

EXODUS Courthouse will be emptied in 1 week

Friday, Sept. 29 will be an historic day for this community as Crittenden County government leaves the court square for the first time. Crittenden County Courthouse will soon be torn down to make room for a new justice center. County government offices will be closed while it physically moves assets to the new complex the first week of October. Crittenden County Office Complex at Industrial Park South will officially open to the public on Monday, Oct. 9.

Cable & Broadcast TV Network Rank

Ranking of United States television networks based on the most recent aggregated ratings data, including Nielsen audience averages.

Network	Audience
1. CBS	3.79 million
2. ABC	2.25 million
3. Fox News	1.79 million
4. NBC	1.59 million
5. MSNBC	1.45 million
6. NFL Network	858,00
7. HGTV	783,000
8. ESPN	727,000
9. INSP	712,000
10. Hallmark	700,000

Homecoming Week

The annual football homecoming parade will be held Thursday on Main Street in downtown Marion. Lineup for the parade will begin at 4 p.m., and the parade starts at 5 p.m. Following the parade will be the annual powder puff football games at Rocket Stadium. Admission to the powderpuff game is \$6 and it begins at 6:30 p.m. The Rockets' homecoming football game will kick off at 7 p.m., Friday against Owensboro Catholic. Coro-

Biggest meth seizure goes federal



Brian Fitzgerald Muhlenberg Jail

STAFF REPORT What has been described as a fully-consuming, weeks-long criminal probe over the summer that led to seizure of the largest methamphetamine cache in county history included at least 10 search warrants, phone tapping and electronic

Details of probe, manhut emerge as

agents seek indictment in U.S. court

surveillance, which investigators

say was somewhat rare for rural western Kentucky.

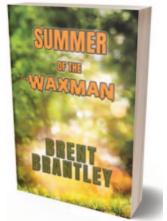
One investigator called suspect Brian Fitzgerald "a formidable adversary" as he and others worked to surveil, follow and ensnare an alleged drug dealer who had often

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CCHS senior Luke Drawdy checks vital signs in a hospital emergency room.

This after-school program includes real care



Author's plot set in Crittenden

Drawn on a backdrop of Crittenden County, a rural Kentucky area with whitetail deer, Amish, Ford's Ferry and Crooked Creek, an unforseeable climax to a fictional story is drawn from author Brent Brant-

ley's purpose to write suspense novels with plausible plots and unexpected endings. A native



Kentuckian, Brantley currently lives in a retirement community in northern Florida created by the late retail giant J.C. Penney. He and wife Jeanette, both in their late 70s, are enjoying the subtleties of their retreat in the South, but are staying quite active. A former Crittenden Countian with generational ties to this commu nity dating beyond its formation in 1842, Brantley is proud to talk about his book, Summer of the Waxman, which was released a few days ago by Elk Lake Publishing of Plymouth Rock, Mass. A self-described worldview writer, Brantley has been a missionary to Indonesia and a consultant and trainer in personal security and crisis management for organizations engaged in work abroad. Before that, decades ago, he was a Chicago policeman who nearly died after being shot in the head by a criminal. He found faith in God from that neardeath, life-altering event and after an adulthood centered on giving of time and energy to the Lord, Brantley is settled in to creating devotional stories. His first was, You Cannot Grasp the River, published a couple of years ago. It is about a six-year-old Stone Age Papuan boy, Benjad, who is thrust into the modern world when a soldierturned-missionary and his wife rescue him from an evil shaman who has killed his parents. "I write about things I know about," Brantley says. An excerpt from his latest work reads, "The man's face was distorted with scars, waxen and stretched as if his flesh had melted. Below a prominent scarred nose, a lipless mouth formed a wide O, as wide as his red-rimmed eves, which seemed sunken into their bony sockets." Imaginative and descriptive writing fills the 398page Summer of the Waxman. It is a story that pulls experiences from the author's life. From his time as a cop to years of

nation of the queen and king will begin at 6:30 p.m.

No parking for parade

City officials remind residents to avoid parking along Main Street on the homecoming parade route after 4 p.m., Thursday.

Closing time for garden

The Victory Gardens will close this week for the season. Final distribution day will be Friday, Sept. 22. Peppers and green beans are about all that is left at the community gardens.

City tax bills are mailed

City of Marion property tax bills were mailed Tuesday. Taxes are due before Nov. 1. After that date, a 25 percent penalty will be applied to all unpaid balances.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 21 at the courthouse.

•Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21 at Rocket Arena.

 Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21 at its office on East Bellville Street.

•Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25 at Deer Lakes meeting room.





On the floor training

Practical work experience has for years been part of the secondarv educational framework. Students "cooping" at afternoon jobs is nothing new, but for more than a half dozen Crittenden County High School students, the experience to be hands on in a real healthcare setting is priceless.

Cooperative education is more than 100 years old, but there's a new emphasis on it as schools reimagine what learning should look like. The opportunity for these students to earn a few dollars is merely icing on the

cake. Luke Drawdy is a CCHS senior whose parents both work in healthcare. His excitement for the after-school program is easy to see.

"Early on I decided what I wanted to be, a family doctor," he said standing in the



CCHS senior Bailey Williams enjoys work in the lab.

front lobby of Livingston Hospital Deaconess at Salem. "I am really glad we have this opportunity.

Drawdy is trying to get into North Carolina University's pre-med program. This yearlong practice study is giving him a real taste of his dream, and he's relishing it, as are a handful of his classmates.

Bailey Williams enjoys people and helping patients.

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Local Restaurant Receipts Cool in 2Q Price instability riddles food industry

STAFF REPORT

Think it's tough to watch ups and downs in stock market?

Local restauranteur Katie Wheeler says the volatility in chicken wings is what keeps her up at night.

Restaurant sales in Marion cooled a bit during the second quarter of 2023, but Wheeler says business has been pretty good even

though summertime is not typically the best. "It's not our busiest season, but it's been pretty good," said Wheeler, who operates Game Day Pizza and Wings and The Front Porch.

According to the quarterly revenue report from Marion's three-percent tourism tax, April, May and June were a bit cooler than 2022. Sales were \$2.57 million during that period this year, down almost three percent

from a year earlier. By comparison, first quarter sales were up four percent in town.

Wheeler says the price of food and materials is all over the board, too.

"For a while we were paying \$2 per wing. That's our wholesale price. It's crazy that a wing costs that much," she said.

Wholesale costs have come down and wings are back to just under a dollar, but Wheeler says it will not last long because Tyson Foods announced in August that it is closing four chicken processing plants in Arkansas, Missouri and Indiana.

"Prices are going back up, and probably a lot," she said.

Restaurant sales have taken meteoric jumps since the start of the pandemic partly due to more traffic, but also driven largely by higher consumer prices.

Gross receipts at Marion restaurants were up 37 percent from 2018 to 2022, more than \$6.2 million. Inflation has been largely to blame.



Deaths

Cobb

Sanna LaDonn (Thompson) Cobb, 91, of Smithland, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 at Lake Way Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She loved spending time with family and especially her grandkids.

Surviving are a son, Michael (Barbara) Lane of Benton; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and eight-great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Blanton "Dab" Cobb; a son, Danny Kieth Lane; her parents, Pete and Pauline (McManus) Thompson; a sister, Max Harrison; and а brother, Vinson Thompson.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Funkhouser

Betty Lou (Clarke) Funkhouser, 83, died Friday, Sept. 15, 2023 at her home in Salem.

She was employed as a restaurant hostess.

Surviving are a daughter, Toni Larkin of Marion; three sons, Scott (Gloria) Funkhouser of Salem; Tommy Funkhouser of California and Jon Funkhouser of Germany; 12 grandchilnine dren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garnett Funkhouser; her parents, Percy Carlisle Clarke and Myrtle Bell (Daniels) Funkhouser; 11 brothers; and a sister.

There will be no services at this time. Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation

forth from Salem to Louisville every week. He began his funeral service career in Kentucky on March 1, 1971, when he accepted a position with Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem as a director and embalmer. The couple moved to Salem with their two boys, Jeff and Tim. Andy was born eight years later in 1979. In 2001, through Fox's hard work and dedication, he and Andy became the owners of Boyd Funeral Directors in Salem. Fox loved funeral service, working his last serv-

ice on Aug. 26, 2023 at the age of 80. He was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, a former board member of Livingston Hospital, past president of Salem Lions Club and past president of the Western Kentucky Funeral Directors Association. He had a love of John Deere tractors, from growing up on the family farm in rural Ohio. He was president of Boyd Funeral Directors, Cremation Service and Monuments. He loved his family. He was a man who never lost sight of where he came from and how he began. He was humble, with a true servants heart for all he helped.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Alberta Fox; three sons, Jeff (Donna) Fox of Symsonia, Tim (Carrie) Fox of South Elgin, Ill., and Andy (Marcy) Fox of Salem; three grandchildren, TJ and Abbie Fox, Trevor Faith; and sevnieces eral and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salem Cemetery, P.O. Box 26, Salem, KY 42078 or Livingston Hospital Foundation, 131 Hospital Drive. Salem, 42078. Services were Tuesday, Sept. 19 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church with Father Gary Clark officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery. The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love and support during Fox's short battle, including Father Gary Clark and the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center staff for all that they did, helping Fox pass away with the dignity he most definitely deserved. "A good funeral gets your loved one where they need to go and the family where they need to be. There's no easy way to do this. So do it right: Weep, laugh, watch, pray, love, live, give thanks and praise; comfort, mend, honor, and remember. Grief is the price we pay for being close to one another. For where there is much grief, there was great love." By Mr. Thomas Lynch

fishing, horses and his cats. But most of all he loved his kids, grandkids and family. He belonged to the **Pipefitters** Union Local 184 in Paducah, and was a lifelong member of the Hampton Methodist Church. He was also a Veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years Su-Lockhart zanne Weaver; a daughter, (Perry) Heather McDowell of Salem; a son, Ryan Weaver of Salem; two grandchildren, Eryn McDowell and Aubry McDowell; a brother, Joe Weaver of Lewisburg, Tenn.; a sister, Jane Williamson of Union Springs, Ala.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, A.T. and Kathryn (Moore) Weaver.

Services were Saturday, Sept. 16 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Andy Bryan officiating. Burial was in Hampton Cemetery.

Paid obituary

Chandler

Tommy Chandler, 71, of Marion, passed peacefully from his earthly home to his heavenly home Wednesday, Sept. 13. 2023 with Linda, his loving wife of 51 years, by his side.

He was born to Clifton and Lucille Chandler but was raised by his great-aunt and uncle, Eli and Kittie King on a farm in northern Crittenden He was a County. farmer and master electrician. He attended Baker Mis-**Baptist** sionary Church where he served as a deacon. He was also an active board member, safety officer and firefighter on the Mattoon Community Volunteer Fire Department. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Buddy (Jackie) Chandler and Bobby Chandler; four grandchildren, Kevin (Tabitha) Chandler, Matthew Chandler, Eli Chandler and Joey Chandler; and а great-grandchild Allie Chandler; a brother, Allen (Sheri) Chandler; and two sisters, Kathie Skinner and Anna L. Clouse. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifton and Lucille Chandler; and greataunt and uncle, Eli and Kittie King. Visitation was Sunday Sept. 17 at the Mattoon Community Volunteer Fire Department.



Fall fix-up

Marion's Beta Sigma Phi sorority performed what likely will be the last fall decorating at the courthouse gazebo in its current location. The structure will be moved during construction of the new judicial center on Marion's court square, and its return to the center of town will not be certain until construction is complete. From left are Sandy Gilbert, Pat Moore, Patty Gilbert, Sandra Belt and Kathy Hunt.





Services is in charge of the arrangements.

Fox

Charles "Chuck" Fox, 80, of Salem, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center of Paducah.

He was born at home in Nevada, Ohio

May 30, 1943, the son of Merle and Frances (Fadley) Fox.



Η married Alberta Damschroder on June 11, 1966. They met when Chuck was working for the funeral home and ambulance service in Upper Sandusky, Ohio and Alberta was a nurse at Bucyrus Community Hospital. He would joke, "I used to take all of the ambulance calls going to that hospital, just so I could see Alberta."

Fox began his career in funeral service during his senior year of high school. He immediately fell in love with it and worked for Lucas Funeral Homes in Upper Sandusky and Nevada, Ohio.

He earned his degree from Kentucky School of Mortuary Science in Louisville while riding the Greyhound bus back and

Weaver

Healthcare

John Moore Weaver, 74, of Salem, died Wednesday Sept. 13, 2023 at Livingston Hospital and

Services. He loved hunting,

Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY was in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made to the Mattoon Community Fire Department or Duncan Cemetery, c/o Gilbert Funeral Home, 117 West Bellville Street, Marion, KY 42064.

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Class of '83 reunion

Crittenden County High School's Class of 1983 held its 40th class reunion Saturday, Sept. 23 at Bend of the Rivers Community Center. Front from left are Lisa Boyd Wells, KaDonna Woodall Henderson, Lisa Large Evans, Rhonda Travis Dunn, Terri Payne Easley, Angela Hanor Yeisley, Angie Belt Prowell, Patty Rorer Driver, Sharon Cannon McDonald, (second row) Holly Tabor Papineau, Donna Herndon Weimer, Karen Harris Nasseri, Roberta Vaughan, Allison Voss Shepherd, Angie Newcom Head, Tom Wade, (back) Shannon Weaver, Billy Mills, Curtis Franklin, Tommy Thurman, Anthony Easley, Tony James, Greg Sheffield, Brian Croft, Jim Bauer and Craig Dossett.

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eluded authorities while building a years-long rap sheet in Crittenden and surrounding counties. Local, state and federal authorities followed Fitzgerald's tracks and watched his movements from cities like Louisville and Bowling Green to the tiny hamlet of Frances where he grew up in southern Crittenden County.

The latest manhunt for him began in late July and ended Aug. 22 in Muhlenberg County where the fugitive was cornered at a hotel. There had been a couple of other times when he'd been on the run for days and even weeks while authorities had searched for him with warrants.

Since being caught in Muhlenberg County, Fitzgerald, 35, has been formally charged with weapons and drug crimes in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky. The four federal charges stem from his reputed possession of guns while being a convicted felon active in the alpossession and leged distribution of large quantities of methamphetamine and other drugs in Crittenden and Muhlenberg counties. Authorities also say there is evidence of further violent behavior from Fitzgerald during a period beginning May 26 when the investigation was opened until he was arrested in Central City in August. That information, they say, will be considered among other sentencing criteria if Fitzgerald is found guilty in federal court. An official affidavit petitioning the U.S. District Court in Paducah to criminally charge Fitzgerald was filed by an ATF agent assigned to the case. The petition includes a sealed document not yet available for public disclosure, which could include more evidence to support the charges. Fitzgerald remains jailed with no bond on a federal detainer at the Muhlenberg County Detention Center. The case will likely be heard by a federal grand jury in Paducah in the coming weeks to determine if enough evidence exists to prosecute the case there. Information for the federal affidavit was filed by Special Agent T.J. Worthen of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Farms and Explosives (ATF). The warrant sheds some light on how area law enforcement and federal agents tracked down Fitzgerald after he eluded them in July following a motorcycle crash in Crittenden County. The warrant charges that on July 25-26, Fitzgerald was in Crittenden County and in possession of more than 500 grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. It also charges him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. Another set of identical charges are alleged in Muhlenberg County on Aug. 21-22. No other federal charges have been filed at this time. With regard to the same investigation, Fitzgerald has a number of felony

and misdemeanor charges pending in Crittenden and Muhlenberg counties. However, it's typical that state charges are dropped once an individual is either indicted or convicted in federal court as part of the same investigation. The offidavit alleges that

The affidavit alleges that investigators learned that Fitzgerald was traveling out of state to acquire large quantities of methamphetamine for distribution in western Kentucky. He is also believed to have been going regularly to other cities in Kentucky to purchase as much as 25 pounds of meth at a time for \$1,000 per pound. The affidavit says Fitzgerald was driving a relative's Nissan Altima and upon returning to western Kentucky, the suspect would take back roads where he would sell the drugs for profit. Court records allege that investigators surveilled the suspect's movements using a variety of investigative methods.

Court records say Fitzgerald was known to be in possession of multiple weapons at various times, including handguns. Two of the guns had been purchased from Madisonville Rural King by a female acquaintance, the affidavit claims. One was a 9mm CZ Scorpion handgun hought in May Information was also discovered by law enforcement that Fitzgerald was growing marijuana on his property on Brown Mines Road. The document points out that Fitzgerald has had previous felony convictions for promoting contraband, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, receiving stolen property, trafficking marijuana, assault and intimidating a participant in the legal process. The special agent's affidavit says information was discovered that Fitzgerald had threatened to kill the female friend who had purchased the guns for him, and threatened to kill her children and a male with whom Fitzgerald believed she was in a romantic relationship. Investigators learned that information on July 24. On that same day, a probation violation warrant was issued for Fitzgerald's arrest. The next day, surveillance of Fitzgerald indicated that he was en route back to Crittenden County after being out of town. Investigators began following him near Princeton and stayed on his trail until Fitzgerald reached a location near his home in the Frances community. Authorities attempted to serve a warrant on Fitzgerald, but he got away in a vehicle. Subsequently, Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head and other lawmen secured a search warrant for the suspect's home and nearby fields, which belong to another landowner, because they suspected to find evidence of drug trafficking, including a marijuana-growing operation.

ment of fentanyl pills, heroin, about a pound of marijuana, Polaroid photographs of large marijuana plants and steel flechettes that investigators say are often used in explosive munitions and improvised explosive devices. They also found a U.S. Army manual for improvised explosive munitions.

Additionally, in the residence was a hand-written note tacked to the refrigerator allegedly signed by Fitzgerald. Court documents say it read, "I am done selling dope, I'm not getting any more, and I'm done selling rocks to crack whores." It was dated June 9, 2023. Investigators believe it was meant to be seen by the woman who helped him obtain the two handguns.

The following day, at 7:15 p.m., on July 26, dispatchers in Crittenden County received a 911 call from a man who alleged that Fitzgerald had called him, threatening to come to his home and kill him and the woman.

Soon afterwards, Fitzgerald was seen driving a motorcycle in the southern part of Crittenden County. He was described as wearing all black and having a backpack with him. Also, there was a small, dark-haired female on the motorcycle who a witness said appeared to be struggling to get off of the bike. Authorities located Fitzgerald and the woman on the motorcycle near the intersection of KY 855 North and KY 70 in Frances. Police attempted to make a traffic stop, but Fitzgerald sped away. He crashed nearby and fled on foot, leaving the woman behind. The affidavit said the suspect stripped off all of his clothing down to his underwear and ran away, eluding officers in a foot chase despite being twice Tased during the encounter.

where a witness had reported it would be found.

Police believe Fitzgerald had forced the woman onto the motorcycle before encountering lawmen in Frances.

Authorities believe another woman, who was identified as a deputy jailer, was also in some type of relationship with Fitzgerald while he was on the run from police. They believe she had provided him with assistance shortly before he was seen on the motorcycle. The affidavit says the other woman had picked him up "near the railroad tracks" in the Mexico community and took him to Crayne, which happens to be where the other woman lives.

Between July 25 when Fitzgerald eluded capture and Aug. 22 when he was apprehended in Muhlenberg County, authorities were tracking his movements using various police tactics. They believed he had been in Bowling Green and stopped in Central City in Muhlenberg County while traveling in a red Chevrolet Cobalt belonging to Lee Adams of Kuttawa, who was with him.

In the middle of the night, lawmen from various agencies converged on the hotel in Central City. Hotel staff was notified that police were surveilling the premises and planning to take Fitzgerald into custody at an opportunistic time. At 6:30 a.m., the affidavit says Fitzgerald came out of the hotel and got into the red car. Although he tried to flee in the vehicle, ramming a marked state trooper's cruiser, he quickly crashed just outside of the parking lot before fleeing on foot. The special agent who filed the affidavit was among those who gave chase. The agent's narrative says Fitzgerald was given multiple commands to stop running, but looked over his shoulder and yelled, "No" and "You won't be able to catch me."

Fall Into Arts Oct. 21 at Fohs Hall in Marion

Vendors of many art forms are being solicited for the Community Arts Foundation's Fall Into the Arts Festival.

The event will include fine art vendors, demonstrations, a costume contest, food vendors, music and a kid zone.

To reserve vendor space for the Oct. 21 event at Fohs Hall in Marion, contact kimberly.vince@gmail.com or call (270) 704-1446.

During the event, the Community Arts Foundation will sell soup served in bowls created and glazed by Crittenden County High School art students. Dubbed Souport the Arts, soup will be

Correction

A Crittenden County ¹¹ student receiving face ¹² paint before the Rockets ¹¹

purchased from local and regional restaurants and sold for \$20 each. Participants will take home the bowl they select. Two types of soup and bread will be available. Watch the Community Arts Foundation's Facebook page for more information. The Soup-ort the Arts

funds to help promote funds to help promote the arts in Crittenden County. It is modeled after the international Empty Bowl initiative coordinated by charities to combat and bring awareness to hunger worldwide.

Sept. 8 football game was incorrectly identified in lat week's Press. Her name is Maddie Smiley.

about an ounce of suspected

marijuana, a half ounce of

suspected fentanyl, cash,

digital scales, drug para-

phernalia and a costume

If convicted of the federal

charges, Fitzgerald could

face 10 more years on each

of the weapons charges and

potentially 10 years to life on

the drug offenses. Each of

the charges has enhance-

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Big blue band

Crittenden County native Lanie Greenwell, a freshman at the Unviersity of Kentucky, was selected as a member of the school's marching band. Greenwell is the daughter of Zac and Marcie Greenwell of Marion and plays trumpet in the UK band.

significantly.

The overarching investigation was initiated by the Crittenden County Sheriff's Department and included personnel from other agencies, including Kentucky State Police and sheriff's departments in Lyon and Muhlenberg counties, Kentucky Probation and Parole and the Western Kentucky Violent Crimes Task Force.



REQUESTING A MAIL-IN EXCUSED ABSENTEE BALLOT

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24/7 online portal to request absentee ballot Saturday, Sept. 23 to Tuesday, Oct. 24

Kentucky State Board of Elections offers to voters an online portal at GoVote.ky.gov from Saturday, Sept. 23 to Tuesday, Oct. 24 in order to allow requests for a mail-in absentee ballot for the General Election. This is for voters who will be unable to vote in person during the election period, and voters must attest to their reason for being unable to vote in person. Ballots may also be requested during the same period by contacting Crittenden County Clerk's Office during regular business hours at 270-965-3403. Be prepared with your Social Security number.

Inside the home, officers located a .32 caliber Derringer pistol, several hundred rounds of rifle and pistol ammunition, expended cartridges, drug paraphernalia, an assortThe woman, Agent Worthen wrote in the report, "was screaming for help while Fitzgerald fled."

The backpack and clothing were secured by officers. It was later searched and allegedly contained about nine pounds of methamphetamine, scales, plastic baggies, a firearm magazine containing 9mm rounds, two cellular phones and \$1,400 cash.

The woman was taken to the sheriff's department where medical personnel were available to examine her condition. However, she refused treatment despite having what was described multiple as bruises. scratches and contusions to her arms and legs. She was wearing shorts and a T-shirt and officers were able to visually identify her injuries, the affidavit said. She also had a busted lip.

Police believe Fitzgerald had beaten her multiple times with an instrument made from a cellphone wrapped inside of a T-shirt. At some point during the alleged assault, Fitzgerald is suspected of dropping a 9mm pistol he was carrying. Investigators later went to the location of the alleged assault, a home near Frances, and found the loaded weapon in the yard The suspect was eventually brought to the ground, Tased and taken into custody.

Inside the red Chevy Fitzgerald was driving, police found a .22 caliber revolver containing six rounds of ammunition, other ammo, about five pounds of suspected methamphetamine, This notice is given pursuant to Kentucky statutes





Gov. Beshear has raised more money than Cameron

Gov. Andy Beshear has a commanding fundraising lead over Republican challenger Daniel Cameron in their matchup in Kentucky, according to an Associated Press report on their latest campaign finance reports.

A Democrat in a largely Republican state, Beshear is seeking a second term. The sitting governor has accumulated about \$15 million for the November election, while Cameron has taken in \$2.8 million. Heading into the campaign's stretch, Beshear had about three times more money in the bank.

An influx of spending by conservative Republican groups, says the AP article, has helped offset Cameron's disadvantage, as partisan groups from both sides pour money into one of the nation's most closely watched elections this year. Cameron is the state's attorney general.

Trigg gets broadband \$

Trigg County is getting more than \$2.5 million in government awards to benefit the community. The funding will support safe disposal of household hazardous waste, support site and building development and expand access to high-speed internet for residents and businesses.

Gov. Andy Beshear made the announcement last week, stating, "I've always said that our people are our best investment, and with announcements like these, we are working to ensure every Kentucky family has every opportunity imaginable right in their hometown."

The governor presented Trigg County leaders an Energy and Environment Cabinet Award for \$11,000 to support efforts to help residents safely dispose of household hazardous waste. Beshear said the community will receive \$2.5 million to further job creation and economic momentum in 11 counties. The state is providing \$225,000 to the Trigg



County Fiscal Court for its \$450,000 project in partnership with the Cadiz-Trigg County Industrial Development Authority to construct a new wastewater pump station at the Interstate-24 Business Park.

Also, Trigg was one of the counties to receive a portion of the socalled record \$386 million for high-speed internet. Trigg is getting \$2.3 million of these funds.

Kenergy, which is working to bring high-speed broadband to rural Crittenden County and other communities in its service area, did not receive any funding from the large pool of internet funds from the American Rescue Plan Act through the Kentucky Broadband Deployment Fund.

True Value is for sale

A real estate broker in Madisonville has posted an online advertisement seeking buyers for Clark's Marion True Value store. Chuck Lambdin, a Realtor with Keller Williams Elite Realty, provided few details, but posted a phone number for more information. The post displays nine photos of the business on Sturgis Road.

Brandon and Ryan Clark, brothers from Madisonville, bought the longtime Marion business in the spring of 2022. It had been operated for decades by Connie Gebhart, and her parents Wendell and LouElla Coffer before her.

Buc-ee's out at border

Media outlets from the Clarksville and Hopkinsville area are reporting



50 YEARS AGO

September 20, 1973 Wallace T. "Tony" Collins was installed as the new conservation officer for Crittenden County. He received the oath of office form Mrs. Rozella Gough, county judge pro-tem. Crittenden County High School's crosscountry team notched two big victories as it brought home the Three Rivers Conference trophy and a dual meet victory over powerful Christian County. The Rocket runners outscored contestants from three other schools in the Three Rivers Conference to claim the victory in the conference meet held at Providence. Professional wrestling came to Marion in the fall of 1973. Three matches were held at the Marion Junior High Gymnasium sponsored by the Marion Historical Society. In the main event Buddy Hack and Dave Dixon took on Corsica Bob and Rick Sanchez. ■ The loan interest rate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Storage and Drying Equipment Loan Program was raised to reflect increased borrowing costs of money to the Commodity Credit Cooperation. The interest rate was increased from 6 percent to 8.75 percent per annum computed daily. Mel Chambers, County Executive of the local county ASCS Office, said down payments required by borrowers were being raised from 15 to 30 percent because of the accelerated pace at which on-farm storage was being added.

managed only 11 yards of total offense in the first quarter and found themselves playing catch up for the second straight game. The comeback victory, however, kept the Rockets undefeated on the season. that previously planned development of a Buc-ee's Travel Center in Tennessee near the Kentucky border has been scrapped. The company that owns the large-scale convenience centers has apparently told leaders in Clarksville that it is no longer considering the locating on I-24 at Exit 1. It appears that inadequate infrastructure such as roadways off the interstate exit is at least part of the issue. The planned Buc-ee's store would have included a 77,000square-foot building and more than 100 gas pumps.

Fall book sale at library

Crittenden County Public Library will host its annual fall book sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Friends of the Library will be working the event, selling surplus books of all genres as a fundraising event.

All Friends of the Library are invited to a private early-bird sale from 5-7 p.m., on Thursday. Joining the Friends group is easy and inexpensive. You can register at the book sale. The public sale is from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., Friday and 9 a.m., until 1 p.m., on Saturday.

Friends of the Library will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday in the library meeting room.

Smithland Bridge going down

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials have announced a tentative date for demolition of the old Lucy Jefferson Lewis Memorial Bridge over the Cumberland River at Smithland. Demolition crews will drop the span on Oct. 20. Traffic on U.S. 60 and the new Smithland Bridge will be halted for about two hours during the razing of the old structure.

Brown, Olson named to serve on R-Loan board

Marion City Council on Monday seated two new directors to the Marion Revolving Loan Fund. Councilwoman Wanda Olson and local insurance agent Ricky Brown were tapped to serve four-year terms on the local board.

The Revolving Loan Fund is an economic development tool to provide low-interest loans to start-ups or businesses interested in creating jobs in Marion.

Former Gov. Jones dies

Former Kentucky Gov. Brereton Jones died Monday at age 84. He was governor from 1991 to 1995. Before being elected governor, Jones was lieutenant governor under Gov. Wallace Wilkinson from 1987 to 1991.

He had also held public office in West Virginia as a Republican before switching parties in Kentucky.

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Skinny on sports wagering in KY

As we slip into cooler weather and we look forward to enjoying the new season, college football as well as other profes-

sional and collegiate sports have begun across the nation. As you know by now, Kentucky is the one of the latest states to join in on sports wagering, making us the 37th state to

legalize sports wagering. This week, I

would like to discuss the logistics of sports wagering in our state, as well as the road that led to where we are

today. Sports wagering is not entirely new to the bluegrass state. In years prior, Kentuckians in all corners of the commongering, granting racing tracks across the state the ability to apply for licensure to establish inperson sport books at

their places of business. In addition, consumers across the state will have the ability to place wagers online through one of the approved wagering applications later this month.

USE OF VES eligible to participate are

adults 18 years of age or older, which is consistent with the age limit used for other forms of gambling, including betting on horse races, and purchasing Kentucky lottery tickets. Although, it is my understanding that most, if not all, providers have limited it to 21 and older. While sports wagering is now legal, the provisions in statute do not apply to poker or fantasy sports. All revenue raised through license fees are allocated to the newly created sports wagering administrative fund. The fund provides for all administrative costs associated with licensing and regulating providers, with 2.5 percent of the money generated committed to address problem gambling. Any remaining funds generated are set

issues I heard from constituents about and even statewide polling showed that the majority of Kentuckians favored a legal, regulated system of sports wagering.

However, we know all too well that there are pitfalls associated with gambling as some struggle with addiction. Like every other entertainment activity, it is critical that those who enjoy it do so in moderation and responsibly. In short, do not bet more than you can afford to lose and keep in mind that you can not gamble yourself into prosperity over the long haul.

We will continue to monitor how sports wagering is implemented and what impact it has on our commonwealth. In the meantime, if you or a loved one currently struggles with issues re-

lated to gambling, do not

25 YEARS AGO

September 17, 1998

 A documentary titled "River Pirates" was filmed at the cave at Cave In Rock, Ill., and was to be broadcast early the following year on The History Channel. The documentary told the story of the Harp Brothers and other gangs which hid out in the cave, robbed river travelers, and crossed the river into modern day Crittenden County.
Electronic schoolwork sounded like something from the Jetsons' cartoon; however, technology soon gave Crittenden County students the ability to access their assignments via computer. The concept was not new, yet the trend was starting to catch on in western Kentucky.

■ Despite turning the ball over six times, Crittenden County managed to get out of Webster County with a 19-7 win over the upset-minded Trojans. The Rockets (3-0)

10 YEARS AGO

September 19, 2013

■ With the days of Mayberry police tactics long gone, shootings in small and metropolitan areas prompted a sense of urgency for local law enforcement officers to become more prepared. Marion and Crittenden County officers got sophisticated training from Dale Willingham, a certified firearms instructor and former member of the Chicago Police Department SWAT team. Willingham brought some urban police training and instruction that otherwise might have been difficult to find or afford.

■ The Lucile Mine was not feasible as a secondary city water source. It's enough water to float a U.S Navy destroyer, but it wasn't used to quench the thirst of even one Marion resident. A store of millions of gallons of water in an abandoned fluorspar mine shaft was proven unfeasible as a supplemental municipal water supply to the City of Marion's two reservoirs, which have shown a vulnerability to drought in recent years. The impractical solution left the city seeking other alternatives as a backup water supply when arid periods see the levels drop at Lake George and City Lake.

■ Jim Johnson, chairman of the Marion-Crittenden County Airport Board, was named Kentucky's Airport Board Member of the Year in the general airport category at the 37th annual conference of the Kentucky Aviation Association held in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Aviation.

■ In an effort to teach students about the function and responsibilities of the chamber of commerce in their community, Crittenden County Middle School students were selected to form a junior chamber of commerce. The students learned about the functions of the chamber of commerce and how it works with local businesses for the community to succeed.

Read Brenda Underdown's Forgotten Passages column at The Press Online between newspaper issues. wealth have placed wagers using either an offshore, black-market wagering account, with a or traveling "bookie, across state lines to one of the six surrounding states that already have sports wagering infrastructure in place. Without a regulatory system in place, it was virtually impossible to address the situation and Kentucky was receiving none of the benefits, but shouldering all the costs.

To remedy this, the legislature approved HB 551, which legalized and regulated gambling on live sporting events. The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission will be responsible for handling the logistical side of wa-

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reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Jim.Gooch@lrc.ky.gov. You can also keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky legislature's home page at legislature.ky.gov.

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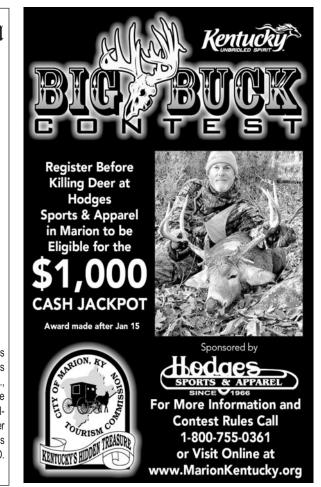
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pension funds.



Religion The Crittenden Press

Just over 35 years ago a band of Christians (which is very different than a

Christian band), released an album that presented us with what I believe is a modern midrash of Ecclesiastes. The band is U2, the album "The Joshua Tree" and the song, which lyrics follow an ever increasing wall of sound:

I have climbed highest mountains I have run

through the fields Only to be

with you Only to be with you

I have run

I have crawled

I have scaled these city

walls These city walls Only to be with you But I still haven't found what I'm looking for But I still haven't found

what I'm looking for I have kissed honey lips Felt the healing in her

fingertips It burned like fire

This burning desire I have spoke with the

tongue of angels I have held the hand of

a devil It was warm in the night I was cold as a stone

(mm, mm) But I still haven't found

what I'm looking for But I still haven't found

what I'm looking for I believe in the kingdom

come Then all the colors will bleed into one

Bleed into one

But, yes, I'm still running You broke the bonds

And you loosed the chains

Carried the cross Of my shame Of my shame You know I believe it

But I still haven't found

NOTICE

The Kentucky Motor Vehicle Commission hereby gives public notice that its regular meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 9 a.m. ET, via ZOOM. If you wish to attend, please contact us at

what I'm looking for But I still haven't found what I'm looking for.

I believe that the searching in Ecclesiastes expressthat es doubt while never giving up on faith in God

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Columnist

NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist Guest

Sean

come," and "The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man."

youth,

something There is about us that is constantly seeking meaning and relevance. It causes us to behave in ways that draw us away from our goal. This is one of the problems of "the preacher" in Ecclesiastes. He finally landed in a good place – God intends for us to enjoy the work that we have been given so stop straining so much and settle into his commandments.

Augustine confirms this thinking in the introduction to his Confessions, You awake us to delight in Your praise; for Thou made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless, until it rests in You."

There is a reason that Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." (Mt. 7:7-8, RSV).

It is not always an easy task to make sense of the world we live in. We continue to search for meaning even after we have

been given instruction in our value to God and to the world. We continue to strain because we know that things are just not right. What we are looking for is not found in the places that bring us temporary reprieve or a quick shot of adrenaline.

Endless activity for its own sake will not land us in a place of rest or satisfaction. Activity for the sake of others, however, can lead us into surprising places. Good work done to lift another person will get us closer to finding what we are looking for. Some think that religion alone will get us closer to meaning and understanding. But religion with the attending application in life is utterly useless. I am not saying religion is useless - I don't believe that. Religion without putting it into practice will leave us worse off than before.

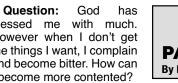
There are good reasons for us to have seasons of doubt. There are good reasons to feel exasperated at the actions of others and the state of the world. This is even more reason to ask, seek, and knock. This is why action rather than musing is the cure for doubt. We may never find all that we are looking for but we can certainly be one who makes it more possible for others to do so.

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blessed me with much. However when I don't get the things I want, I complain and become bitter. How can I become more contented? Answer: God is incredibly generous, and He pro-

vides all we need and more. When we wish for things we don't have, we can be drawn toward becoming materialistic. To battle a selfish, materialist attitude, I suggest three actions:

a new heart. A person can have a spiritual heart trans-



1. Ask God to give you



plant by receiving Christ as one's personal Savior and Lord. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, and the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17). With a heart filled with love, it's only natural to think of the needs of others.

2. Choose to focus on the good things God has given to you instead of

complaining about the things you don't have. Regularly give thanks to God for the good things God has blessed you with. In America, we're blessed with much.

3. Battle materialism through generosity. Out of the good things God has blessed you with, share with others. Being generous to others reflects God's goodness and it allows Him to work through you to meet the needs of others

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Community Events & News

■ Crooked Creek Cemetery Committee will have its annual meeting at 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 24 at the church.

■ Calvary Baptist Church in Marion will be hosting its annual homecoming celebration on Sunday, Oct. 1. Bro. Nathan Howton will be bringing the message and a fellowship will be at noon following the service. The Davis Family will be singing at 1:30 p.m.

Suicidal thoughts? Stop! dbrantpc@tds.net Email and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.

Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for oth-

The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Satur-

day of every month. First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the third Thursday 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.

ELECTION NOTICE MAIL-IN EXCUSED ABSENTEE **BALLOT PROCESSING**

Crittenden County Clerk's Office Crittenden County Office Complex 200 Industrial Dr., Marion, Ky.

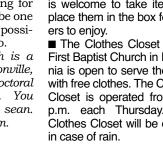
Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in Crittenden County Clerk's Office in the new Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Dr. in Marion to process excused mail-in absentee ballots returned for the General Election. However, results of absentee balloting will not be released before 6 p.m. on Election Day. This notice is given pursuant to Kentucky statutes

PLEASANT GROVE GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH will have **Unity** General Baptist Church Sept. 24-27 REVIVAL

Services at 6 p.m. Sun. and 7 p.m. Mon.-Wed.

Bro. Barry Cullen, Evangelist

Bro. Trae Gandee and congregation invite





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(502) 573-1000 or email Jessica.baskett@ky.gov for the specific link to the desired meeting.

Because Veteran's Day will be observed on the second Friday of November (Nov. 10), the November meeting will instead be held on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023



Please come

Sept. 25-27

6 p.m.

with

Bro. Chuck DePriest

from Southern Illinois

Highway 641, Crayne Ky.

everyone to attend.

The church is located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem



County court days of old were exciting times

From the archives of The Crittenden Press let's re-visit some of the activities of our town in yesteryear. County Court Day was a special day everyone looked forward to and Marion was full of people from daylight to dark.

Feb. 17, 1910 - Fine Stock Surrounded the **Court Square**

The day dawned bright and clear and with the exception of a strong wind from the South, the day was all anyone could wish for County Court Day.

From sun up until noon the people seemed to pour into town from every quarter.

The North- and Southbound train brought auite a number from Henderson, Morganfield. Sturgis, Blackford, Crayne, Fredonia and Princeton.

Judge Blackburn convened the county court and in a short time disposed of the regular business docket, which was very light.

Brenda

Underdown

County Historian

Forgotten Much fine Passages stock was exhibited on the street all around the Court Square, which

made it look like a county fair. Just across from the

Court House, a doctor selling headache medicine was alternately entertaining a large crowd selling his medicine. He had the crowd and sold the medicine.

Feb. 18, 1921 - Around the Courthouse

Monday was a fine day. The weatherman seemed to have made the day to order, the heavens were cloudless, the air balmy and old sol seemed to be in his best suit

For some weeks past, the weather conditions had been soggy. Early in the morning the people began to come into town from every direction on horseback, in buggies, two and four horse wagons, afoot and by train until the town was full of men, women and children. It was the largest



An early picture of the old courthouse (1871-1961). Note the horses and buggies on the right of the picture.

land office business with his lunch counter, which was located on jockey lot.

The pavements around the public square were jammed almost all day

until one had wit and to move as the crowd moved or else go out in the street to get by.

stores The were practically all crowded with purchasers from a penny's worth up. The public square was filled up and the religious troupe was

banios, songs

with

and taking a collection. Also the blind man with his harp was on hand with the tin cup kept prominent.

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Everybody wore a smile and looked hopeful, no sort of disturbance was reported. Many prospective candidates were in the throng feeling their way so they might decide as to the advisability of throwing their hats into the ring. They sure were some broad smiles as they shook the hands of the people.

Most all the business houses, music store, hardware, drug stores, groceries and dry goods and especially the eating places report good sales. Mr. Cox said it was the best day he ever had. Guy Givens, the restaurant man, was just so swamped that he had not recovered sufficiently to know what to say only he just could not take care of his trade.

Mr. Alvis Stephens said

The banks reported a mighty busy day. Taylor and Taylor re-

ported good sales. D. O. Carnahan said he did not sell as much as he wanted to but sold more than he expected.

The new firm of Moore and Daughtrey report a good business day.

April 14, 1922 - County Court Day

Despite the threatening aspect of the clouds and in face of the weatherman's predictions of rain, an unusually large crowd attended County Court Monday.

They came from the four corners of the county from even across Tradewater and the Caldwell and Livingston county lines. They came in from everywhere and from all directions, on the trains, in automobiles, in buggies and wagons, on horseback and afoot. They got here somehow and filled the streets full.

Everybody was in a good humor and was glad to see everybody else. No disturbances occurred and no arrests were made during the day. The policeman had nothing to do but shake hands with his friends.

The horse traders were here and showed off their trading stock to the best possible advantage. The razor strap salesman and the blind man's organ vied with each other as to which could make the most noise and attract the biggest crowd.

It was Implement Day with the firm of T. H. Cochran and Co. and they displayed and demonstrated and sold many of their implements.

The ladies of the Wom-



County Court Day was a good day to sit with friends on the courthouse lawn and discuss the problems of the world and enjoy the day.

courthouse yard, brought to Marion and which was liberally paplaced on the market. tronized. Wagon load after wagon load of watermelons Along toward night the

crowd adjourned to meet again at the May term of County Court.

August 14, 1925 -Large Crowd In Town Monday

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Monday was County Court Day for Crittenden County. The day owed its importance not only to the fact that it was then that some of the business of the county was attended to and that accused law breakers were called before the bar of justice to give account of their alleged misdemeanors and were judged innocent or have their sentence pronounced upon them, but a day of social gathering for the people.

Last Monday as is usual with County Court Days was greatly enjoyed in a social way by the people of the rural communities, when great numbers of them gathered at the county seat and enjoyed meetings with their friends and kinsfolk from other communities.

Many people from other parts of the county thronged the leading stores all throughout town to do the week's or month's shopping.

Various kinds of pro-

and cantaloupes were in town, the drivers vending their wares from the street corners or from door to door.

And of course the time honored custom of "horse and mule swapping" had its place, while not such an important one perhaps as it was in the days before automobiles, trucks and motor-driven farm machinery came in for such a large degree of popularity.

Court itself was in session only a few hours, and nothing important came up from notice, only the routine of business was followed.

County Court Days were an exciting time in our history. The old town of Marion misses those busy days of yesteryear.

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).

PUBLIC NOTICE Attention: Kerosene, Propane, Fuel Oil, Coal and Wood Vendors

Beginning November 6, 2023 through December 15, 2023, Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. (PACS) will be administering the Subsidy Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP). From January 9, 2024 through March 31, 2024, or until all monies have been expended, PACS will be administering the Crisis Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

If you or your company is interested in becoming an approved vendor for the LiHEAP Components, you may obtain a Vendor's Application Packet from Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc., P.O. Box 549, 1100 South Liberty Street, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240. You may call (270) 886-6341 to request a packet to be mailed to you.

The completed application and signed Vendors Agreement for both Subsidy and Crisis Programs must be returned to PACS Central Office no later than October 6, 2023.

A Vendors Meeting will be held at the following locations on specified dates and time:

Oct. 5, 2023 10 a.m.	Oct. 6, 2023 10 a.m.
Pennyrile Allied	Lyon County
Community Services, Inc.	Senior Center
1100 South Liberty Street	631 W. Dale Avenue
Hopkinsville, KY 42240	Eddyville, KY 42038
LiHEAP is federally funded through the	Department for Community Based

Services, Cabinet for Families and Children.

ATTENTION LAND OWNERS

crowd of men in the city for some time.

Early in the day, jockey lot began to be crowded with men with their animals for trade or sale. It is reported that there were 500 men there with one or more head of stock. There were few sales made but many animals changed hands.

Mr. John Speece did a

it was the biggest sale day they had for quite a while.

Mr. George Orme reported the biggest trade in a long time.

Bob Haynes said his trade reminded him of the good old days.

The M. H. Cannan Company reported an unusually good day.

en's School Improvement Club gave a dinner on

duce. fruit of Crittenden county soil, were



THANK YOU

The Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank everyone who participated in the golf scramble on Sept. 9, 2023 at Deer Lakes Golf Course.

A special thank you to all the hole sponsors and door prize sponsors.

HAS AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK AND CLIENT BASE THAT ENTIRE NATION AND INCLUDES FARMERS, SPORTSMEN, REACHES THE

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT KENTUCKY LAND SPECIALIST, MARK WILLIAMS (270) 836-0819

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY 118.1 - \$299,000 - This property has the right habitat for deer a provide the program with the added bonus of a rustic one-room hunting the provide the provided in a gdm neighborhood and has plenty of deer sign throughout!

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY at 29 36,869 - Property has a diverse mix of habitat ty 50 2 5 system, numerous entry points along road frontage, hunter-friendly topography, a creek, and planted pines.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY 55 78 COUNTY AND THIS tract has the right blend of habita **DENIC** grow and hold big bucks with the addee bonus of a fully furnished pole barn cabin! Includes a Redneck hunting blind and feeders!

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 113.44 ACRES - \$269,422 - All timber hunting tract. This tract is located in an area known for big bucks and has timber diversity.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 119.44 ACRES - \$235,906 - Mostly timber hunting tract geared toward turkeys and whitetails. This tract has a diverse topography with dynamic terrain features and timber diversity.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 189.63 ACRES - \$501,265 - All timber hunting tract. This property is a timbered ridge top with food plots and a natural saddle.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 427 ACRES - \$918,237 - Timbered ridge top hunting tract! This tract has the ideal blend of habitat types for mature whitetails and wild turkeys.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 201.98 ACRES - REDUCED! \$759,000 - This property has a diverse blend of habitat types and topography with a home, outbuildings and a proven history of big bucks. The home has 2,025 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 0.9 ACRES - REDU CED! \$105,000 - This rustic cabin with storage buildings provides the ideal base camp for your hunting adventures! This cabin has 1,192 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and one bathroom, a spacious living area with a fireplace, a full kitchen with plenty of cabinet space, a full bathroom and laundry room.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 265.67 ACRES - \$742,500 Diverse hunting tract with waterfowl potential! This tract has the ideal habitat types for deer, turkeys and waterfowl hunting! This river bottom farm has approximately 1.5 miles of frontage along the Tradewater River

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 139.95 ACRES - \$318,386 - Great hunting tract with dynamic hunter friendly topography, mast producing timber, security cover, open areas for food plots and a good trail system.



ELECTION NOTICE EXCUSED ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

White Chapel Church & Cemetery

will have its annual meeting

Sunday, September 24

at 2 p.m.

Cemetery and church are solely operated by donations only. All donations will be appreciated. Everyone welcome, please attend.

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Crittenden County Courthouse 107 S. Main St., Marion, Ky. **Crittenden County Office Complex** 200 Industrial Dr., Marion, Ky.

Because of the transition of county offices from the courthouse to their new home on Industrial Drive, Crittenden County Board of Elections will offer two drop boxes for deposit of excused mail-in absentee ballots for the General Election for voters choosing to not mail their ballot back to Crittenden County Clerk's Office. HOWEVER, only the courthouse will be open until government offices move across town.

Drop boxes will be located inside Crittenden County Courthouse at 107 S. Main St. in Marion and inside Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Dr. in Marion, available during regular business hours, weekdays 8 a.m. to $4{:}30$ p.m. If one building is not open, the other will be available for voters to securely drop off their ballots.

As required by statute, the drop boxes will be under camera surveillance 24/7 and clearly marked.

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2000 Massey Ferguson 1,300 hrs., 46hp, 231S. 2WD, excellent condition with 6 ft. Bushhog brand mower, \$12,000; 5 ft. Bushhog brand tiller, like new, \$2,000. (270) 210-5620. (3t-40-p)

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sales

Garage sale rain or shine, 302 Hillcrest Drive, Marion, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 22-23, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Lots of Christmas, ladies winter clothes, cookware, crystallamps, dishes

and furniture. Rain or shine. (1t-38-p)

for rent

Horse barn with 8 stalls for rent. Exercise area inside barn, training pen outside. Includes water, electricity and 25-acre pasture. (270) 969-0228. (2t-38-p)

employment

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LABORERS NEEDED IM-MEDIATELY! Full-time local positions, 1st & 2nd shift. Good starting wage \$16 or more based on skill & experience. Must pass background & drug screen. Apply at Liberty Tire Recycling, 2071 US 60 West, Marion KY or email resume to hmaloney@libertytire.com. Call for more info 270-965-3613. Equal Opportunity Employer. (tfc-c)

services

CONCRETE WORK: Parking lots, garages, steel buildings, walls, sidewalks, driveways, room additions, rock driveways, clean ditches. Call for quote (270) 724-4672, Joe Mattingly Concrete Construction. (20t-44-p)

Valley View Windows, custom built vinyl windows, 3-week lead time. Free estimates. We install for new construction and replacement. Double-pane glass, low E and Argon or clear glass. Closed Thurs., Sat. and Sun. New Location: 2111 Turkey Knob Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064. (52t-26-p)

notice

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against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor with will annexed on or before the 18th day of March, 2024 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date



shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately.

Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-38-c)

Notice is hereby given that on September 19, 2023 Cobie Evans of 108 E. Carlisle St., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administrator of Alfred Everett Jeffers. deceasd, whose address was 835 Wright Rd., Salem, Ky. 42078. Cobie Evans, 108 E. Carlisle 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 administrator before the 18th day of March, 2024 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

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Pictured above (from left) are Livingston Hospital employees Taylor Crabtree and Jessica Head and students Adrianna Buckley, Bailey Williams, Avery Johnson, Luke Drawdy and Ava Henry. In the bottom two photos are Buckley and Henry on the floor doing their jobs. Not pictured were other student co-op workers Haylee Perrin and Allie Beard.

CARE

Continued from page 1 She's been able to move through various departments at the hospital and really likes the laboratory work.

"Being able to go to different areas is helping me decide what I want to study in college," she said.

The program is just another cooperative partnership between the school district and employers. These active learning options are eyeopening experiences for a students and they are quick to point out benefits.

"I am just loving it," said Ava Henry. "When I get up in the morning, it's the first thing I think about. All day at school, I'm thinking about when I can go to work."

Henry wants to be a dentist and while she's getting no practical experience with teeth at the Students at Crittenden County High School interested in careers in healthcare are also involved in another project, partnering with Crittenden Community Hospital to create a blueprint for a highly-efficient emergency department. Students, some of the same involved in the after-school co-op at Livingston Hospital, have been touring the Marion healtcare facilitiy to get ideas about how they would build their own emergency department.

their jobs where they earn a paycheck, making just over minimum wage as Patient Care Technicians (PCT). Each of the students is enrolled in teacher Casey Evans' bio-med class at the high school. Oftentimes, they pick up a few additional hours on the weekend.

Their first week on the job was filled with orientation and instruction. The students learned how to care for patients from bathing and walking them to transporting them from location to location safely. There was more technical training, too, like how to obtain vital signs, perform an echocardiogram and draw blood. From simple everyday care procedures to more complicated yet basic diagnostic testing, their hands are on it. Adrianna Buckley has found that physical therapy might be her gig and Avery Johnson is leaning toward the emergency room now that she's been on the floor. Her sister, Taylor Crabtree, is one of the hospital professionals who've helped guide the program through its early days.

"We built this program from the ground up," said Jessica Head, who along with Livingston Hospital's Chief Nursing Officer Tessa Evans and Jessica Head authored the program after the hospital was approached by school personnel about forming a partnership. Head has enjoyed de-

Head has enjoyed developing the framework for the project. She's been a perfect fit because Head wears many hats within the hospital, one of them is being responsible for staff education.



Topp Guns Bear

Gunner Topp of Marion harvested this two-year-old bear during a guided hunt last week in Oxbow, Maine. The 14-yearold Crittenden County High School freshman took the 83-pound bear with a 30-06 rifle.



Original Sounds Coming Soon

Local performers Classy and Grassy entertained guests at last week's 20-year anniversary of Farmers Bank's physical presence in Salem. The band has recently completed work on its first set of original music and will be releasing it next month. The group will be meeting with label executives this week. Stay tuned for details.



ROCKETS

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Benefitting Crittenden County High School Golf Teams

hospital, just absorbing the healthcare profession is solidifying her passion and purpose.

"I really like what I am experiencing here," she says with a big smile.

The students are working three hours each afternoon. They leave school a bit early to get to Once the students complete their co-op and finish high school they can sit for a test to become a certified PCT, which is an entry level role sometimes referred to as CNA or certified nursing assistant.

Crittenden County residents seeking to personalize their vehicle with a custom Kentucky license plate will get a better view of the options when the Crittenden County Clerk and other local government offices move to their new location in Industrial Park South inside the remodeled and expanded Crittenden County Office Complex, the former Marion Ed-Tech Center. The new offices open Monday, Oct. 9 and the license display will be in the clerk's office.



BOOK

Continued from page 1 living on the family farm just north of Marion. Brantley still owns a few acres of Crittenden County real estate and says the book by no means is based on actual people although its setting is closely based on his home community.

The Waxman tells a tale of a disillusioned Chicago police officer who returns to his roots in western Kentucky seeking solace after a tragedy. That's Deke

Campbell, the main character who tries to build another life as a laidback county sheriff's deputy. Problems arise, however, when a boyhood rival renews hostilities just as Deke Campbell finds romance in the courthouse where the sheriff's office is on the second floor much like it has been for decades inside the real Crittenden County Courthouse. A tumultuous summer is made mysterious by the Waxman, a local hermit suffering from Werner syndrome who lives out his faith despite rejection from locals. The suspense thriller navigates unexpected twists and intense scenes until the story crescendos into a surprise conclusion.

"I haven't had anybody say they expected it to end like it does," Brantley said. "I have had a lot of good comments so far from people who've read it. They tell me that I have a real page-turner with this one."

The book is available on Amazon and other online book stores.

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY **Sports Events** THURSDAY

Soccer hosts Webster County FRIDAY

Football Homecoming Game Football hosts Owensboro Catholic Volleyball at Wreck at Plex, Hoptown SATURDAY

Cross Country at Marshall County Volleyball at Wreck at Plex, Hoptown Jr Pro Football at Union County

MONDAY

Soccer at Webster County Volleyball hosts Marshall County JV Football at Paducah Tilghman TUESDAY

Soccer hosts Union County, Sr Night Volleyball at Trigg County MS Football at Caldwell County

BASKETBALL Girls host tailgate party

CCHS Lady Rockets basketball team will host a tailgate party in the multipurpose room from 5 to 6:45 p.m., Friday before the Rockets host Owensboro Catholic for football. A pork chop meal is \$7 and a hotdog meal \$5. Tickets are available from CCHS basketball players, coaches or booster members.

GOLF Upcoming events

•Saturday, Sept. 23 First United Golf Scramble at The Heritage to benefit CCHS golf team.

·Saturday, Sept. 30 4-Person Scramble to benefit Crittenden County High School baseball team will be held at Deer Lakes Golf Course. Register at the pro shop or call 270-704-3034.

KICKBALL Open kickball at M-CCP

There will be a youth kickball tournament at Marion-Crittenden County Park on Sunday. Team registration begins at 1:30 p.m., and games start at 2 p.m. There will be food for everyone, burgers, hotdogs, chips and a drink. Each team will consist of 8 to 10 players. Marion Baptist Church is sponsoring the event. For more information, contact Shawn Holeman at 270-704-1493.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the most common hunting opportunities currently in season or comina un:

son or coming up.	
Bullfrog	May 19 - Oct 31
Squirrel	Aug 19 - Nov 10

CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

CCHS VOLLEYBALL

Crittenden County beat Livingston Central in straight sets at home Monday 25-8 25-14 25-22. Crittenden improved to 3-0 in Fifth District action with one more match this season against Trigg County scheduled for Tuesday at Cadiz.

The Lady Rockets have not lost a district match in three seasons and are on track for another league crown. The girls have won four straight matches and haven't lost a set over the past two games. The are ranked 4th in the Second Region power ratings behind UHA, Christian County and Caldwell County, a team CCHS dispatched in straight sets last week.

Carly Porter leads the team in kills with 81 and Katie Perryman has 66. Perryman is also the squad's top blocker with 21. Riley Smith, the team's setter has 201 assists. Riley Kirby has 89 digs this season, averaging 2.12 per game and Hannah Mott is the serve leader with 30 aces.

MS GIRLS SOFTBALL

Crittenden County closed out its first ever middle school softball season on Friday with a significant 12-4 win at Lyon County. The team finished the season with a 6-10 record. The JV squad was 2-4-1 on the season.

At Lyon, sixth-grader Karlee Jent had three hits and drove in six runs. She had two doubles and scored two runs. Jordyn Hodge and Ayanna Matthews had two hits apiece. Sarah Green and Aliza Maraman had extra base hits. Brodi Rich pitched, allowing seven hits, walking one and striking out six.

LADY ROCKET SOCCER

Crittenden County's soccer season is winding down toward the playoffs, which will begin in early October.

The girls are 5-6 on the season after fallign 11-0 at Henderson Tuesday night.

CCHS has just three games remaining in the regular season. The team plays at Union County Monday then will be home for its final two matches against Union County and Hopkinsville on Tuesday and Thursday of next week, respectively.

Based on the KHSAA power rankings, CCHS is No. 8 out of 13 teams in the region.

CCHS lost 8-1 in a district match last Thursday at Lyon County. Lizzie Campbell scored the team's only goal on an assist by Ella Geary. Hannah Long had



CCHS frontline players Brooke Winstead (12) and Carly Porter defend the net during Monday night's varsity district matchup against Livingston Central.

Foster

13 saves at keeper.

GOLF

Foster advances to state-semis Crittenden County senior Jeremiah

Foster shot 2-over-par Tuesday in the First Region Golf Tournament at Drake Creek Golf Course in Ledbetter. His 74 was good enough to earn a berth in Tuesday's first round of the KHSAA State Tournament at Calvert City Golf Course. If Foster

can make the cut in the semi-state

round, he will advance to the Leach-

try Club Oct. 5-7. Eighty golfers will

make the cut for the championship

round.

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man Buick GMC Cadillac/KHSAA State

In the regional tournament, CCHS's

Turner Sharp and Grayson Davidson

ment was Wednesday at Paxton Park

Golf Course in Paducah. Lady Rocket

scheduled to tee off at 8 a.m. She will

be the only CCHS female participating

ture medalist honors at a three-team

girls' match at The Heritage in Marion.

Holeman shot a 45 last week to cap-

in the regional tournament.

sophomore golfer Georgia Holeman was

each carded an 86 and Avery Belt shot

The girls' Second Region Golf Tourna-

Finals Round at Bowling Green Coun-



pated in the match.

den County distance runners Saturday in a 5K race at Paducah. She finished 24th in the St. Mary Invitational with a time of 25:11.72.

Abby Korzenborn shot 67 for CCHS.

Lyon and Webster counties also partici-

Ella Geary was 27th at 25:49.09 and Karsyn Potter 38th at 28:14.42

Junior Asa McCord led CCHS boys with a 60th-place finish on a time of 21:14.68. Jayden Gibson finished 73rd, Jaxton Duncan 93rd, Matthew Valentine 133rd and Wyatt Gibson 134th. There were 138 runners and 13 teams. CCHS finished last in team results. Livingston was 10th overall as Machi Davidson led the Cardinal runners with a time of 18:28.82 for a 16th-place finish.

MS FOOTBALL

Crittenden County Middle School improved to 4-2 on the season with a 34-14 win on the road Tuesday at James Madison in Madisonville.

Quarterback Conner Poindexter threw for a touchdown to receiver Eli Lovell and he rushed for a TD. Ethan Sosh rushed for two touchdowns.

On defense, Cadence Hackney and Alex Hewitt had interceptions for the Rocket middle schoolers.





Dove Sept 1 - Oct 26 Canada goose Sept 1-15 Deer archery Sept 2 - Jan 15 Sept 2 - Jan 15 Turkey archery Sept 16-20 Wood duck Sept 16 - Jan 15 Deer crossbow Sept 16-24 Teal Oct 1 - Feb 29 Racoon hunting Turkey crossbow Oct 1-22 Deer muzzleloader Oct 21-22 Oct 14-15 Deer youth hunt Turkey shotgun Oct 28 - Nov 3 Turkey crossbow Nov 11 - Dec 31 Deer rifle season Nov 11-26 Nov 13 - Feb 29 Squirrel Quail Nov 13 - Feb 29 Nov 13 - Feb 10 Rabbit Racoon trapping Nov 13 - Feb 29 Gray or red fox Nov 13 - Feb 29 Nov 13 - Feb 29 Beaver Nov 18 - Feb 29 Bobcat Nov 23 - Dec 3 Dove Nov 23 - Feb 15 Canada goose Dec 2-8 Turkey shotgun Deer late muzzleloader Dec 9-17 Dove Dec 23 - Jan 14 Dec 30-31 Deer free youth hunt Year Round Coyote Ground hog Year Round See more dates at fw.ky.gov

Deer harvest is normal

With just over a week left in the September segment of archery deer season, the harvest is about average. Crittenden County hunters had taken 56 deer with a bow as of Monday of this week. Based on harvest data over the past 10 years, the current trend is on target for a typical opening month of season. Last year, hunters took 96 deer September. In the two previous years that figure was over 100 both times. The biggest take during September was 166 in 2017.

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Marion man gets 10 years for shooting, other charges

STAFF REPORT

Testimony in Crittenden County Circuit Court last week explained how a Marion man agreed to sign divorce papers in order to get credit toward a prison sentence handed down by Judge Daniel Heady.

In three felony cases dating back to late 2022, Rocky Walker, 44, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a cumulative term of 10 years.

During his sentencing, with his wife, a victim in the case, listening over a speaker phone, Walker discussed his agreement to sign the dissolution documents on his marriage as part of the plea agreement. Among the felonies he faced was one of threatening to kill his wife.

Walker waived separate sentencing and was immediately remanded into the custody of the Kentucky Department of Corrections.

Walker was sentenced to three years for wanton endangerment from multiple incidents in October 2022 when he fought with a man, fired a sawed-off shotgun during a confrontation and brandished a 9mm handgun in another encounter. A five-year sentence was issued for second-degree burglary and two years for tampering with a witness by calling a woman from his jail cell in an attempt to prevent testimony against him. He was also sentenced to lesser time on a variety of other misdemeanors, including violating a court protective order filed by a victim in the case. Prison time for the most signifi-

Circuit Court

cant convictions will run consecutively for a total of 10 years to serve.

•Joseph Workman, 44, of Salem pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Workman was arrested at a home on Keeling Street in June when authorities went there to serve a search warrant. At the residence more than two grams of methamphetamine were found. Workman was sentenced to three years on the felony and 365 days on the misdemeanor with the time to run concurrently. The court will grant probation so long as he completes an inpatient treatment program which he's halfway through, and other stipulations.

•Christopher Freeman, 54, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of second-offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine); misdemeanor charges of seconddegree fleeing or evading police in a vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia; and traffic violations for not wearing a seat belt, improper turning and operating on an expired driver's license. He was arrested last spring after Sheriff Evan Head observed him operating a vehicle on US 641 and attempted to make a traffic stop, knowing that there were active warrants for

Freeman's arrest. A chase ensued speeds in excess of 80mph before it ended on Campbell Lane. Freeman was sentenced to one year on the felony drug offense and lesser time and fines on the misdemeanors and violations for a total of one year.

•John Allen Kinnis, 52, of Marion was pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree, second-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, operating on a suspended driver's license and other traffic violations. Kinnis was arrested Feb. 12 in downtown Marion following a traffic stop just before midnight. All sentences will run concurrent for a three-year sentence. The court did not oppose probation so long as a Kinnis completes a substance abuse program and after-care rehabilitation.

•Danielle C. Davis, 34, of Marion was sanctioned for failure to complete a court-ordered substance abuse program. Prosecutors agreed to allow her to go into another treatment program after serving 30 days in jail in lieu of revoking her probation.

•Ashley M. Hiester, 27, of Salem had a 2019 pretrial diversion set aside from a drug possession case after she violated terms of her probation. Court testimony indicated that Hiester failed to comply with a court-ordered treatment program by failing drug tests and also for being charged with DUI in Marion.

Judge Heady revoked the diversion and sentenced Hiester to three years on the original felony charge from 2019. She will be held in jail until another drug possession case in McCracken County can be settled.

•Devin Tanner, 27, of Marion had his pretrial diversion from a 2019 drug case set aside and he was ordered to serve the original three-year sentence on top of another three-year sentence in a separate case. The time will run consecutive.

•Russell Nelson, 47, of Gilbertsville pleaded guilty in two cases of flagrant non-support, one from Crittenden County and another from Union. He was sentenced to five years on each case for a total of 10 years. The time will be probated for five years in each case so long as he makes child support payments and follows other court orders, including completion of a substance abuse treatment program from a separate case in Marshall County.

•Robert N. Sherer, 41, of Marion had his probation revoked for failure to comply with provisions of his early release on a couple of 2021 drug convictions. He was ordered to complete two three-year sentences from those drugrelated cases.

•William Sherer, 50, of Marion had his probation revoked from a 2021 drug conviction, and he was ordered to serve 30 days in jail. At that point, he can be shock probated to a court-approved substance abuse program.

utive Perry Newcom bought a \$10 ticket to support the Kentucky Sheriff's Association Boys and Girls Ranch and won a John Deere UTV valued at \$18,500. Pictured is Lyon **County Sheriff Brent White,** Judge Newcom in the cockpit, Sheriff's Association Assistant **Director Tracy Powell, Critten**den County Sheriff Evan Head and Crittenden County Deputy Boyd Bates. The Sheriff's Ranch hosts almost 500 boys and girls every summer at Gilbertsville where they can attend for free. The UTV raffle is the ranch's biggest annual fundraiser. This year 14,000 tickets were sold.

Crittenden County Judge-Exec-



Lake renewal would be costly

STAFF REPORT

Just weeks away is work to shore up Lake George so it can temporarily hold enough water to keep Marion from a serious shortage.

The project to build a coffer dam, plug off a leaking pipe and stabilize the levee will cost about \$1.5 to \$2 million. City leaders expect state emergency funds to largely foot the bill.

However, repairing Lake George to its former glory, so to speak, will cost \$4 to \$7 million. If the city decides to undertake that endeavor it will be on the hook for all of that cost.

Because of permitting requirements and the temporary nature of some of the emergency mitigation work at the reservoir, any plan to further restore the lake to its original size will need to be done soon. Tim Thomas, the town's water crisis consultant, told Marion City Council on Monday that the clock is ticking. He said local leaders need to decide within the next few months whether they plan to completely rebuild the lake. If they do, further decisions will need to be made about financing it.



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Voting

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Land records

Our deed room will be closed Oct. 2-6. Prior to that, access to undigitized records is limited and may require you to call ahead for access, as many records have already been relocated across town. Many records are available at KyCountyRecords.com for a subscription fee.