you'll craft a unique, decorative pumpkin perfect for autumn. All materials provided. Space limited.  
**10 a.m.,** CCHS Band Boosters Concession Stand.  
The CCHS Band Boosters will be running concessions at the event. Stop by to grab a delicious lunch or snack, while supporting the Crittenden County

High School band.  
**10 a.m.,** Cake Walk sponsored by the Mary Hall Ruddiman Animal Shelter. Pay \$1 for a chance to win a cake.  
**11 a.m.,** Soup-ort the Arts sponsored by Community Arts Foundation. Enjoy a variety of soups, and take home a hand-glazed bowl, while supporting local arts. Reserve your tickets in advance or purchase at the door.  
**11 a.m.,** Pedal Tractor Pull sponsored by CCHS FFA. Kids can race pedal tractors for fun and prizes. It's a great way to support FFA and enjoy a family-friendly event! Registration begins at 10:30 a.m.  
**Noon** Kids Jewelry Painting Workshop by CCHS Art Teacher Elizabeth Rodriguez. Kids get creative decorating their own jewelry with vibrant colors and designs. All materials are provided.  
**1 p.m.,** Wooden Pump-

kin Trio Workshop by H & H Home and Hardware. Create and decorate three charming wooden pumpkins for a festive fall display. All materials and tools provided. RSVP to H&H to ensure you have a space.

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## BALLOT

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your voter registration, you may not receive your ballot in a timely fashion," Tabor said. "For instance, if you're at college and haven't given us your temporary address, it will be mailed to your home address in Crittenden County. Same goes for someone in a longterm care facility."  
Only the voter, a spouse, child, parent or guardian can request an absentee paper ballot for a voter.  
"Kentucky does not mail ballots to non-registered voters, illegal aliens, children, dead people, etc.," Tabor said.  
Only individuals who make the effort to request a ballot during the 31-day open period will receive a ballot.  
"Each voter gets only one ballot. No opportunity for double-dipping. There are myriad safeguards against that," said Tabor.  
To qualify for a paper absentee ballot, the voter must attest to not being able to vote in person

during any period of in-person voting: Oct. 23-30 In-office Absentee, Oct. 31-Nov. 2 Early Voting and Nov. 5 Election Day.  
Paper ballots can be returned to the drop box inside the county office complex, but they cannot be presented to clerks across the service window inside the clerk's office. You may also return a paper ballot by mail.  
"We are asking voters to use three First-Class stamps to return by mail," Tabor said.  
Instructions for completing and returning the ballot are in the ballot packet voters receive.  
"Our post office has been great to work with when it comes mailing ballots. When we take ballots to be mailed, local ballots are postmarked in-office and are not sent out of the building for processing," Tabor said.  
"Instead, they are delivered by the carrier the next day. When the voter returns a ballot by dropping it off at Marion Post Office or by leaving it for their carrier to pick up, our post office will have it

in our hands by the end of that business day."  
Voters can check the status of their ballot after returning it at GoVote.ky.gov or by calling the clerk's office.  
"Returned ballots are kept in a secure, locked area in our office until Election Day, when they will be processed and scanned," the clerk explains. "Those votes will not be released until after 6 p.m. on Election Day. That is statewide, by statute."  
Tabor said voters are encouraged to cast their ballot in person, but for some people, leaving their home or waiting in line to vote can be difficult.  
"We want to assure those few who vote by mail that the integrity and security of their ballot is a top priority and there will be no reason for concern," he said.  
From trends in previous elections, the clerk expects only 50-75 of the county's 6,400 registered voters will cast a ballot by mail.



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

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## FALL

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paint naturally drying and blending beneath the bucket creates a merging of colors. Keeping the bucket stationary, she sprays a black sky then makes white stars from the overspray bouncing off of the bucket.  
"It took a lot of practice, and every piece is

different, I don't have any duplicates because they are hard to replicate," she said.  
"I love the vibrant colors, I love doing murals," she said, "but I also love doing comic strips and I like to carry around a sketch book and work on that."  
She plans to have about 40 pieces at the show Saturday ranging in price from \$5-\$17.50.



# Fredonia historical marker recognizes Black Patch War’s significance in area

A historical marker commemorating a Fredonia warehouse fire during the Black Patch Wars has been awarded to the Fredonia Valley Heritage Society. The marker will be going up in the near future.

Kentucky Historical Society Historical Sign Program last month awarded the society a two-sided roadside plaque to preserve the early 1900s event.

The sign will be placed at the site of the Rice Tobacco Factory, which was located at the site of Buddy Rogers Park on Dorroh Street.

“The society was very grateful to have been awarded the sign in a highly competitive process,” said historian Pam Faughn, who said a dedication service will be held when the sign is delivered, which Faughn predicts will be late this

year.

Between 1904-1909, farmers in western Kentucky and Tennessee fought with buyers over the price of their tobacco. The farmers created the Planters Protective Association to challenge the American Tobacco Company’s monopoly on the cash crop, but many farmers refused to join. To compel their cooperation, vigilantes known as Night Riders scraped plant beds and burned barns and warehouses.

Night Riders visited Fredonia twice during the Black Patch War, once on Nov. 12, 1906 when they torched the Rice Tobacco Factory (Kelsey Stemmerly).

“They came in at night, and it was done so quietly that many citizens two or three blocks away slept through it all,” Faughn writes in her history of the Fredonia Val-

ley.

The Night Riders’ other trip to Fredonia was in February 1908. Then the Night Riders arrived at 1 a.m., on their way to View (near Crayne) to burn the property of tobacco buyer, A. H. Carden.

Faughn said the outlaws cut telephone wires and tied up telephone operator Oscar Scarberry. A few men built up a fire in Bugg’s Drug Store and waited until the other riders returned from View about 4 a.m.

“Linnie Lowery Rowe lived in the area at that time and remembers as a child being very frightened seeing the riders,” Faughn said. “She remembered her father going out on the porch as the riders approached, and one of the riders said, “Go back in the house, Grant (Lowery).”



**Students of Month**

Four Crittenden County students were selected as the Rocket Way students of the month for exhibiting the district’s value of excellence, defined as encouraging students to be better tomorrow than they are today. From left are fourth-grader Trace Belt, freshman Charlie Trail and second-grader Case Winters. Not pictured is CCMS student Shane Fricke.



## New Board Office

Livingston County Board of Education Chairperson Christine Thompson and Superintendent Dr. David Meinschein pulled the handles for a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week at the new board of education office on the Cutoff Road. Other board members and school officials also participated in the ceremony.

# Family Practice enters into agreement with district for school-day Telehealth

**STAFF REPORT**

Crittenden County Schools has contracted with Crittenden Community Hospital to offer quick medical care to students and staff.

It is the first such partnership, and is a service offered at no cost to the district.

Staff and students with parent consent may see Family Practice Clinic providers via Telehealth

during school hours for illnesses that may require medication not offered by school nurses.

The school system will not incur medical costs; instead, insurance and customary payment methods will be accepted by Crittenden Hospital.

In terms of cost to families, the service operates the same as if students see providers at Family

Practice Clinic; however, it offers the convenience of allowing students and staff to remain at school rather than checking out for a doctor’s appointment.

CEO Shawn Bright said it is a service the hospital can provide to expedite student and staff wellness. In turn, School Superintendent Tonya Driver said it may prevent students from missing instruction and provide teachers the convenience of having medication called into their preferred pharmacy.

# AMEND

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County Board of Education.

If approved, Amendment 2 will mean a reduction in public school funding and will essentially funnel local tax dollars to other parts of the state where private schools are more prevalent, Driver said.


Driver said an estimated 5 percent reduction Kentucky’s public education budget would equate to \$199 million and 1,645 personnel lost in public schools.

The bill also would provide vouchers to students in private schools to help pay tuition. If those vouchers are \$5,000-\$9,000 per current students enrolled in private or home schools, it would take \$500-\$900 million away from public education.

In her monthly report to the board, the superintendent presented current enrollment data, reflecting a decrease of about 60 students from the start of the previous school year. Part of the reason is that 117 seniors graduated in May but only 85 students are enrolled in kindergarten. Driver said the Class of 2024 was one of the largest ever to have graduated from CCHS.

In other action, the board of education voted to:

- Purchase two 2025 Bluebird 72-passenger LP buses with air conditioning at a cost of \$347,200, \$70,000 of which will be paid through an EPA clean fuel grant.
- Authorize change orders and payment number 9 to MP Lawson and vendor invoices associated with the construction of the Crittenden County Middle School addition.
- Increased mileage reimbursement for use of board vehicles, including buses for extra-curricular activities, from \$1.25 to \$1.50 effective Jan. 1, 2025. Driver said this rate is much cheaper than the actual transportation cost.
- Voted unanimously to pursue upgrades of district buildings through a contract with Ascendant Facility Partners for a Guaranteed Energy Savings Project. Items identified for the project are lighting, HVAC improvements and upgrades to more efficient water and sewer systems financed through energy bonds.




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