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## FARMERS MARKET DAYS

Saturday is the last of four Farmers Market Days, a summer-long celebration of local producers. Vendors can sell their goods at the Imogene Stout Farmers Market on Main without any setup fee. Market setup time for vendors is 8 a.m. It will be open from 9 a.m., until noon, or longer if producers stay into the afternoon. Spaces will be marked. The pavilion is reserved for home-grown products, mobile vendors must set up in designated parking spaces. No reservations will be taken. Space is on a first-come, first-served basis.

## PUBLIC LIBRARY CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION

Crittenden County Public Library is closed to walk-in patrons through Sept. 12. A construction project has prompted the closure, which began on Saturday. Staff are inside the library and available to deliver books, photocopies to patrons outside or to help with other library services. You can call the library at 270-965-3354 or visit the library catalog at CrittendenLibrary.bibliionix.com. You can also reach the librarian at info@crittendenlibrary.org.

## COUNTY SELLS \$25K IN PAST-DUE TAX BILLS

Four third-party buyers purchased 30 certificates of delinquency from 2020 county property rolls last week during a public auction at the courthouse. The county collected \$25,062.95 as a result of the auction. That means almost \$9,500 in tax revenue for the school district and \$2,500 for the county. While those taxing entities will benefit, delinquent property owners could be in a real bind as those third-party buyers will now have a right to put a lien on the real estate and force its sale. Since the list of delinquent taxes was published in The Crittenden Press in July, the county has collected \$41,382.08 in back taxes. There remains \$19,227.64 in delinquent 2020 taxes.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 8:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 3 to open bids for a mini excavator.
- Marion-Crittenden County 911 Board will meet at 9 a.m., on Thursday, Sept. 9 at City Hall.



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Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom last week brought news of the new reservation system to campers staying at Riverview Park on the Ohio River.

## Riverview reservations now online

■ Campers can assure site is waiting and pay electronically for a stay up to two weeks long.



### STAFF REPORT

For two weeks every year, Jane Shore and her husband set up camp at Riverpark on the Ohio River.

"We love it down here because it is so peaceful and relaxing," she said late last week as she stood in front of her Vengeance pull-behind camper.

Shore was excited to learn that reservations at the campground can now be made online. She said the convenience and certainty of knowing a spot is waiting is important because she pulls the camper more than six hours from Portage, Ind., to rural Crittenden County.

"We started coming down here about 10 years ago. Back then we stayed in a tent," she said.

Improvements to the campground in 2008 included modern campsites complete with

water, sewer and electricity. Since then, the park has been a popular destination with campsites full during seasonal peaks. Getting one of those seven RV sites has been on a first-come, first-served basis for more than a decade. Now, you can make reservations and pay ahead of time online to be confident you'll have a place to unwind when you arrive.

The new automated system is described as user-friendly for campers who would like to book stays at the park well in advance.

Most older residents know the Ohio River campground by another name – the Dam 50 Recreation Area. It is located at the end of Ky. 387 off Ky. 91 North in remote Crittenden county. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lock and Dam No.

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## CUTTING CORNERS

### Pesky pole has ties loosened

### STAFF REPORT

It remains unclear what might happen next, but for now there's progress toward a solution with the troubling utility pole at the corner of Main and Gum streets in Marion.

Last week, AT&T loosened some of the ties that have created an issue with the pole, which is so close to the street corner that it's often hit by large vehicles. A few weeks after The Press published an article on the matter, AT&T has removed its transmission lines, and those belonging to Mediacom, from the pole.

The only thing left on the pole is a heavy cable to which the traffic signals are connected. The signals are powered from a KU transformer on the opposite side of the street.

Whether by coincidence or due to an issue related to the removal of the telecommunications lines from the corner pole, the Kentucky Department of Highways had trouble with the traffic signals last week and actually made some temporary changes to the intersection's red light configuration.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said there has been no communication or notification from AT&T or the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet about the changes being made at the corner.



AT&T field technician Rick Nichols finished up moving telecommunication lines from the corner pole at Main and Gum streets to a recently set utility pole a bit farther south on Main Street. Mediacom's lines have also been removed from the corner pole that's been a big problem for eastbound traffic such as buses, trucks and other large vehicles when making a righthand turn onto South Main. Now, the only equipment on the pesky pole belongs to the Kentucky Department of Highways. Traffic lights hanging above the intersection are attached to the pole.

## Vaccine will help

BY DR. JONATHAN MADDUX  
FAMILY PRACTICE CLINIC

Over the last year and a half COVID-19 has presented us with drastic changes to our daily lives that we had, in the past, never considered. We made these necessary adjustments to keep ourselves and those we love safe. But as the months passed, our patience wore thin, and we all wanted to get back to normal.

As vaccines emerged, we in the medical community began to see a light at the end of the tunnel. The long awaited relief seemed to be here at

### Commentary



Dr. Jonathan Maddux, MD

last. However, largely due to the delta variant, COVID infections and hospitalizations are rampant once again. We seem to still be in the same place we were 18 months ago; too many patients for the hospitals and cases are still rising. Hospitals are filling up across the state, and I can attest to the fact that transfers to larger healthcare centers are becoming increasingly difficult.

But, while many things seem similar, one thing is different. The vaccine is available. Whether or not to take the vaccine has been a polarizing topic across our nation and for a number of reasons people are hesitant to get it. There have been many opinions and much information presented, but the one thing I see in daily practice is the vaccine is effective. Yes, you can still contract COVID when vaccinated, but your chances of ending up in the hospital are less, the ICU even less, and on a ventilator even lesser still.

According to recently reported data, Deaconess Health Systems in Evansville had 27 patients on ventilators and none of them were fully vaccinated. Furthermore, the Baptist Health Hospitals in Kentucky and Indiana had 47 patients on ventilators and only two were fully vaccinated. That is only two vaccinated patients out of 74 on ventilators in two of our surrounding referral centers.

Vaccines are keeping the vast majority of people off ventilators and out of the ICU. Choosing to take the vaccine is personal, but I would highly encourage anyone who has not received it at this point to check into it fully. Discuss it with your health care provider, call the health department or go to reputable sources such as the CDC or Mayo Clinic websites.

As the number of COVID-19 infections again increase, we now have a weapon that was not available a year ago. I hope we will use the vaccines to protect ourselves and truly put this pandemic to rest.



# Deaths

## Jackson

James “Jarhead” Richard Jackson, 60, of Marion, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a welder and enjoyed working with horses and rodeo.

Surviving are his children, Levi Jackson of Gravette, Ark., Seth Jackson of Clarksville, Tenn., and Sarah Weber of Ft. Gibson, Okla.; his mother, Imogene Jackson of Siloam Springs, Ark.; a brother, Arnold Hart of Marion; a sister, Kathy Meeks of Reidland; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Junior Jackson.

Cremation has been chosen by the family and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Myers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Bebout

Mona Faye Bebout, 82, of the Lola community, passed from this life on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021 at Baptist Health Paducah.

Bebout was born on June 15, 1939 in Lola to the late Robert and Vera Mady Slayden. She was a member of Lola Pentecostal Church.

Surviving are her husband of 65 years, Donald Wayne Bebout of Lola; two sons, William “Billy Bob” (Teresa) Bebout of Lola and David Alan (Donna Michele) Bebout of Hampton; a daughter, Sue Ann Tramble of Lola; a brother, Doug (Joy) Slayden of Lola; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Daonna Jean Bebout; a brother, Robert Slayden; and her parents.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 26 at Lola Cemetery with Rev. Tim Fouts officiating.

Services are in the care of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

*Paid obituary*

## Beckner

Kenith Earl Beckner, 75, of Marion, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021 at Baptist Health Madisonville.

Beckner was born

June 27, 1946 in Wheatcroft, the son of the late Charles Manuel Beckner and Lila Thompson Beckner. He was a member of New Hope-well Missionary Baptist Church, he was a coal miner at Peabody Coal Co. Camp #11 mines and Island Creek Coal Co. Providence #1, and he enjoyed the outdoors hunting, fishing, spending time with his grandkids and great-granddaughter Averie Grace.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Joyce Beckner of Marion; two sons, James (Tina) Beckner of Clay and Spud (Stacie) Beckner of Saraland, Ala.; a brother, Johnny Beckner of Clay; four grandchildren, J.T., Zachary, Cullen and Finley Beckner; and a great-granddaughter, Averie Grace Beckner.

He was preceded in death by his sister Alice Mae Beckner; and five brothers, George, Arthur Lee, Roy, Larry, James Alford.

Graveside services were Saturday, Aug. 28 at Oak Grove Cemetery near Blackford with Bro. Jimmy Sigler officiating.

Pallbearers were Zach Beckner, J.T. Beckner, Anthony Poe, Charlie Beckner, Joseph Beckner, David Waddell, Glen Groves and Jordan Odom.

Melton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

*Paid obituary*

## Cornwell

Barbara Mattingly Cornwell, 88, of Morganfield, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2021 at Deaconess Hospital Henderson. She was born July 14, 1933 in Union County to Arthur “Cotton” and Margaret Mattingly. She was a member of Whispering Meadows Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, Raymond G. Cornwell of Morganfield; two daughters, Jennifer (Gary) Thornsberry of Sturgis and Paula (Gary) Horne of Evansville; a son, Ronnie (Linda) Cornwell of Morganfield; two brothers, Ray Mattingly of Morganfield and James M. Mattingly of West Virginia; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter; three brothers, Bennie, Waller and Harvey Wilson Mattingly; and a grandson, Clifton Cornwell.

Services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 2 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Morganfield with Rev. Dane Gray officiating. Burial will be in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Morganfield.

## Eberle

Loretta Eberle, 71, of Marion, gained her angel wings Monday, Aug. 30, 2021 at 4:50 a.m., at Princeton Nursing and Rehab.

She was born Jan. 19, 1950 to Willard Etheridge and Betty Garner. She enjoyed Bingo and working the election polls. She attended Unity General Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sisters, Margaretta Travis and Bernadine Travis; two brothers, Clifton Etheridge and David Worley; her step-father, Gene Garner; three grandchildren, William Allen, Chelsea Bryant and Chloe Jackson; three great-grandchildren, Kaiden, Daniel and Emily; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Eberle; a daughter, Pamela Jackson; and a son, William “Little Bill” Eberle.

Services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 2 at Gilbert Funeral Home with Bro. Barry Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time at Gilbert Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

## Hix

Lela Frances Hix, 74, of Princeton, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2021 at her home.

She was born July 6, 1947 in Russell County to the late Rev. A.G. and Okra Bell Dockery Smith. She served alongside of her husband, Rev. Buddy Hix for many years. She was a member of Unity General Baptist Church

and loved to serve her church and community, especially the children and she was over the kitchen at the West Kentucky Youth Camp. She enjoyed playing the piano and singing. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are a son, Barry (Tammy) Hix of Caldwell County; two daughters, Teresa (Jerry) Lee of Clarksville, Tenn., and Shelley (Greg) Riggs of Princeton; a sister, Paula Johnson of Russell Springs, Ky.; a brother, Jeffery Smith of Russell Springs; eight grandchildren, Jon Riggs, Allie Creekmur, Trevor Hix, Marcie Murrell, Amanda Fletcher, Gregory Riggs Jr., Nelson Jennings and Layten Croft; 11 great-grandchildren, Kendee Creekmur, Katelyn Creekmur, Bentley Hix, Blakley Hix, Brianna Fletcher, Noah Fletcher, Brodi Grace Fletcher, Kyder Fletcher, Rowan Murrell, Luna Murrell, Lincoln Murrell; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Rev. Buddy Hix; a son, Larry Hix; a sister, Orvella Brown; two brothers, Donnie Smith and Avery Smith; and one great-grandchild, Gant Fletcher.

Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 4 at Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 5 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Barry Hix officiating. Burial will be in Beech Grove Cemetery in Caldwell County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International, Lyon Caldwell Camp: P.O. Box 421, Eddyville, KY 42038 or to Beech Grove Cemetery Fund, 40 Short 70 Rd, Princeton, KY 42445.

Monday, Sept. 6: The center will be closed for Labor Day.  
Tuesday, Sept. 7:



## Rocket honors

Individuals in the Crittenden County School District recognized as August's Rocket Way employees of the month are middle school math teacher and first-year athletic director Bryan Qualls (above) and FRYSC coordinator Crystal Wesmoland. Making the presentation is Public Relations Director Tiffany Blazina. Qualls was praised for his efforts to keep kids safe in athletics and helping out as a bus driver while teaching in the middle school. Wesmoland is instrumental in coordinating with local businesses and churches to offer free school supplies to all Crittenden County students, as well as carrying out a multitude of projects for the school district.

## Senior Menu

The Crittenden County Citizens Center, located on North Walker Street, is open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The menu for the next 7 days includes the following:

Thursday, Sept. 2: Chicken and dumplings, buttered broccoli, buttered carrots, cornbread, baked apples and raisins.

Friday, Sept. 3: Chili with hot dog and bun, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, ambrosia fruit salad and crackers.

Monday, Sept. 6: The center will be closed for Labor Day.

Tuesday, Sept. 7:

Meatballs with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole grain biscuit and pears.

Wednesday, Sept. 8: Tomato chicken parmesan with noodles, cucumber salad, whole wheat roll and peach cobbler.

Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio is held at 9:30 a.m., each Monday, and Bingo is held every Wednesday and Friday at 11 a.m.

Deadline to enter Senior Games is Sept. 8. Contact Jenny Sosh, director at (270) 965-5229 to enter. Senior Games will be played Sept. 27-29 in Hopkinsville.

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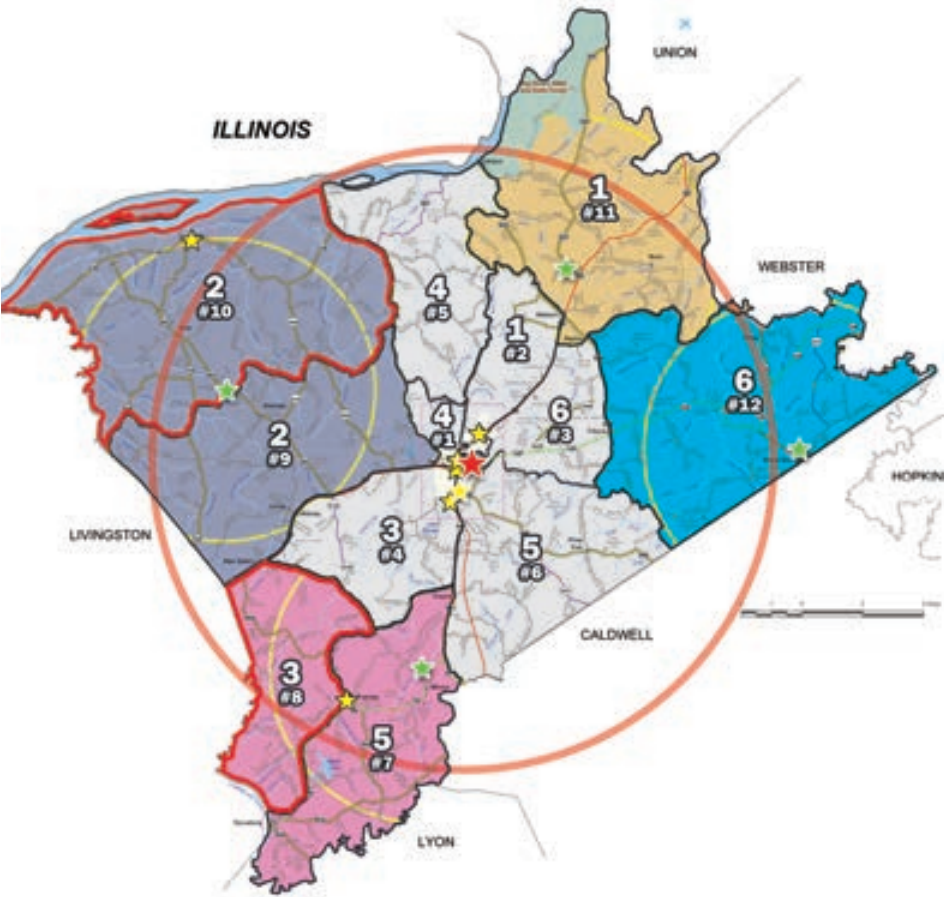
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**Crittenden County Board of Elections**  
**Proposed Election Day Precinct Consolidation**  
**LEGEND**

- Precinct with new voting location or Marion Voting Center
- Southern precincts voting at Mexico Baptist Church or Marion Voting Center  
*Traditional voting location for Frances 8*
- District 2 precincts voting at Deer Creek Baptist Church or Marion Voting Center  
*Traditional voting location for Sheridan 9, new for Tolu 10*
- Rosebud precinct voting at Mattoon Fire Department or Marion Voting Center  
*Traditional voting location for Rosebud 11*
- Shady Grove precinct voting at Shady Grove Fire Department or Marion Voting Center  
*Traditional voting location for Shady Grove 12*
- Precincts offered only Marion Voting Center  
*Precincts already voting in Marion at 6 separate locations. All county precincts eligible to vote Marion Voting Center.*
- 5-mile radius from eligible voting location
- 10-mile radius from center of Marion
- Countywide Marion Voting Center
- Previous polling location to be utilized
- Previous polling location not utilized

# Changes proposed for county polling places beginning in primary of 2022

STAFF REPORT

In response to Kentucky’s election reform legislation passed earlier this year, Crittenden County Board of Elections is proposing some changes to voter precincts beginning in 2022. These changes are not part of reapportionment, which could change the precinct in which voters reside. Those potential alterations would not affect voting until 2023 and will be based upon U.S. Census data.

What’s in the near future are more opportunities for multi-precinct voting centers and an opportunity for consolidation of voting locations, which will save the county thousands of dollars.

The map above reflects the changes, indicating which traditional voting locations would be preserved, where new polling locations will be located and where the countywide voting center will be located under a plan recently approved by the local elections board.

The board of elections is made up of the county clerk, sheriff and two representatives of the major political parties. Those representatives are Kathleen Guess and Hugh Highfil.

Based on the proposal, which will require further approval from the State Board of Elections, there would be five voting locations for the primary election in 2022. That is fewer than half as many voting locations as the county has had over the last 30 years or so.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor said that under the proposed plan, the county’s primary election will be evaluated to determine if the changes adequately serve voters. If so, they would likely remain for the 2022 general election and beyond.

The county will save money because it will need fewer voting machines. It is getting ready to place an order for a dozen new scanning machines and eight ADA-compliant voting machines. Those figures would include spares and machines for early voting and mail-in ballots.

Under the plan, Tolu and Grace Baptist Church in Frances would no longer be used as polling places. Voters who have typically cast ballots at those locations would instead be able to vote at Deer Creek Baptist Church or Mexico Baptist Church, respectively. They could also

vote at the county-wide Marion Voting Center, which will be at Marion Baptist Church. Anyone in the county could cast a ballot at that central voting location in the heart of Marion.

The central voting site will eliminate other voting locations in Marion, including those previously at Marion Ed-Tech Center, Emmanuel Baptist Church, St. William Catholic Church, Crittenden County Public Library and the courthouse.

There are 6,700 voters in the county. Of those, 4,300 voted in the last presidential election. About 700 would have a new voting location under the county’s plan.

“We can still adjust for the general election in November 2022 if we find issues in the May primary,” Tabor said.

The county stands to save \$61,200 when it buys new voting machines later this fall and the need for poll workers would be limited to about 70 percent of what has traditionally been hired. Eliminating more than a dozen paid positions on election day would save the county \$140 per person for salary and training, amounting to almost \$2,000 every election day.

# Labor Day, other public agency closings

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the Crittenden County courthouse and the county road department will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6.

The Crittenden County Animal Shelter and Marion Convenience Center will be closed to the public on Saturday, Sept. 4 and Monday, Sept. 6.

Marion City Hall will also be

closed on Monday as will other government agencies, the U.S. Post Office and other federal offices.

The Crittenden Press will be closed on Monday and so will local banks.

Crittenden County Clerk’s office will be closing to the public at noon Thursday. Because of previously-scheduled time off and

COVID quarantines, the office will be short-staffed Thursday, but will be open all day Friday ahead of the Labor Day weekend. Customers still have the option of renewing registration online at [crittenden.clerkinfo.net](http://crittenden.clerkinfo.net) or dropping their payment and information in the blue drop box outside the front entrance to the courthouse.

# Hansen publishes 2nd book

Livingston County author Todd Hansen has announced the release of his newest book from Acclaim Press titled “Not Relocation but Transformation - Seeing God in Times of Transition.”

Hansen is also a singer, songwriter and evangelist. In the book he uses his experience in moving to a new

home to teach the importance of clearing out the clutter in our lives to help Christians focus on serving God and understanding His will.

Hansen is currently scheduling speaking, singing and book-signing events for the holiday season. He can be heard preaching and singing at churches and other local group set-

tings throughout western Kentucky.

Hansen’s first book, “Live a Full Life of Inspiration and Devotion,” was published in 2017 with Acclaim Press.

For more information about these books or to schedule an event, contact Todd Hansen at [anthonyhansen270@hotmail.com](mailto:anthonyhansen270@hotmail.com), or on Facebook.



# THROW BACK THURSDAY

## OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

### 10 YEARS AGO

#### September 1, 2011

- Dr. Gary James was awarded a volunteer teaching award by the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians.
- Crittenden County local Dianna Bradford returned from Los Angeles, where she was filming for a small part in “End of Watch.” The cop movie, starring Jake Gyllenhaal, Anna Kendrick and Michael Pena, was a drama centered on the long-term friendship and partnership between two police officers. Bradford plays a cop in the movie.
- Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services has been recognized for its clinical performance and for achieving the greatest improvements in all measures of clinical and operational health among the members of the Alliant Management Services (AMS) network.
- Kari Buntin of Sheridan won the Overall Goat Showman Award at the Kentucky State Fair. She received a cash award and a banner.
- The Rocket football team beat Hopkins Central 38-6 in its first game of the season.
- The Lady Rockets soccer team put an end to a losing streak that had stretched into a fourth season. CCHS beat Reidland 5-4 at home for its first win since Oct. 2, 2007 against Union County.
- The Crittenden County golf team won its match at Calvert City Country Club. Team scores were: Crittenden 179, Dawson Springs 205 and Christian Fellowship 251.
- Riley’s Rowdy Rockets kickball team was runner up in the Eddyville Founder’s Day kickball tournament. They lost in extra inning by one run to the EddyVillians. Rocket team members were Todd Riley, Daniel Cherry, Chris Davidson, Bailey Brown, Kaitlin Binkley, Heather Boone, Viki Carlson, Michelle Reddick, Alex Porter, Cody Gilbert, Jeff Porter, Robert Kirby, Todd Reddick, Carrie Nesbitt, Mikka Crabtree, Kevin Carlson, Stephen Smith, Chad Perryman and Randy Dunn.
- Students in Todd Merrick’s social studies class were paid a visit by some four-legged friends when volunteers from the country animal shelter and the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine shelter stopped by. During the visit, students were taught about

the responsibilities of being a pet owner and how important it is to always take care of their pets.

### 25 YEARS AGO

#### September 5, 1996

- Several Crittenden County 4-Hers Won awards at the Kentucky State Fair. The categories, the 4-Hers and their ribbon awards are listed as follows: Environmental Beautification: Zach Guess, white; Terrariums: Toni Miniard, red; Dish Garden/Desert or Tropical: Alesha Sheffield, red; Annual Bucket garden, Zach Belt, white; House Plants: Toni Miniard, red; Tomato: Jessica Quisenberry, red; Cucumbers slicing or pickling: Tammie Jent, blue; Beans, snap or lima: Tammie Jent, white; Corn, sweet: Tammie Jent, red; Largest Tomato: Zach Belth, white; Largest Cabbage: Zach Belt, white; Alfalfa Hay.

### 50 YEARS AGO

#### September 2, 1971

- Officers of the Future Business Leaders of America for the 1971-1972 school year at Crittenden County High School were Sharon Sigler, Reporter; Allan Stout, Historian; Pam Holloman, Vice-President; Cindi Hicks, Secretary; Patsy Hobbs, Treasurer and Brenda Croft, President.
- Four Crittenden County FFA members attended the State Fair in Louisville. Attending were Richard Newcom, Joe Walker, Danny Belt and Bruce Taylor, along with their advisor, Mr. William Todd. While attending the fair, Newcom, Walker and Belt participated in the Dairy Judging Contest. Taylor participated in the Seed Identification Contest. The Crittenden County FFA chapter Farm Mechanics exhibit rated seventh in the state. Mike Walker’s trailer received a blue ribbon; Eddie Johnson’s hog holding chute received a blue ribbon; Richard Newcom’s metal gate received a blue ribbon; Gary Robertson’s cattle holding gate received a blue ribbon; and Joe Walker’s tractor hoist received a red ribbon.
- The Crittenden County Rockets football team opened with a 14-13 victory over Lone Oak.
- Gene Stone of Marion won the Sycamore Hills Invitational Golf Tournament played at the Marion Country Club.

## City streets getting new surface soon

STAFF REPORT

Some city streets will soon be getting new pavement and other work.

City Administrator Adam Ledford said Rogers Group, which has the contract for the work, will be moving equipment into town in the next couple of weeks to begin repairing streets, including Adams Street, Moore Street and others that have been in ill repair for several months.

Other streets on the list are Cherry, North Yandell, North Maple, Sunset Drive, West Central Avenue, Pierce, Tanglewood Drive and West Elm.

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**CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 115 ACRES - \$710,500** - Established hunting tract with tillable acreage and open areas for food plots. Home with scenic views and the property with finished walkout basement. **SOLD**

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 71.51 ACRES - \$150,164** - Hunting tract with hunter-friendly topography, food plot locations, a good trail system, a pond, creek and security cover. **SOLD**

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 300.5 ACRES - \$560,000** - This farm is a solid hunting tract with everything needed to grow, hold and harvest big bucks! This tract includes a 7 +/- acre pond with fishing opportunities. **SOLD**

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 132.73 ACRES - \$238,914** - Great hunting tract with dynamic hunter friendly topography, mast producing timber, security cover, open areas for food plots and a good trail system.

**CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 128.55 ACRES** - This tract has a diverse blend of habitat types and a variety of big bucks. The farm features rolling topography, some usable acres and an established hunting camp. **SOLD**

**LIVINGSTON, KY - 99.954 ACRES** - Hunting tract with a large creek, open ground for food plots, mast producing hardwoods and numerous tunnels and pinch points! \$199,909.

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 239.27 ACRES - \$376,900** - This farm has a diverse blend of habitat types that provides excellent deer, turkey and waterfowl hunting opportunities. This area is known for producing big bucks!

**CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 257.32 - \$599,900** - Prime hunting tract with an area known for big bucks. Diverse blend of habitat types and topography. Well-managed property that is ready to hunt. **SOLD**

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 118.16 ACRES** - Topography is a mix of semi-flat creek bottoms and timbered ridges. An established food plot on the main ridge is a hot spot for big bucks. Excellent hunting! Reduced \$209,751.

**CALDWELL COUNTY, KY - 158.83 ACRES** - Established hunting tract with a proven history of big bucks. Includes a 2006 Fleetwood mobile home for lodging. **SOLD**

**CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 103 ACRES** - Located in big buck territory, this scenic property includes a home, garages, a barn ideal for equipment storage and a diverse blend of habitat types! **PENDING**

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CLASSY & GRASSY IS MOUNTAIN BOUND

Classy and Grassy is going back to Gatlinburg. Smoky Mountain Tunes & Tales invited the Bluegrass group featuring brothers Cutter and Cash Singleton, Brennan Cruce and vocalist Kayla Maxfield to perform five dates this fall. Cast members of Smoky Mountain Tunes & Tales perform on the streets of Gatlinburg to entertain visitors. Classy and Grassy did this in 2019 during the summer months. Classy and Grassy will be in Gatlinburg Sept. 25, Nov. 26-27, Dec. 10 and Dec. 18 for Tunes & Tales' Fall Season and Winter Magic.

WATER DEATHS ARE UP ACROSS WEST KENTUCKY

There have been an extraordinary number of drownings in western Kentucky this summer. A 67-year-old man on Saturday became the 14th water-related fatality this year. The man had jumped into the water at Lake Barkley Marina in Trigg County about 5 p.m., after a woman had fallen into the lake while trying to dock a pontoon boat. The downing victim was identified by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources officers as Ralph Willis of Utica, Ky. Willis reportedly helped the woman to



safety before going under himself and never resurfacing. Rescue personnel recovered his body near the dock at 7:55 p.m.

SPRINGLAKE TO HOST ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Salem Springlake is hosting its fifth annual car show beginning at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 18. In case of rain, the event will be the following Saturday. Entry fee is \$20 and there will be barbecue and other concessions and live music by Classy and Grassy. The show is open to any vehicles and any age. Judging will begin at 1:30 p.m. Contact Diane Workman at 270-988-4572 for more information.

COUNTY GETS \$100K FOR FLOOD DAMAGES

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has announced the Crittenden County Fiscal Court will receive \$100,000 in County Road Aid emergency funds to assist with repairs to about 10 roads damaged during a round of flash flooding in July. The most significant flood damage was on Jackson School Road where the asphalt approaches to the Dry Creek Bridge washed away. Floodwaters peeled the asphalt off



Devin Brewer retired from the Livingston County Sheriff's Department last week. He has worked 32 years in area law enforcement counting his time at Livingston and with the Kentucky State Police. He had joined the sheriff's office in Smithland in 2011.

Mexico Road near Sulphur Springs Baptist Church and a cross drain washed away on Crayne Cemetery Road. There were several other damaged roads throughout the county, including Allen Lane, Amos Road, Frances Road, Lark Loop, Lloyd Road and Mill Road.

SCHOOL TAX WILL GO UNCHANGED IN 2021

Crittenden County's 2021 school tax rate will be unchanged on this year's property tax bills, but some property owners will pay a few cents more. The Crittenden County Board of Education approved its tax rate of 48.9 cents per \$100 of assessed value during its monthly meeting Aug. 26. While the rate is unchanged from 2020, the amount reflected on some property tax bills will be slightly higher due to routine property assessment increases. Every year, one quadrant of the

county is reassessed, which can affect property values and therefore the amount of tax owed.

The school tax will generate \$2.26 million, which is \$38,000 more than in 2020 due to an increase in property values. Superintendent Vince Clark said Crittenden County's school tax rate has increased by only three cents in the last 10 years. "That is testimony to the district and what we do with the tax money," Clark said. "I want the community to know we are good stewards, we're very careful."

Statewide, Clark said, school taxes average 64 cents per \$100 of assessed value, meaning Crittenden County is in the bottom one-third of districts in terms of tax rate.

*In between issues of the newspaper turn to The Press Online for breaking news*

CATTLE PRICES

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MARKET

From last week's sale at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News. Head 314: Feeder 220. Slaughter 54. Replacement 40. Last reported sale the prior week there were 580 head, including Feeder Cattle 369, Slaughter Cattle 89, Replacement Cattle 122. This time last year there were 348 cattle at the market. Compared to last week: No trend due to sale not reported last week. Supply included: 70% Feeder Cattle (37% Steers, 37% Heifers, 26% Bulls); 17% Slaughter Cattle (91% Cows, 9% Bulls); 13% Replacement Cattle (61% Bred Cows, 17% Bred Heifers, 19% Cow-Calf Pairs, 3% Heifer Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 44%.

FEEDER CATTLE			
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt	Range	Avg Price
2	245	245	152.00
3	265-285	273	168.00-173.00
1	375	375	171.00
2	478	478	156.00
9	505-540	523	159.00-168.00
9	582-584	583	146.00-154.00
15	604-640	613	150.00-151.00
6	660-698	676	141.00-150.00
5	700	700	145.00
3	920	920	120.00
2	948	948	130.00
STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
1	445	445	130.00
2	490	490	149.00
1	540	540	154.00
1	570	570	130.00
2	630	630	140.00
1	695	695	130.00
1	840	840	117.00
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
4	296	296	160.00
3	370-383	379	155.00-156.00
1	430	430	153.00
13	463-485	472	140.00-147.00
3	510-545	522	137.00-145.00
12	550-588	570	136.00-145.00
6	603-608	606	133.00-140.00
6	653-670	656	130.00-135.00
3	728	728	123.00
3	795	795	121.00
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
1	390	390	148.00
2	465-495	480	134.00-137.00
4	585-595	590	130.00-131.00
1	615	615	126.00
3	693-695	694	116.00-121.00
BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
10	405-440	421	158.00-165.00
3	450-480	462	158.00-165.00
3	500-535	513	145.00-154.00
2	570-575	573	134.00-140.00
3	610-625	615	130.00
5	665-683	672	130.00-135.00
4	713-715	714	112.00-120.00
4	793-795	794	111.00-120.00
1	815	815	113.00
1	910	910	105.00
BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
1	410	410	151.00
1	460	460	147.00
3	515-545	528	134.00-140.00
2	565-575	570	127.00-134.00
3	620-625	623	120.00-125.00
SLAUGHTER CATTLE			
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
Head	Wt	Range	Avg Price
1	1510	1510	65.00
2	1230-1535	1383	63.00
COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
2	900-1060	980	68.00
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
19	970-1355	1163	62.00
2	1250-1400	1325	70.00
5	1000-1455	1157	55.00
BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)			
3	1180-1965	1478	87.00
REPLACEMENT CATTLE			
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)			
Age	Stage	Head	Wt
2-4	T1	2	995-1000
5-8	T1	4	1000-1530
5-8	T2	8	1010-1450
5-8	T3	1	1300
>8	T2	4	1050-1455
>8	T3	1	1250
BRED COWS - Small 2-3 (Per Head / Actual Wt)			
2-4	T2	1	475
5-8	T2	1	650
BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)			
Age	Stage	Head	Wt
<2	T1	4	730-970
<2	T3	1	850
BRED HEIFERS - Small 2-3 (Per Head / Actual Wt)			
<2	T2	1	680
COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)			
5-8	O	1	1010
>8	O	1	1075
COW-CALF PAIRS - Small 2-3 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)			
2-4	O	5	500
HEIFER PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt)			
<2	O	1	1000



The fate of the downtown gazebo remains in limbo, but there is a meeting next week that could help shed light on the situation. The Project Development Board meets at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center.

Letters POLICY

The Crittenden Press accepts and encourages letters to the editor on a variety of subjects. Letters should be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday the week before publication. Submissions must include only the author's name (no multiple names or groups), address, including hometown, phone number and signature. Phone numbers will not be published. They are for our records only in order to authenticate a letter's author. Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300 words. Letters will be edited for spelling and grammar and The Crittenden Press reserves the right to reject or edit letters for clarity, brevity and otherwise at our discretion. Writers should limit their letters to no more than one per month. Original copies of submitted letters will be retained in our files. Letters may be presented at our office, sent to P.O. Box 191, Marion, Ky., 42064 or preferably emailed to us at thepress@the-press.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor: I wanted to write to The Press and community about what the gazebo means to myself, my friends and family. I am a resident of Crittenden County as well as the wife of the late Reverend Wayne Winters who built the gazebo. He poured his whole heart into building this for the community to enjoy. He was so proud and honored to be able to build this, and there are many reasons for it. His grandfather, the late Reverend Harley Kir, preached there and his wife Irene Kirk used to sing on that corner with him. It felt like he was leaving a piece of his heart behind in that gazebo when he built it, because he felt so personally connected to it. He loved it also because of the memory bricks that were laid there in memory of so many people's loved ones. It meant so much to him. I really would like to say

that I am very happy that we are seeing progress and moving forward to make our town even better because I love our little town and the people in it. I just hate to see anything happen to the town's gazebo which is a small town marker here now. I wish we could move forward and also leave the gazebo there as it stands. I would love to be able see this all come together so we can have the best of everything in our town with the progress being made, and finding a way to keep the gazebo standing in its original place. I'm afraid if it is moved then it might be damaged. My husband passed away five years ago and this is something that meant so much to him and it means so much to me as well. I am just wanting to write this on his behalf because if he could, I know he would ask the

town to please seek a way to build this new courthouse and still keep our community gazebo that holds so many dear memories. Thank you and God Bless.

Kay Winters  
Marion, Ky.

CAMP

Continued from page 1 50 was once located there. When the dam was removed, the property was deeded to the county in 1980. Because it has a concrete boat launching ramp, recreational boaters and fishermen have long used it to access the river, but traffic at the park has greatly in-

creased since 2008 when the county developed a handful of modern campsites and added pavilions and a playground. A seasonal dock is also coming to the park, but pandemic-related delays will push installation to late this fall, or perhaps even next spring. The park is located on what is called the Smithland Pool, where water levels are manipulated by

the dam at Smithland. The area is attractive for all sorts of water sports, including fishing, hunting and recreational boating. Riverview Park also features primitive camping, too. Modern campsites are \$20 per night with a maximum of 14 consecutive nights. A primitive camping pass is \$5. The pavilions can be reserved in advance by calling the county office at 270-965-5251.

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 21-16 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR OF 2021

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its special called meeting held on August 25, 2021, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a regular called meeting of the City Council held on August 16, 2021, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

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

\$ .2220 per One Hundred Dollar	Real Property
\$ .2781 per One Hundred Dollar	Personal Property
\$ .2220 per One Hundred Dollar	Public Utilities
\$ .229 per One Hundred Dollar	Motor Vehicles
\$ .229 per One Hundred Dollar	Motor Boats

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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# History surrounding our old courthouses

With all the latest news about a new courthouse for Crittenden County, did you ever wonder about the history surrounding our old courthouses? This article tells the history from the first court ouse built for the new county in 1844 until the present building built in 1961.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

## Forgotten Passages

The actual land for the first courthouse was sold to the county on April 12, 1842 by John S. and Nancy Gilliam for \$1. Justices of the Peace for the county at that time were Joseph Hughes, James Cruce, Robert H. Haynes, Abner Larrowe, Peter Clinton, John D. Gregory, Martin Williams, Robert Hill, Henry R. D. Coleman and Samuel L. Phillips.

The justices of the county courts in Kentucky of the 1840s had the responsibility of total governmental administration to all parts of the counties not incorporated. The court appointed Joel E. Grace, William Hughes, Issac H. Wheeler, John Wright and Isham Clements as a commission to superintend the erection of the courthouse in Marion.

Sometime during this period in 1843, the little building that housed the County Clerk's office was built. This building escaped being destroyed both times when the Courthouse burned. Since the county records were housed here, they were spared from the fires.

First Courthouse. This commission was given the monies left in the county treasury after the tax levies of 1843 and 1844 had settled the just claims against the county, and they awarded the contract for the erection of the courthouse, a brick building (located at about the same spot and about the same size as the northern wing of the present courthouse), to H. B. Pierce.

While the new courthouse was being constructed, the court met in the old Bethany Presbyterian brick church. (This church was near where Ellington's Detailing is located across U.S. 60 from the old Marion Cemetery. According to research by the late Bob M. Wheeler,

this meeting house was on the northern side of this hill (the portion of the hill which was cut down by the construction of U.S. 60's western entrance into Marion on West Gum Street.)

On June 10, 1844 the court met in the Brick Church near Marion. On motion of Joel E. Grace, Isham Clement, Isaac H. Wheeler and William Hughes, commissioners appointed by this court at the

last term to examine the Courthouse and report the condition of same and the manner of the work done by the undertaker, this day returned into court a report, which being examined, and it appearing that the work done with some few exceptions as specified in said report, and H. B. Pierce, the undertaker, agreeing to complete and finish the said House by doing the work lacking as set out in said report. It is ordered that the Courthouse be received by this court according to the specifications of Pierce and the court takes possession and receives said building from Pierce and that the court be now adjourned to meet at the Courthouse in Marion.

The court adjourned and moved its meeting to the first newly constructed Crittenden County Courthouse. Here the court continued with its meeting from the Brick Church.

This Courthouse was destroyed during the Civil War in January 1865. Local history states that it was burned by Gen. Hyram Lyon. It may have been burned by Confederate guerillas, but Lyon on this date, was in Aberdeen, Miss. Here he penned his campaign report and listed the courthouses, which he burned, and it does not list the one at Marion. He didn't even go through Crittenden County. (There is nothing in the court records telling how the courthouse burned, only of the rebuilding of a new one.) Former historian Thomas Tucker told that the building was torched because Union soldiers were using it as a barracks. But all records were removed be-



**Shown are the stages of the historic courthouse as wrecker crews started tearing down its walls during the week of April 11, 1961. The walls were pulled down by a truck and cables.**

fore the fire, so they were all saved.

Second Courthouse. On Oct. 9, 1865 the Crittenden County Court met and appointed J. N. Woods, Alexander Dean and James S. Hill to be commissioners for the rebuilding of the courthouse, which would be the second building. At this meeting, the court stated what it wanted in the new courthouse. The courthouse shall be built of brick on the old foundation and as nearly on the plan of same (where burned) as may be.

The cupola shall be much smaller than the one on the old courthouse, its extreme height is the end of rod not exceeding 40 feet. The base was to be a square of 18 feet high, there an octagon or English square from 12 to 15 feet these round and

rod and ball. The roof is to be of tin.

At the March 12, 1866 court session, the court contracted J. K. Frick to draft a plan for the erection of the courthouse. The court accepted Frick's plans, and the courthouse was to be completed by the first day of January 1867.

This courthouse was again damaged by fire in the early part of 1870 when a tinner, who was repairing the roof, left his torch burning and started a fire, which partially burned this building.

Third Courthouse. At the June 11, 1870 court meeting, the court ordered John W. Blue, W. H. Rochester, and R. W. Wilson, who is appointed courthouse commissioner, for style building com-

mittee, and financial committee for the purpose of building the courthouse. Said courthouse is to be built at same place and on same form as old courthouse.

Court Meeting Oct. 10, 1871, this day the commissioner heretofore appointed to superintend the building of the new courthouse, filed his report. The court reviewed said report and accepted the house. This was the third courthouse building.

Fourth Courthouse. The courthouse built in 1871 stood through the ages and cared for the people of Crittenden County until it was torn down in March of 1961. Most of the voters in Crittenden County had decided that the old court-

house was in a sad worn-out shape and needed so many updates and repairs that it wasn't worth the money to try and keep it. History loses out to progress and modernization, as we all know.

At the same time, the courthouse was torn down so was the little building built in 1843 that sat next to it that housed the county clerk's office. At one time during the early 1900s, the county clerk and circuit clerk were both housed in this building. We were fortunate through these times that our records were never destroyed.

At the time it was torn down in 1961, it was the oldest building in Marion, as all others had been destroyed by fires at different times through the years.

In next week's article we'll read about the construction and dedication of our present courthouse and the items that were place in the historic cornerstone.

(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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Never get tired of these things

Exhausted. Worn out. Fed up. Tired of all this. And it seems that some people just never stop poking the sores. Some are no doubt well-meaning, but others seem to be intent on making the rest of us just as miserable as they are. I believe that there are a few of us that have the luxury of being able to turn everything off, but most of us do not.



Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

sions. Whether you agree with them or not, at least appreciate the position they are in.

But we are not helpless against the battering of these continuing waves.

It is possible to build into our lives habits and attitudes that refresh us and those around us. There are things that we never get tired of. Many do not come naturally to most of us, which gives us a few projects to work on as we walk through life together. There are more, but here are a few that we can practice even when life is testing us, and we are testing each other.

Gratitude has been in short supply lately. All these positive attitudes and virtues are related to each other, but it is from this one that the others grow. This is deeper than “being thankful for the little things.” It is relational. Gratitude understands that none of us can do anything of value without the assistance of others. We all have teachers, mentors, parents, grandparents, and friends who have shaped us and given to us when

we needed it – whether we deserved it or not. Gratitude understands that I am not the center of the universe and that my primary mode of operation is to serve rather than to be served and yet gratefully accept the help of others when offered or needed.

Kindness is a powerful delivery system. It is the way we lift others up or bring them down. It is a mistake for us to think that our kindness will always be well received, because it will not. Because of that kindness should be seen as a strength. It is only from a secure post that we can act with courage which is what kindness reflects. Where there is lack of kindness, there is fear.

Patience is sorely needed all the time, but especially now. Patience is part of the mixture that makes living with other human beings possible. It is worth remembering that people do things for a reason. The reason that our patience can run short is our self-centered nature makes us think that others are acting poorly toward us has to do with us. It is usually because of something else in their life. We are all, to some extent, a walking mixture of physical and emotional pain. Whether it is self-inflicted or not doesn’t matter in most of our interactions.

Patience helps to heal rather than make a matter worse. Practicing patience will make you feel better, eventually. And we all want it from others.

Gentleness is related to kindness in that it is a delivery system. It is also only possible from a position of strength. Being secure in one’s faith and place in life is prerequisite to gentleness. It is not easy to practice regularly. It does not preclude strong words or discipline. Nor does it eliminate the need for appropriate force. Gentleness knows how to use strong words and appropriate pressure to make a point without doing damage. Some of the strongest advice I ever received were from the gentlest of people.

There are other characteristics that we can practice which others will never get tired of seeing in us: faithfulness, self-control, and joy come to mind.

Our attitudes and practices guide what we see. Good practices free us up to see the beauty in this world and see the best in others. Doing so lifts all of us. Never get tired of that.

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Walk the walk to demonstrate faith

**Question:** My friend talks to me about becoming a Christian, but her life doesn’t align with who she professes to be. I see her as a hypocrite and I’m turned off. How is a Christian supposed to live?

**Answer:** You are right. It is important to demonstrate one’s faith through our character and our actions. A verbal witness of God and salvation must be backed up by the life one lives. It is not enough just to talk the talk; one must walk the walk.

To answer your question, “How is a Christian supposed to live?” a Christian is to display the same traits and behavior Jesus displayed when He lived here on earth. In short, we are to maintain a godly character and actions.

A Christian is to set aside

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



wrath, malice, slander and filthy language” and clothe oneself instead with “compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and thankfulness” (Col. 3:12-

haves and acts this way, the presence of Christ is seen in him.

How can we to live this way? We are to die daily to our old life and, through the

Spirit, we live a new resurrected life. The Scripture succinctly says, “For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3). So, instead of allowing our sinful nature to run things, we live humble, Christlike lives in submission to God the Father.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Local Events & News

■ Virgil Jones VFW will meet at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 9 at 412 N. College St. in Marion. Refreshments will be served.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m.

the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

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

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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175 Mexico Rd.  
(270) 965-4059  
MexicoBaptist.org  
Minister of Music Mike Crabtree  
Pastor: Tim Burdon  
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH




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

Emmanuel Baptist Church



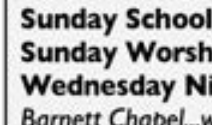
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
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Freedom General Baptist Church



Pastor: Ross Ahtwell  
87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion  
(about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)  
CHURCH TIMES:  
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church



College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232  
Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holman  
SUNDAY CHURCH TIMES:  
8:30 a.m. Coffee Juice Fellowship • 8:45 a.m. Sunday School • 10 a.m. Morning Worship  
6 p.m. Youth Bible Study • 6 p.m. Evening Worship  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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2 Peter 3:18  
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Pastor: Trish Gendler

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SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:45 p.m.  
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South College St.

Frances Community Church



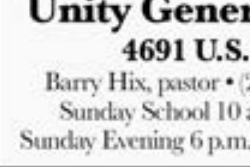
Bro. Butch Gray  
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Sunday school: ..... 10 a.m.  
Worship service: ..... 11 a.m.

Hurricane Church




Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West  
Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee  
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Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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#### NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 21-18: AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PORTION OF WEST DEPOT STREET AND VARIOUS ALLEYS Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a special called meeting held on August 25, 2021, 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 its regular meeting of the City Council held on August 16, 2021, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows: An undeveloped portion of West Depot Street and various alleys as identified on or abutted to property owned by the Crittenden County School Board or its agents is hereby closed to assist in the construction of a new campus. 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. PREPARED BY: /s/ Robert B. Frazer ROBERT B. FRAZER CITY ATTORNEY FRAZER LAW OFFICE ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW P.O. BOX 361 MARION, KY 42064 270/965-2261 August 25, 2021 (1t-35-c)

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Notice is hereby given that on August 25, 2021 Shannon Stoltenburg of 18 N. Jackson Street, Sturgis, Ky. 42459 was appointed administratrix of James Ronald Mayes, deceased, whose address was 776 St. Rt. 365, Marion, Ky. 42064. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Crittenden Circuit Clerk before the 25th day of February, 2022 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

diately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-35-c)

Notice is hereby given that on August 25, 2021 Zenith Charles Osenbaugh of 12681 St. Rt. 49, Antwerp, OH 45813 and Nicholas Sliger of 17429 Gardner Rd., Galien, Mi. 49113 was appointed co-executors with will annexed of Sheila Maureen Sliger, deceased, whose address was 112 North Walker St., Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Rebecca Johnson, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the co-executors with will annexed on or before the 25th day of February, 2022 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All person indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-35-c)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS CCHS Schedule

**THURSDAY**  
Soccer hosts St. Mary  
MS football hosts Webster  
Volleyball at Livingston Central  
Golf at Breckinridge Golf Course  
**FRIDAY**  
HS football at Madisonville  
**SATURDAY**  
X-Country at Calloway Invitational  
Volleyball at wReck at The Plex  
**MONDAY**  
Soccer at Mayfield  
Volleyball hosts St. Mary  
**TUESDAY**  
Golf at Marion Heritage GC  
Volleyball at Hopkinsville

## OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

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

## FOOTBALL Cash at gate Friday

Fans heading to Madisonville Friday for the high school game will not need to purchase electronic tickets in advance. Admission will be by cash transaction at the gate. The Rockets (1-0) face Madisonville (0-2) in a 7 p.m., kickoff. The stadium is on the school's campus.



## RODEO Wood sisters buckle

Addison and Kenlee Wood earned hardware from the Running On Faith buckle series in Cadiz. Addison, a freshman, won open poles reserve 1D champion. Her younger sister Kenlee won a buckle for youth 3D champion.

## Potters place in event

Karsyn and Presley Potter finished in the top five in open 1D and youth 1D with three horses in the West Kentucky Equine Association. Karsyn Potter won first place in both open and youth barrels as well as fourth place in open barrels and third in the youth competition. Presley Potter took fourth in open 1D and fourth in the youth division.



## Out of the Chute

Rocket defensive back Trace Derrington intercepted a Webster County pass on the game's opening series and returned it into Trojan territory. Derrington also caught a touchdown pass from Luke Crider later in the game.

# Crittenden County 53, Webster County 6 Rockets' big first half scuttles Trojans

### STAFF REPORT

It's a good day's work when you only put in half the time and reap all the rewards.

For senior quarterback Luke Crider and the Rocket football team, it took just two quarters to determine the outcome and send a clear message as it rolled passed Webster County 53-6.

The starters all stood on the sideline in the second half as the reserves mopped up the Trojans with a running clock. CCHS led 46-0 at intermission.

Crider threw for 245 yards, completing some beauties downfield, hitting receiver Trace Derrington in stride and Preston Morgeson's back shoulder for two of three scoring strikes. Crider rolled left and found Kaleb Nesbitt open in the flat for his other TD pass. Nesbitt went 81 yards for that one.

"It was nice to get back on the field. Seeing all of the fans here it was so nice. It felt so good to have Rocket Nation behind us again," said Crider, who pointed to the huge throng that assembled despite the threat of COVID-19. Last year, crowd sizes were limited, but this time there was no boundary on ticket sales.

Crider's performance was good for one of the best passing halves in school history and it earned him a college offer. A recruiter from Greenville (Ill.) University was at the game, and met with Crider and two other Rockets – seniors Dylan Yates and Zech McGahan – afterwards, offering them a spot on the school's football squad.

Sophomore Gattin Travis got his first start at running back, rushing for 92 yards and scoring once. He had a good run on the team's first series, going 18 yards, but fumbled. From there, he settled in and earned his stripes in his first real Friday night in the limelight.

"It started a little sloppy, but there at the end I got it fixed," he said. "It feels good to win our first game."

A bit slipshod, indeed, were the early minutes. Although the Rockets were cruising on offense, they were hobbled a bit by penalties. The team finished with 130 yards in flags, almost all of it in the first half.

"We were able to send a message I hope. That was our goal this week," said first-year head coach Gaige Courtney. "It was ugly at the start. We have to



Rocket QB Luke Crider looks for an open receiver against Webster.

clean those things up. We know that we have to clean those (penalties) up to be a good football team and we will fix it this week. At the same time, it was the first game after being off a while, so you kind of expect it. But I am not making excuses for it."

Crittenden had been saddled with some pandemic issues and canceled its scheduled season-opener last week and its second pre-season scrimmage a week before. The team got back to work earlier this week, but still had some players out because of sickness.

"We started slow, but when we got going the momentum kept rolling," added Courtney, a CCHS football alum and former Rocket defensive coordinator.

The defense was stellar, smothering Webster's Wing-T offense. The Trojans managed just 30 yards on the ground and 50 in the air.

Coach Courtney said the offensive and defensive lines set the tone for the game despite some players being out for pandemic issues.

Although school was canceled for two weeks due to COVID-19, athletic events will continue as scheduled. Crittenden will be at Madisonville this week. The Maroons are 0-2 after early losses to Union County and Caldwell County, respectively.

### SCORE BY QUARTERS

Webster County	0	0	6	0
Crittenden Co.	25	21	0	7

### SCORING PLAYS

C-Rowen Perkins 2 run (Preston Morgeson kick) 4:01, 1st  
C-Morgeson 29 pass from Luke Crider (Brysen Baker pass from Micah Newcom) 3:13, 1st  
C-Tanner Beverly 10 punt return (Baker pass from Newcom) :35, 1st  
C-Trace Derrington 34 pass from Crider (Morgeson kick) 11:35, 2nd  
C-Kaleb Nesbitt 81 pass from Crider (Morgeson kick) 7:07, 2nd  
C-Gattin Travis 17 run (Morgeson kick) 0:00, 2nd  
W-Noah Duncan 1 run (kick failed) 4:03, 3rd  
C-Levi Piper 9 pass from Newcom (Morgeson kick) 4:15, 4th

### TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: CCHS 10, WCHS 3  
Penalties: CCHS 13-130, WCHS 2-10  
Rushing: CCHS 25-201, WCHS 21-30  
Passing: CCHS 12-19-0, 294, WCHS 2-5-1, 50  
Total Yards: CCHS 495, WCH 80  
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 1-1, WCHS 3-1

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

#### Rushing

Crittenden: Travis 7-92, Crider 2-23, Nesbitt 2-13, Rowen Perkins 3-10, Derrington 1-9, Tyler Belt 4-4, Tanner Beverly 1-9, Piper 2-38, Newcom 3-3. Webster: Aden Young 7-47, Jackson Edens 2-(-8), Brett Love 6-(-5), Duncan 3-3, Gavin Walker 3-(-7).

#### Passing

Crittenden: Crider 9-14-0, 245; Newcom 3-5-0, 49. Webster: Walker 2-4-0, 50; Young 0-1-1.

#### Receiving

Crittenden: Hayden Adamson 2-24, Perkins 1-15, Morgeson 2-66, Nesbitt 2-87, Baker 1-19, Derrington 1-34, Casey Cates 2-40, Piper 1-9. Webster: Edens 1-12, Young 1-38.

#### Defense

Coleman Stone solo; Luke Mundy 2 solos, caused fumble; Dylan Yates 4 solos, assist, 4 TFLs; Tanner Beverly 2 solos, assist, 2 TFLs; Zech McGahan 3 solos, 2 TFLs; Hadyen Adamson fumble recovery; Trace Derrington interception; Sam Impastato solo, 3 assists, TFL; Case Gobin 6 solos, 4 TFLs, sack; Rowen Perkins solo; Kaleb Nesbitt assist; Briley Berry assist; Preston Morgeson solo; Seth Guess 3 assists; Levi Piper solo, assist; Bennett McDaniel solo, TFL; Casey Cates assist; Travis Blazina solo; Tyler Belt solo, fumble recovery; Micah Newcom solo; Blake French solo.

**Players of the Game:** Offense Luke Crider, Defense Case Gobin, Lineman Zach Counts, Special Teams Preston Morgeson.

#### Records

Crittenden 1-0, Webster 0-2

# Racers pre-season pick to win Ohio Valley



Xander Tabor & Tyler Boone

### STAFF REPORT

A couple of Crittenden County alumni are part of the Murray State football team that opens its season this week and is expected to win the Ohio Valley Conference championship.

A preseason poll taken among coaches and sports information directors in the OVC has Murray picked No. 1. Ten Racer players also earned preseason all-conference accolades. It's just the third time in program history that Murray got the preseason nod, including the 1980 and 1996 squads.

Crittenden's Tyler Boone and Xander Tabor have been on campus since July 1 going through pre-season workouts. Both are walk-ons at Murray State and record-setting players during their high school careers at Crittenden County High School. Both area 2021 graduates.

Murray State returns all 22 starters from last spring's season. The Racers played a spring season rather than a traditional fall schedule last year due to the pandemic.

So far this preseason, the Racers have already appeared in one Top 25 poll, landing at

22nd in the HERO Sports poll.

In his first season with the Racers, coach Dean Hood led Murray State to its first winning season since 2011 and best OVC record since 2005. His Racers started the season at 5-0, tying the 1995 team for the best start in school history. Murray State also returned to the top 25 polls under Hood this season, earning its first ranking since 2011 and staying in the polls for seven consecutive weeks and earning a spot in the final polls of the season for the first time since 2002.

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Crittenden County High School’s cross country team opened its fall season last weekend at Murray. The squad includes (front from left) Jayden Duncan, Mary Martinez, Karsyn Potter, Presley Potter, Ella Geary, Lizzie Campbell, Leah Long (back) manager Noah Martinez, coach Sandra Martinez, Colt Belt, Logan Martin, Jayden Gibson, Dennon Wilson, Coby West, Asa McCord and coach Nick Martinez. Not pictured are Nate Faith and Landon Starkey Cross country

# Distance runners on mark for fall races

STAFF REPORT

Three seniors and a handful of experienced underclassmen will pace Crittenden County’s cross country team this fall.

The distance runners competed in their first meet last weekend and this Saturday will be at the Calloway County Invitational.

On the boys side, junior Nate Faith and senior Dennon Wilson will be among

the runners to watch, followed by a host of underclassmen and a senior newcomer, Coby West.

Senior Leah Long, sophomore Karsyn Potter and freshman Mary Martinez are expected to be among the top female competitors on coach Sandra Martinez’s young team.

Middle school runners will compete in their own events. Martinez said it’s good for

the youngest members of the team to run shorter races (3K) early in the season and compete against runners their own age.

She anticipates some of those middle schoolers moving up into high school events by season’s end.

The Second Region race is Oct. 24 with state qualifiers moving on to the Bourbon County Cross Country Course Oct. 29-30.

X-Country Schedule	
Sept. 4 at Calloway Invitational	
Sept. 11 at McCracken Invitational	
Sept. 18 at Mustang Stampede	
Sept. 25 at Arrowhead Invitational	
Oct. 9 at Daviess County invitational	
Oct. 12 at FCA All Comers	
Oct. 24 KHSAA Regionals	
Oct. 29/30 KHSAA State	

CCHS ROSTER	
Athlete	Grade
Jayden Duncan	9
Mary Martinez	9
Karsyn Potter	10
Presley Potter	7
Ella Geary	8
Lizzie Campbell	10
Leah Long	12
Colt Belt	7
Logan Martin	7
Jayden Gibson	8
Dennon Wilson	12
Coby West	12
Asa McCord	9
Nate Faith	11
Landon Starkey	8



Crittenden County’s Raven Hayes closes in on the Union County goal during last week’s high school soccer action at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Hayes scored twice in the win and her teammates pitched in eight more goals.

## VOLLEYBALL

### CCHS falls in All A Classic

Crittenden beat Hopkins Central at home early last week 25-14, 25-20, 25-22 then knocked off district foe Trigg County 25-9, 25-11, 25-16 at Rocket Arena on Thursday.

Crittenden lost in straight sets at Hopkinsville in the opening round of the All A Classic Tournament on Saturday to Caldwell County. The Lady Tigers edged CCHS 25-18 in both sets.

Crittenden County is 2-2 on the season.

## SOCCER

### CCHS wins third straight

The Lady Rockets shutout Mayfield 6-0 on the road Monday night as Lizzie Campbell scored a hat trick and Taylor Guess netted 2 points. Addyson Faughtn rounded out the CCHS scoring with a goal. Guess had 2 assists and Hannah Long 8 saves in the goal.

The Crittenden County soccer girls have won three in a row and four of their last six matches. Their records is now 4-4 at the halfway point of the regular season.

### Lady Rockets blitz Union as Guess opens with hat trick

The Lady Rockets blitzed Union County 10-0 last Thursday at Marion-Crittenden County Park, forcing the game to end early due to the mercy rule.

Junior Taylor Guess had a hat trick right out of the chute, scoring the first three Lady Rocket goals. Raven Hayes scored twice and Addyson Faughn, Leah Long, Bailey Williams, Lizzie Campbell and Lyli Wesmolan each had a goal. Campbell was credited with four assists and Wesmolan had two.

Goal keeper Hannah Long had three saves.

Coach Jessica DeBurgo said the team is improving each outing, and she said Guess is playing at an incredibly high level.

### Guess scores 4 vs. Webster

Taylor Guess had her way with Webster County last Tuesday at Dixon, scoring all of Crittenden County goals as CCHS won 4-1.

The junior’s points came with assists by senior Addy Faughn, sophomore Lizzie Campbell, junior Raven Hayes and junior Emilee Russelburg.

Joslyn Silcox had five saves guarding the Lady Rocket net.

## CROSS COUNTRY

### CCHS, LCHS at Murray

Crittenden County freshman Mary Martinez was the top Lady Rocket runner at last weekend’s 5K girls’ varsity cross country race at Murray. She finished the race in 26:15.10 and was sixth overall, out of 27 runners that completed the course.

Sophomore Karsyn Potter was 12th with a time of 29:56.30 and senior Leah Long was 16th at 31:59.

Livingston Central junior Rylee Culver was 26th at 39:40.30.

Crittenden County freshman Asa McCord was the top Rocket runner in the 5K boys’ race. He finished the race in 25:30.90 and was 35th overall, out of 50 runners that completed the course.

Seniors Coby West and Dennon Wilson finished 41st and 42nd, respectively, at 28:17.80 and 28:38.10.

Livingston Central’s team finished fifth in team scoring out of six squads at the meet. The Cardinal runners were led by sophomore Machi Davidson, who was sixth in the race at 19:28. The winning time was 18:09.30 by Fort Campbell junior William Lubas. Calloway County runners finished second, third and fourth. Livingston junior Alex Parks was 21st at 22:35.10, seventh-grader Jonathan Stewart 24:42.40 was 30th and ninth-grader Carter Belcher 36th at 25:59.10. Livingston freshman Reese Davidson finished 49th at 30:06.50.

There was a mixed middle school race that was run at a 3K distance. Livingston’s Ryder Watson and Carson Taliaferro were fifth and sixth, Cardinal Brayden Keeling was 25th, Crittenden’s Colt Belt was 28th, Rocket runner Logan Martin was 32nd and Livingston’s Sawyer Champion and Jaycen Harris were 33rd and 35th.

### Wishing all Rockets a Great Season!

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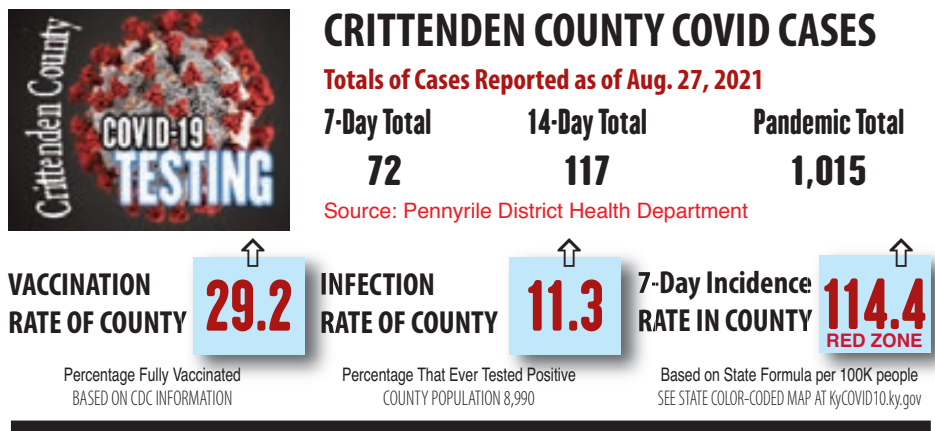
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# Parents disagree with school masking

STAFF REPORT

A petition opposing mandatory masks in schools was presented to the Crittenden County Board of Education Aug. 26.

However by Monday afternoon the matter became at least temporarily irrelevant as the school district closed its doors for 10 days as a result of an insurmountable number of staff and student absences, some related to COVID-19 and others were not.

Ten parents attended the Aug. 26 board of education meeting and several spoke openly on behalf of nearly 270 people who signed a petition, which reads, in part, “I understand masks are deemed to be medical devices under FDA definition, and I believe medical decisions should be made at the discretion of the parent.”

Earlier this month the Crittenden County Board of Education voted to follow Kentucky Department of Education guidance, which called for mandatory masks in schools. Superintendent Vince Clark, in recommending the district follow state guidance, said there would be no punishment for students who do not wear masks.

COVID rates remain high in county

Area public health officials have been overwhelmed with logging and tracing positive cases. Data on COVID positives are available only through Friday of last week. Based on available data, it appears that about 10

percent of the county’s entire number of confirmed cases since April 2020 have been identified in a two-week period ending on Friday, Aug. 27. The information above shows an alarming trend over the last two weeks of August.

“I don’t feel masks are doing any good,” said Veronica Herrington, a mother and grandmother of students in the district. “If (the virus) is so deadly, why are we still going to school?”

Parent Delbert Sizemore addressed the board about the dangers of prolonged mask wearing, ill-fitting masks and psychological problems that could result from masks.

As an EMT and military veteran, Sizemore called Americans puppets without a backbone following CDC guidance.

Tracy Newcom, a local dietician and parent of two students, said masks are designated as experimental medical devices that are designed to be used with consent.

She said the petition is a sign of support over mask choice, and she calls on the board and

parents to work together and contact state representatives.

Many of the 270 signatures on the petition are those of parents and grandparents, while others signed as community members, some residing outside of Marion.

Board members and Superintendent Clark explained the rationale for following the Kentucky Department of Education’s mask mandate, reiterating that the board has advocated for local control and local decision-making powers, but agreed that it was best to follow the state order from a professional and liability standpoint.

The Kentucky General Assembly may convene in the coming days to settle the issue of whether local school boards should be able set policy about masks and other pandemic protocol.

# Schools call off class for 2 weeks hoping pandemic will cool down

STAFF REPORT

After five days in school, COVID-19 prompted the cancellation early this week of in-person classes through Sept. 10.

The school district has activated its remote learning plan as a result of an increasing number of student and staff positive cases as well as a bus driver and substitute shortage.

A number of students had been sent home to quarantine as contacts of positive cases since schools opened Aug. 24.

By Aug. 26, there were 155 students quarantined as a result of 33 positive cases and by Monday Superintendent Vince Clark said seven teachers were either sick or quarantined.

Keeping enough substitute teachers, staff and bus drivers to fill in for typical absences is tough enough, school officials said, but COVID-19 was creating critical staffing shortages.



Teachers met Tuesday for a planning day to prepare for remote learning, which began on Wednesday.

“The health of our students and staff is our main priority, so we appreciate flexibility as we make this transition to ensure we are doing all we can to achieve that,” read a statement from the school district that was released Monday afternoon.

“It is our intent that this time will allow us to further evaluate mitigation strategies to stop the spread. Additionally, we will use this opportunity to evaluate and modify existing school procedures to reduce COVID exposure,” the district said.

Crittenden and nearby counties have seen a drastic increase in the number of positive cases reported over the past three or four weeks.

There were 117 cases reported in Crittenden County during the two-week period ending Friday, Aug. 27.

Parents are asked to re-

port positive cases to the school district during the remote learning period.

In its news release Monday, the school district encouraged families to consider free COVID-19 vaccinations available at Crittenden County Health Department. The vaccination rate in the county remains among the lowest in Kentucky.

Middle and high school athletic events will continue through Sept. 10 as planned, though closely monitored.

“I’m told if you watch this across the world, it does spike quickly and then drops quickly. We just have to weather the storm,” Clark said.

Meals may be picked up weekdays from the cafeteria through Sept. 10 with the exception of Labor Day.

A drive through will be located behind Crittenden Elementary between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Parents should contact Crystal Wesmoland, FRYSC coordinator, at (270) 965-3525 for more information.



Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and inmates from the Crittenden County Detention Center help facilitate a move of the Adult Education Center into the former National Guard Armory on Rochester Street.

# Adult Ed Center makes move to former armory

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Adult Education services has moved for the fourth time in the last 11 years.

Those services had been provided at Marion-Ed Tech Center in recent years, but the program moved late last week to the former National Guard Armory on Rochester Street in Marion. The move was necessitated by the pending takeover of the Ed-Tech Center by county government for its offices when the current courthouse is razed and a new justice center built in Marion.

County offices will no longer be in the downtown courthouse. Instead, they will be at the Ed-Tech Center.

Adult Education is open 9 a.m., to 6 p.m.,

Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m., until 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The phone number will not change.

Crittenden County GED - Adult Education has served the Crittenden community providing GED instruction, testing, work ready skills, certification programs, resume building and various other services. Cindy Jenkins is the coordinator of the center and has several years of experience in GED and adult education.

Crittenden County government helped facilitate the move. Besides providing the new office and classroom space for the Adult Education Center, the county oversaw improvements to the former armory, including electrical upgrades and painting. The county provided moving assistance including personnel from the jail’s restricted custody center and equipment.

“All of us appreciate Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, the fiscal court and everyone who has and continues to be helpful in our move. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Crittenden County and will do everything we can to keep providing quality Adult Education in the area,” said Bill Allen of WKEC Adult Education.

Students seeking assistance at the Adult Education Center will find many learning options available including one-on-one sessions, online tools and classes, video and more.

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The anonymous donor was also instrumental in helping the cemetery raise money it needed to expand last year.

The 2020 campaign raised \$20,000 for surveying, a lake to help with water run-off and new

gravel roads in the first section to be developed in nearly 50 years.

Dianne Newcom, president of the Marion Cemetery Association, praised the generosity of the donor as well as everyone who has contributed to cemetery upkeep.

Donations of any amount are accepted and are tax deductible.

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