

SET YOUR FALL CALENDAR WITH COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Arts exhibits, vendors and demonstrations will showcase the talents of local and area residents during a Fall Into the Arts Festival at Fohs Hall all day Saturday, Sept. 24.
- Rocket football homecoming is Oct. 14 and the week will be filled with activities, including the annual homecoming parade on Main Street and powder puff football game on Oct. 13.
- Crittenden County Bale Trail self-tours begin Friday, Oct. 14. Maps will be available at the Extension office. Voting for best display will be done at Crittenden County Bale Trail on Facebook. Winners will be announced Nov. 5.
- Trick or Treat on Main Street will be on Halloween, which is Monday, Oct. 31.
- Daylight Saving Time will end at 2 a.m., on Nov. 6.

NO TRASHING FOR 4 DAYS

Crittenden County Convenience Center will be temporarily closed Friday and Saturday of this week and again Friday and Saturday of next week. The convenience center is where residents can dump their trash in large bins located at the county road department.

VICTORY GARDENS CLOSING

Crittenden County's Victory Gardens near the park will close for the season after distribution on Friday, Sept. 30. The community gardens will have typical late summer produce until that time. The gardens and distribution are tended by work-release inmates from the Crittenden County Detention Center.

PLAYGROUND GOING UP AT CITY-COUNTY PARK

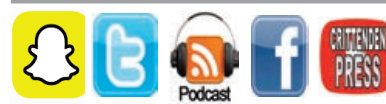
The large playground equipment purchased by Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission is being installed at Marion-Crittenden County Park. A four-foot fence will be erected to surround the playground. Volunteer work to complete the project construction phase could take a few weeks then a base of rubber material will be added before the playground will open to public use.

1ST RESPONDERS, MILITARY

First responders and military personnel, both active and retired, will be recognized during halftime of Friday night's varsity football game at Rocket Stadium. Anyone interested in participating should check in at the main entrance.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22 at Crittenden Elementary School
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26 at Deer Lakes meeting room.



Teacher of the Year

Perez recognized by governor as Kentucky's top of her class

By Audrie Lamb & The Crittenden Press

When Mandy Perez was little, she remembers asking her elementary school teachers at the end of every school year for their extra worksheets. "I would take those worksheets home and play school with my little sister during the summertime," she said. "I never stop learning, and I love working with children. It's my passion in life."

Perez, a sixth-grade English and language arts teacher at Crittenden County Middle School, has been named the 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year.

"I truly had not prepared myself for this type of honor," she said Monday while driving home from Frankfort.

Surprised she was, but indeed grateful.

"I am truly honored and humbled to represent our community, our school district and our amazing students. I just love what I do," she added.

Perez also was named the Kentucky Middle School Teacher of the Year.

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE)

and Valvoline, co-sponsors of the award, announced Perez's selection at an in-person ceremony Monday at the Kentucky State Capitol Rotunda.

Perez's middle school teachers in Morganfield, Richard Littrell and Lora Lee Duncan, saw something special in her and helped her believe in herself. To this day, Perez still has a book in her classroom library gifted to her by Duncan.

"Both of these educators set the bar high in education for me," she said. "I hope that I have in some way passed on the greatness they shared with me and my educational experience

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Crittenden County Middle School teacher Mandy Perez is credited with a great deal, but her penchant for enticing students to read is uncanny.

Temporarily Closed Chapel Hill latest imperiled bridge

STAFF REPORT

A bridge on Chapel Hill Road just south of Marion near the city water plant was closed to traffic on Monday, but quick action by the fiscal court should solve the problem in a few weeks.

Crown Contracting and Paving of Princeton will begin work in a few days to repair the bridge. Work could take about four to five weeks, said Carl Brown of Crown, which won a competitive bid for the job despite having the highest of two price offers.

Crittenden County Fiscal Court approved hiring Crown for the project because it could begin almost immediately. M&G Services of Marion had a lower bid, but couldn't begin until much later.

"That's a pretty important route for school buses and everything else," said Magistrate Greg Rushing.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom

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Chapel Hill Road's Crooked Creek Bridge is among the county's problematic bridges. It is scheduled to be repaired in the coming days.

Low Limit Bridges in Crittenden

There are 55 county road bridges in Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's District 1 area that have weight limits of 13 tons or less.

Road and Crossing	Tons	Built
Nunn Switch Rd, Hoods Creek	13	1970
Chapel Hill Road, Crooked Creek	3	1970
Mexico Road, Clement Creek	3	1970
Mexico Road, Claylick Creek	5	1960

County Road Bridges Under 14 Tons

County	Bridges	Hickman	3
Calloway	23	Livingston	2
Graves	10	Fulton	1
Ballard	9	Lyon	1
Crittenden	4	Marshall	1
McCracken	3	Trigg	1

Per capita, Marion is disc golf capital of U.S.

STAFF REPORT

Now featuring a third disc golf course, Marion appears to be the new United States capital of the growing sport. According to online data, Anchorage, Alaska had the most such venues of any city with 4.7 disc courses for every 100,000 residents.

Do the math, Marion now has almost 100 per capita and is home to perhaps the longest course in Kentucky.

The newest range opened last week at the Heritage at Marion Golf and Pool.

Designed by Marion resident Braxton Winders with assistance from Disc Crazy in Louisville, the 18-hole course is built along tree lines and in groves of trees at the existing 9-hole golf course. It measures 10,000 feet. The other

two free courses in Marion are located at the City-County Park and at the nearby Lions Club Fairgrounds. The Lions Club course is seasonal.

Marion Golf & Pool grounds supervisor Blair Winders said disc golf is an additional recreational sport to be offered in Marion which should draw players from numerous states.

The first big event for the course will be a two-day tournament starting late next week. Winders said the length of the course at the Heritage makes it highly appealing to those who seek course challenges.

The Clark's True Value Open, sponsored by the City of Marion Tourism Commis-

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Braxton Winders designed the new disc golf course at The Heritage, formerly the Marion Country Club.

Deaths

Woodall

Arnold Douglas “Doug” Woodall, 80, of Kuttawa, died Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022 at Rivers Bend Retirement Center.

He was a United States Army veteran and had been employed by Peabody Coal and Bethlehem Steel.

Surviving are his children, Karen Woodall of Fredonia,



and Wesley Woodall of League City, Texas; three siblings, Linda Gilland, Larry Woodall and Clinton Woodall; six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Houston and Willene Oliver Woodall; three siblings, Johnny Woodall, Maurice Woodall and Lana Sisco; two nieces, Lori Gilland Perkins and Teresa Woodall Shuecraft; and a nephew, John Woodall, Jr.

Private graveside services were held at Crayne Cemetery with memorial services to be held at a later date.

Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Byrer

Gearll Eugene Byrer II, 56, of Marion, died Monday, Sept. 19, 2022 at his home.

Surviving are a daughter; Andrea Nicole Byrer; his mother, Donna (Clifford) Erickson; a brother; Darrell Lee Byrer; and a stepson; Shawn Burner.

He was preceded in death by his father; Gearll Eugene Byrer.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Online Condolences

myersfuneralhomeonline.com
boydfuneraldirectors.com



4-H Honors

At left, Brooklyn Suggs is presented the Rising Clover Award from Crittenden County 4-H Agent Leslea Barnes. The recent banquet recognized the achievements of Crittenden County 4-Hers. Above, MSU freshman Maggie Blazina addresses those in attendance, reflecting on her time as a Crittenden County 4-Her and discussing her duties as 4-H state president.

Perry earns Eagle Scout rank

Jack Perry of Bettendorf, Iowa, earned the rank of Eagle Scout on July 28, 2022.

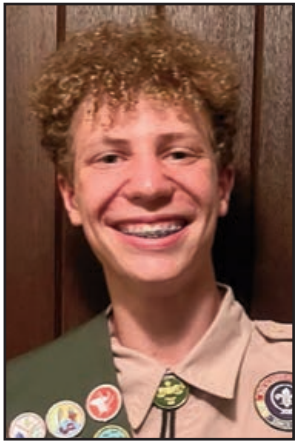
He is the son of Michael and Francie Perry, and the grandson of Larry and Linda Starr of Marion and the late Donnie Perry. He is a member of the Boy Scout Venture Crew 9089 and Troop 89.

To earn the rank of Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, demonstrate leadership and perform community serv-

ice by completing an Eagle project.

For his project, Perry led teams to build helmet boxes for two dugouts and built shelving in the concession stand for a local baseball organization. Additionally, his project included picking up litter at the ball field and surrounding park.

Perry is a sophomore at Pleasant Valley High School where he is a member of the cross country team, track team and orchestra.



Perry

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Crittenden clerk, others responding to records requests

STAFF REPORT

Supporters of former President Donald Trump are creating extra work for county clerk’s offices across Kentucky, and right here in Crittenden County, with requests for years-old election records just as clerks are gearing up for the General Election in November.

Virtually every county in Kentucky has received requests from conservative political activists after some of their leaders went to social media and television promoting a coordinated effort.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor said he’s spent countless hours fulfilling open records requests. His office received five requests in less than a 10-day period. That’s an incredible number, he said. Typically, the office receives very few, if any, open records requests in a year’s time. Some requests are seeking balloting data that’s two years old, Tabor said, and he’s spent at least two full days gathering such information. Most are requesting electronic data, so copies are being turned into PDFs and sent via email to those requesting the information based on Kentucky’s

open records law.

When paper copies are specifically requested, the clerk’s office by law charges 50 cents per page.

Many of the requests do not even apply to Crittenden County elections data, Tabor said, because computer balloting does not capture some of the information sought.

Mike Lindell, a pillow company owner and Trump supporter, has been a proponent of these public record requests, pushing the idea in a speech and on social media.

Some clerks’ offices in Kentucky are receiving multiple open records requests per day, seeking information from elections as far back as 2015. Some of the requests are from people claiming to have plans to file lawsuits and demanding preservation of voting records as far back as 2019, according to an article in the Kentucky newspaper The Mountain Eagle.

Federal law requires that information be retained for 22 months.

Under Kentucky law, public agencies are required to respond to open records requests within five days. Tabor said with

the election just a few weeks away, this unanticipated workload is taxing the staff.

Some of the requests Tabor has received are from out of state, but most are from here. One was from a state senator. Sen. Adrienne Southworth, a Republican from Lawrenceburg, is well known as an election denier, traveling the country spreading conspiracy theories that the presidential election was stolen. Southworth sent emails to all 120 county clerks requesting precinct names and codes, sample ballots, recapitulation sheets for each voting machine and its total votes, voting center plan documents, and spreadsheets showing every voter who voted, including supplemental and provisional voter sign-ins, and an explanation of every duplication or absence. She wants that information for both the Primary and General Election in 2020.

The Mountain Eagle reached Southworth by email and she said the request is for a legislative purpose, and focused on previous election bills she introduced, which did not pass.

“This particular re-

quest was inspired by a constituent asking for specific data in a certain county I had not looked at yet. I then decided if I

do both my whole districts, both old and new after redistricting, what about all the other districts who have legisla-

tors with the same questions? So I decided to go for it on all 120 counties,” she said.

Fredonia formalizes ordinances directed at utilities through town

BY ALEXA TABOR
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Fredonia City Council on Monday night formalized a plan it introduced in August to protect the town in the event an outside utility comes through its borders.

The ordinances have been ostensibly designed due to the City of Marion’s study of a potential water line to Caldwell County or Princeton water districts to help solve its ongoing water crisis.

Fredonia council members this week adopted a set of ordinances, listing consequences and positives that may impact the area.

Fredonia Mayor Jim Seibert presented the ordinance regarding multiple fees for water utilities going through the city limits of Fredonia to other water utilities, and multiple other stipulations.

Seibert hopes to protect Fredonia in this process.

Following are some specifics of the ordinances:

- A permit shall be obtained and filed at Fredonia City Hall, along with submission of a fee totaling two percent of the total cost of each project. These permits are to be filed by the general contractor/construction company.
- All subcontractors on the job site of the general contractor/construction company shall obtain and file a permit in Fredonia City Hall, along with the submission of a flat fee of \$1,000 per permit.
- All motorized equipment must have the following safety equipment, in good working order: first aid kit, fire extinguisher and back-up alarm. All general and subcontractors shall file

proof of liability insurance and worker’s compensation (if applicable) with Fredonia City Hall simultaneously with the filing of each permit.

- Due to the age of the system, any damage (including but not limited to line breaks, leaks, etc.) to any part of Fredonia Water and Sewer System will result in a flat \$3,000 fine for each occurrence. This fine shall apply regardless of whether the water or sewer line is marked or unmarked.
- All of the aforementioned fees and permits shall be reimbursed to the general contractor or subcontractor, payor, once the respective project is completed and a working water line is connected to Fredonia Water System’s water tower and a contract to purchase water has been duly executed.





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ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022
Polls Open 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church
ANY COUNTY PRECINCT

Repton Baptist Church
A102 Rosebud

Deer Creek Baptist Church
B101 Sheridan, B102 Tolu

Mexico Baptist Church
E101, D102 Frances


Shady Grove Fire Department
F102 Shady Grove

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Voter Process for All In-Person Voting:
(Election Day, Early Voting and Excused Absentee)

- Bring your required Identification.
- Have your ID ready, Driver's Licenses are the most efficient method to scan.
- Election Officers verify your identity and you will be issued a paper ballot, voters with disabilities may use an ADA ballot marking device which prints a paper ballot to be scanned.
- You will mark your ballot and cast your vote!



EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4, 2022
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Crittenden County Courthouse
107 S. Main St., Marion
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On the ballot:
Congress, state representative, county offices, Marion City Council and Mayor, judicial races, school board, Constitutional amendments.
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IN-PERSON EXCUSED ABSENTEE VOTING


Oct. 26-Nov. 2, 2022
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED:
Saturday, Oct. 29
Sunday, Oct. 30

Crittenden County Clerk's Office
Crittenden County Courthouse
107 S. Main St., Ste. 203, Marion

Voter requirements to be absentee-eligible:
Per KRS 117.085, eligible voters must meet one of the requirements.

- Student who resides temporarily outside of his/her county
- Voter or voter's spouse who has surgery/hospitalization scheduled during Early Voting & Election Day
- Voter who is a resident of Kentucky covered by KRS 117 A.010
- Uniformed service member who finds out they will be confined to a military base during Early Voting and Election Day and is not eligible for a mail in ballot
- Voter in last trimester of pregnancy
- Voter who temporarily resides outside the state but is still eligible to vote in Kentucky.
- Person who due to age, disability or illness will be unable to attend Early Voting or Election Day vote centers
- Voters who will be out of the county during Early Voting or Election Day.



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Eligible Voters may request a mail-in absentee ballot by visiting
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To find out if you are an eligible voter please visit the website or call 270-965-3403.
Absentee Portal will be available Sept. 24-Oct. 25

Process for Mail-In Absentee

- Make application on the State Board of Elections online portal GoVote.ky.gov or call 270-965-3403.
- Your ballot will be sent via US Mail
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BEEF QUALITY TRAINING EVENT AT LOCAL EXTENSION ANNEX

A Beef Quality Assurance Training will be held at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 29 at the Crittenden County Extension Annex. The class is free. The Kentucky Beef Council and Livestock Marketing Association are sponsoring producer certification for the month of September. Certification is required at some precondition sales. The class counts toward CAIP education credit and serves as a refresher course for cattle handling and processing.



POLL WORKERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER’S GEN. ELECTION

Crittenden County is in need of poll workers for the general election on Nov. 8, particularly Democratic and third-party voters in order to maintain party parity at the polls. However, Republicans may also inquire. Poll workers are needed 5:15 a.m. to usually around 7 p.m. on Election

Day. The position pays \$20 for a mandatory training on Oct. 21 and \$120 on Election Day. If interested, call Crittenden County Clerk’s Office at 270-965-3403.

PRINCETON HOSTING BEEF BASH 2022 ON OCTOBER 20

Beef Bash 2022 will be focused on recovering and rebuilding from a natural disaster. The Oct. 20 event will begin at 9 a.m., with registration at 8:30 a.m., at the UK Research and Education Center on University Drive in Princeton. Commercial exhibitions, education exhibits and demonstrations will be conducted by UK College of Agriculture Food and Environment personnel.

CLERK’S AUDIT GOOD FOR 2021

The 2021 Report of the Audit of the Crittenden County Clerk has been finalized and returned with no findings. The audit, conducted by independent auditor’s with Auditor of Public Accounts Mike Harmon’s office for the calendar year, “presents fairly” the \$2.27 million in receipts and disbursements handled by the office. With a clean audit, the office will be able to apply for an abbreviated Agreed-Upon Procedures, or AUP, for its 2022 audit conducted next year, potentially saving taxpayers thousands of dollars over the expense of a full audit. AUPs generally cost counties 25-50 percent less than a full audit. An AUP is a type of engagement where specific procedures are performed and results are reported. These engagements target specific subject matter and allow for focused work on specific areas of concern and an abbreviated test of financial statements. This is the first full-year audit for

County Clerk Daryl Tabor, who took office Oct. 1, 2020. “We are proud to report the clean audit, and we are proud to continue the legacy of honesty and integrity under Carolyn Byford,” said Tabor. “A public office is only as good as its employees, and the report is a reflection of the honesty, dependability and knowledge of our staff.”

CHRISTIANS WILL BE MINORITY

Christians are projected to comprise less than half of the U.S. population by 2050 in a Pew Research study of how current trends might play out among believers and non-believers in the coming decades, according to a report by the Associated Press. In the best-case scenario of how trends might continue to unfold, which Pew presents as the most unlikely and most optimistic possibility, Pew projects the Christian share of the U.S. population to shrink from a current 64 percent to between 54 percent and 35 percent by 2070. In the scenario, Pew described as most likely, Christians would comprise 39 percent of Americans by 2070, losing their majority status as early as 2050 at 47 percent of the national population. “Nones,” or the religiously unaffili-

ated, would constitute the largest share of Americans at 47 percent in 2050, under the scenario Pew said is the most likely of four considered.

TIME FOR LIBRARY’S BOOK SALE

Crittenden County Public Library will have its annual fall fundraising book sale Friday and Saturday. Books for sale include various genres for adult, youth and children. A stuffed large bag of books will cost just \$15. Or books can be purchased singularly for \$1 for a hard copy or 50 cents for a paperback. Books will also be sold by the box full and DVDs and audio tapes will be for sale, too. The sale is from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., on Friday, Sept. 23 and 9 a.m., until 2 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 24. Anyone who is a member of the Friends of the Library group can attend the early bird book sale starting at 5 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 22. Anyone can sign up to join the Friends group at Thursday’s sale. All funds raised from the book sale go to support the library to its programs.

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10 YEARS AGO

September 27, 2012

■ Deadbeat parents were reported to owe about \$900,000 for child support in Crittenden County alone. On average, Crittenden County collected more than \$1 million annually in child support and in the last 12 months that had collected just that. Crittenden reported that 85% of obligators were male and 15% were female. In the county, 32% of all collecting mothers were under the age of 18. ■ New spar hunters were working on relationships throughout Crittenden County and were passing out friendship stickers. They cleverly played off the popular slogan by coal miners and printed hundreds of “Friends of Spar” stickers to be distributed throughout the community and to appear on the bumpers of area vehicles. ■ Crittenden County middle schoolers in Tiffany Blazina’s sixth-grade language arts class visited with preschool students to read books they wrote and designed themselves. Among the group were Rachel Butler, John Claude Duvall, Kelsie Webster, RheaVynn Tabor, Bailey Barnes, Kenlee Perryman, Kylie Collins and Paige Gilbert. ■ Fifty-five jail workers, released inmates from the Crittenden County Detention Center, put in 2,424 hours of community service. This saved the taxpayers approximately \$17,574 in wages at the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. ■ Crittenden County High School Marching Band, also known as the Rocket Regiment, placed second in Class A at Murray State University’s Festival of Champions. The Rocket Regiment was narrowly defeated by Murray High School but placed ahead of Mayfield. Band Director John Nash said this was the first time the band has ever placed in the Festival of Champions.

dents after a four-hour hearing for the remainder of the year for “disturbing the educational process through gang activity.” The students were said to be recruiting members at school to join the gang and one student allegedly brought a gun to school. ■ The American Lung Association of Kentucky and Nicotrol teamed up to help 15,000 smokers quit through an education campaign called “On Your Mark, Get Set... Quit!” In Kentucky alone, free nicotine patches would be available for the 150 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. ■ Marion native Corey Crider was crowned Mr. Murray State during a fundraising event for the Arthritis Research Foundation and sponsored by the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Crider sang a mix of opera and contemporary songs during the talent portion of the contest to defeat 15 other contestants in the 17th annual event. ■ Rocket senior running back David Beverly was presented a souvenir football and plaque in honor of his career achievement of becoming the school’s all-time rushing leader. The record was previously held by Ronnie Moss. ■ The Crittenden County 12-gauge trap and black-powder teams captured overall state championships. The state championship trap team included Corey Payne, Jordan James, Jamie Hunt, Michael Lanham and Dustin Hurst. On the title-winning blackpowder team were Kenny Perry, Joey Rich and Jacob Wood.

50 YEARS AGO

September 28, 1972

■ The City of Salem received a \$297,600 grant from the Economic Development Administration to enlarge and modernize the community’s water system. Included in the project was the purchase of the Salem Water Company by the Salem town council. In addition, water lines were planned to run from Marion to Salem and a pumping station and stand talk was constructed. ■ The Crittenden County Rocket’s football team held fifth-ranked Trigg County scoreless for three quarters but could not contain the Wildcats in the fourth period. Trigg County exploded to claim a 28-6 victory. The Rockets got their lone score with three seconds remaining in the game when quarter-back Mike Sutton connected with junior halfback Mike McConnell for a 43-yard touchdown as time ran out. The try for the extra point failed. ■ Twenty-six Crittenden County High School students announced their enrollment at Western Kentucky University for the fall semester. They were among the 11,535 students enrolled that fall. ■ Alan Stout and Steve Rogers were among the Crittenden County Cross Country team that participated in a 45-mile relay to Cadiz. The team covered the distance in 4 hours and 20 minutes, 10 minutes ahead of schedule. ■ An ad from the Crittenden Motor Company advertised Ford’s 1973 new releases. The ’73 Ford LTD, Torino, Pinto, Thunderbird, Mustang and Maverick were among the new releases.

For more local history read Brenda Underdown’s Blog Forgotten Passages

Letter to the Editor

Fohs project opens spot for gazebo

To the Editor: Upon hearing of the recent purchase by Fohs Hall, Inc., of the Hayward Mansion or as most people from here know it, “The Old Hospital,” I began thinking about the gazebo on Main Street. I feel as though the park vision and venue setting for the former

property would be a lovely place for the gazebo to be placed. People could stroll through the lovely garden and view the memorial bricks as well as sit in the gazebo and reminisce of times gone by. They could make new memories with photo opportunities and events as well. I feel as though it would be the perfect setting and would love to see the gazebo preserved.

Lisa Beard
Marion, Ky.

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 not exceed 300 words. No letters will be accepted supporting or opposing candidates in the week prior to the election. Email letters to thepress@the-press.com.

1 man indicted in 3 felony cases

STAFF REPORT Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted one individual in three cases last week on a short docket. Troy Ingram, 46, of Marion was indicted for second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and being a persistent felony offender. In a second case, Ingram was indicted on a felony charge of third-degree burglary. The last indictment was for second-degree escape, stemming from his fleeing from police custody in downtown Marion while handcuffed. Court records allege that Ingram on July 12 tendered a check in the amount of \$200 to Food Giant, which was written on a closed account belonging to another individual. The persistent felony offender (PFO) charge alleges that Ingram has previously been convicted of at least two felonies. A PFO

Grand Jury

conviction can lead to enhanced punishment. On the same date in July, Ingram is alleged to have committed third-degree burglary for entering a building on Belville Street with intent to commit a crime. Then, on Aug. 16, Ingram is alleged to have escaped from custody at Marion Police Department after he had been arrested on multiple felony warrants. Handcuffed, Ingram ran across Main Street, almost being hit by traffic, but was quickly caught in the alley between Main Street and Marion Baptist Church. Some citizens helped Deputy Ray Agent corral the suspect in the alleyway.

Crittenden County Detention Center Census				
	JAIL CENSUS	Sept. 15, 2022	Aug. 16, 2022	Monthly Average 2022
	State Inmates	90	90	89.8
	Federal Inmates	59	59	66.0
	Other County Inmates	29	29	27.3
	Crittenden County Inmates	16	16	12.9
	TOTAL INMATES	194	194	196.0
	Weekenders	2	2	2.9
	Work release	0	0	0.0
	Out to Court	0	0	0.0
	Actual Inmate Bed Count	196	196	198.9
	DETENTION CENTER REPORT			
	SEPT. 15, 2022			
The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.	REVENUE	August 2022	July 2022	'22 Monthly Avg.
	State Housing Payments	\$96,266.16	\$96,266.16	\$84,804.41
	Federal Housing Payments	\$106,878.13	\$106,878.13	\$111,443.32
	Federal Transport Payments	\$7,800.13	\$7,800.13	\$7,557.21
	Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$30,960.00	\$30,960.00	\$26,696.00
	Other County Housing Payments	\$1,984.00	\$1,984.00	\$3,072.00
	Weekend/Work Release	\$288.00	\$288.00	\$597.33
	TOTAL HOUSING	\$236,376.29	\$236,376.29	\$226,613.06
	ANALYSIS			
	Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$15,936.00	\$15,936.00	\$12,416.00
	Numbers of Co. Housing Days	498.00	498.00	388.00
	Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	\$32.00	32.0
	Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	16.60	16.60	12.82

• Federal Inmates \$49 Per diem
• State Inmates \$31.34 Per diem
• Lyon County Inmates \$36.00
• Other County Inmates \$32.00

25 YEARS AGO

October 2, 1997

■ Three Crittenden County High School students were expelled for their alleged facilitation of gang activity on school grounds. The alleged gang was known as the “Folks” and their symbol was a pitchfork. The Crittenden County School Board expelled the stu-

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Salvation and education

Some of the consequences of the miracles of Jesus in the New Testament must have been their economic and social impact. Consider the value of a great catch of fish, the ability to work after being healed of a withered hand or being lame, or reentering society after being cleansed of leprosy.

The Old Testament prophets, from beginning to end, emphasize economic justice. Isaiah 1:17 says, “learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.” Malachi 3:5 says, “Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against... those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.”

One of the major themes of what is expected of God’s people is justice for anyone in our world. For some it may mean being “made low,” for others it may mean being “lifted up.” Salvation is more than getting ready for the afterlife. If our salvation does not help our neighbor, it may not be the kind of salvation spoken about in the Bible. Recall, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”

Miracles of the New Testament variety are rare, but there is a much more basic way we can participate in salvation on earth. I was visiting with a friend in Honduras this summer. One of the things we talked about was education. There are thousands of

students in that country who are accepted to a university but cannot afford the transportation and other costs. The problem is not tuition, it’s everything else.

Visiting on an island in Belize this summer, my wife and I talked to the local librarian (a Canadian immigrant) who said that most local students do not graduate high school because of the lack of funds required to go to school. The amount required cost less than our (modest) accommodations for three nights. We learned that if a student graduated, they could go to a technical school; according to the librarian they would be “immediately employable.”

In 1948 and 1949, Costa Rica, after a brief civil war and control by a military junta, decided to abolish their military and use those resources for education and health care. Today Costa Rica is far better off than other Central American countries. Their infant mortality rate is by far the lowest in Central America, life expectancy is around eighty, and the literacy rate is 98 percent.

We all know that in our nation, those who go to vocational school or college have much better prospects for their careers. It is important to be aware of societal trends, be sensitive to diversity, and respect all people. It is more important to know how to

do something that other people will pay you to do. The latter will make the former more likely because well trained, confident people have the capacity to do that.

Francis Parker, Director of the Cook County Normal School in Chicago from 1883 – 1896 wrote an essay titled, “Salvation on Earth Through Education.” He wrote, “I believe in universal salvation on earth through education. I believe that man is the demand, God is the supply, and the teacher is the mediator; and when the day comes that this mediation shall approach perfection, the human race will enter into new life. I believe that no teaching is worthy of the name if it does not have a moral and ethical end. The study of God’s truth and the application of His truth are the highest glory of man. Herein lies the path and the goal of education.”

Salvation on earth does not mean there is no salvation in heaven, but the two must be connected.

Those who have resources can change lives for generations through helping with education beyond what we all pay in taxes.

As much as the Bible says about economic justice, it says a lot about our knowledge being grounded in understanding that we have been created by Him. Proverbs begins, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.”

Psalms 1:1-2 says, “Blessed is the one...whose delight is in the law of the Lord.”

Hosea 4:6 says, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 reminds us, “The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

Education has changed the world and it will continue to do so. May God give those who are able the heart to share it with those who need it. Then, they can share with others.

Dr. Sean Nistrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.nistrath@outlook.com.



Sean NISTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Good spiritual choices will make our life better

Question: Poor decisions have bankrupted my life. My desire for more things has caused me to neglect spiritual matters. Now, that I’m getting older, I realize the importance of what I’m missing by not living a life fully devoted to God. How do I turn my life around?

Answer: What determines how our lives turn out? It’s our choices. If we make good choices, our lives become better. If we make bad choices, our lives become worse. The more good choices we make; the better and more enjoyable our lives become.

I urge you to make these choices:

1. Make an about face in life by turning from your materialistic life and turn to God. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the grave. Through prayer, invite

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

Him to come into your heart and control your life.

2. Allow the Holy Spirit to continuously fill you by asking God daily to forgive you of all your sins. Next, yield yourself to living under the Spirit’s control. Being under the control of the Spirit will help you to focus on Christ and to serve others.
3. Make the most of the days God gives you by daily seeking out the Lord’s will and doing it. “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight” (Prov. 3:5, 6).

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com.

NOTICE

CROOKED CREEK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

will meet

Sunday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m.

at Crooked Creek Church.

Please try to attend.

Community Events & News

- Salem Baptist Thrift Store will be open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 29, Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 1. for the Hwy. 60 yard sale.
- Happy, healthy, harvest will be from 5-7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30 at Livingston Central High School, 705 U.S. Hwy. 60 West, Smithland. There will be a free community hay ride and chili supper, bonfire and s’more’s kits, hot chocolate stand, fun family photos, face painting, cookie decorating, visit with a pet therapy tam, explore various therapy options and resources, manage care representatives, local health care tables, free fall festival games, lots of giveaways and door prizes, children’s book giveaways and group interest sign-ups.
- The VFW in Marion will be having Bingo starting at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.
- Marion Show and Shine will be Oct. 27, weather permitting. Cars, trucks and motorcycles permitted at Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 S. Main St., Marion. Sponsored by City of Marion Tourism. City of Marion Police Dept. authorized.

SUNDAY afternoon SINGING

Starting at 12:30

with

The Gospelaire

September 25

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH

1442 Cedar Grove Rd., Salem, KY

MEAL WILL FOLLOW

CRITTENDEN COUNTY HOMEMAKERS

ANNUAL BREAD & CANDY SALES FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

9 a.m.-6 p.m.

at FALL INTO THE ARTS FESTIVAL

at Fohs Hall

(201 N. WALKER ST., MARION)

There will also be a “Quilts through the Years” quilt display for viewing.

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH

315 Emmaus Church Rd., Salem, Ky.
Rodney Phelps, Pastor
(270) 704-2400
emmausbaptistsalem@outlook.com
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Freedom General Baptist Church

Pastor: Ross Atwell
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.

PINEY FORK

Pastor: Greg Rushing
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Bible study 6 p.m.
A new beginning, going forward and looking to the future
Ky. 506 | Marion, Ky.

St. William Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 11 a.m.
Father John Okoro
860 S. Main St. Marion, Ky.
(270) 965-2477

Marion Baptist Church

College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232
Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children’s & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holeman
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

Sugar Grove

Cumberland Presbyterian
585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky. (270) 704-2455
Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884
Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Mexico Baptist Church

175 Mexico Rd. Marion, Ky. (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.

SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064
Sun. School for all ages: 10 a.m.
Sun. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.
- We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ, and to make Him known to the community around us. -

Marion United Methodist Church

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.
The People of the United Methodist Church
WED: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.
SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Bro. James LAIBEN
Worship 10:45 p.m. South College St.

DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. “Whatever It Takes”
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Bro. Jamie Baker
Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.
Approx. 5 miles from the intersection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 297
Phone: (270) 965-2220

Crayne Community Church

Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky.
Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

Frances Community Church

Bro. Butch Gray
Wed. night prayer meeting & youth service: 6:30 p.m.
Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Worship service: 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church

108 Hillcrest Dr., Marion | (270) 965-4623
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Children and Youth Activities: 6 p.m.
Captured by a vision...

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

Hurricane Church

Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West
Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee
Sun. School, 10 a.m. • Worship, 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

Tolu United Methodist Church

Bro. Alex Kirby, Pastor We invite you to be our guest
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The People of the United Methodist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Night Youth 6:30 p.m.

growing in grace

2 Peter 3:18
PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church
Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem
Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

Unity General Baptist Church

4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.
Bro. David Perryman, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist

Sunday School: 10 a.m. Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Barnett Chapel...
Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m. where everyone is welcome.
Bro. Ken Suits, pastor

Marion Church of God

334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.
Morning Service 10 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.
“Where salvation makes you a member.”

Marion Church of Christ

546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
- The end of your search for a friendly church -

Memories of the City Drug Co.

These two articles from the archives of The Crittenden Press bring back many memories of the wonderful old City Drug store and the service it provided for our community. The drug store provided prescriptions made up by Mr. Ted Frazer and Mr. Gleaford Rankin, plus hand-dipped ice cream cones, thick creamy shakes and gifts for friends and loved ones. It was a great place to meet friends, and it still holds a special place in the hearts of many.

July 1976 – Many memories recalled.

The year was 1925, sometime before Christmas when Ted Frazer and Gleaford Rankin bought J. H. Orme's one half interest in Orme Drug Company. (Orme Drug was located in the former Marion Cafe building, and now the home of Bowtanicals Florists and Gifts). In 1926 they formed the City Drug Store.

In March of 1928, Frazer and Rankin moved into their new location joining the Masonic building. On opening day of April 16, 1928, The Press tells us that a crowd from 1,000 to 2,000 people attended the grand opening. About 1,200 bricks of ice cream were given away to visitors and about 800 cigars were distributed by representatives. Other souvenirs included several hundred carnations, which were presented to the lady visitors and samples of various kinds of cosmetics.

Celebrates 50 years.

The City Drug Co. celebrated 50 years of existence by remembering the good times. Helping to recapture the past were Ted Frazer, Sr., still a partner in the business along with Ted Frazer, Jr. and Jim Hatfield, and three of the approximate 93 "soda jerks" that have worked the fountain in the past.

Mr. Frazer remembered "Whoever worked filling prescription in the beginning had to mix the compounds and fill capsules by hand. Now we just count them out."

At the fountain were employees who were in school and worked at City Drug part time. Of the 53 boys and 40 girls employed over the years, seven have gone on to be registered pharmacists, two doctors and one a veterinarian.

Busiest Place In Town.

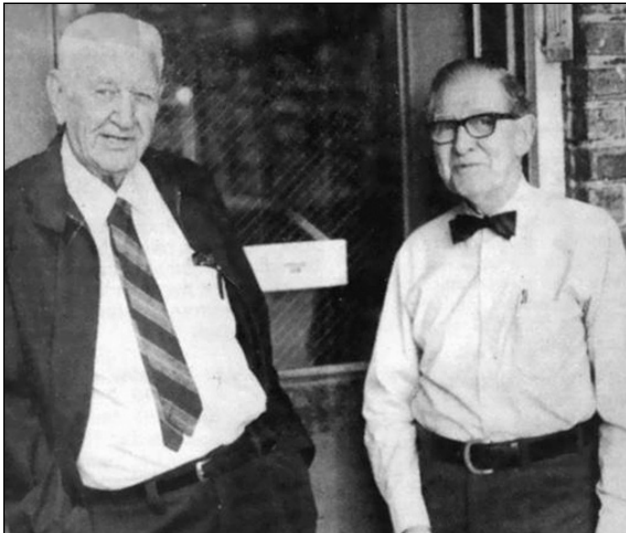
In the early 1940s, City Drug was the busiest place in town. It was the place to be on Saturday and Sunday and late at night and you could buy anything from jewelry to cattails. The employees were shifted around so that they worked all over the store.

R. C. Hamilton fondly remembers the days when he worked at the City Drug in 1942. Cigarettes, cherry Cokes and five cent ice cream were popular items ordered by customers that Hamilton waited on. People came from miles around to get a treat at the City Drug. At that time the store offered curb service and sometimes it would be backed up and down the street for a couple of blocks.

O. B. "Doc" Hill has a collection of tales gathered from the years 1929 to 1934 he spent at the City Drug as a "full-time" soda jerk. "We had about the same flavors of ice cream then as today, with the addition of fresh peach if it was in season, and we had cherry and orange Cokes, phosphates and ices. I gained about 10 or 15 pounds the first two weeks I worked because I tried



The City Drug Store was a popular gathering spot on Main Street. Some recall the store's curb-service in the 1940s.



Pharmacists Gleaford N. Rankin (left) and Ted Frazer Sr. (right) were the much loved and respected owners of the City Drug Store during its period of business beginning in 1926.

everything out. I always liked people and working in the drugstore we were sure around them."

The drugstore was the hangout since it stayed open until 10 p.m. After the ball-games or the picture show they would storm the place. It was the social life of the town. "I'd get so aggravated at telling what kind of ice cream we had, because they'd always end up getting vanilla. For little kids the answer was plain, white or vanilla."

Medicine mixed in store.

In September 1982, another article appeared in The Press it was titled "In early days, druggists mixed most of the medicine."

Doctors used to prescribe medicine using the apothecary system – so many grains of this, a dram of that and a scruple of some other chemical or drug, according to early county pharmacists G. N. Rankin and Ted Frazer Sr.

Frazer and Rankin, founders of Marion's City Drug Co, in 1926, both agreed that their early days as "druggists" differed greatly from their later ones.

Used to, Rankin, 83, said, "one man would open the store at 6:30 in the morning – or earlier. The porter, a colored man usually, was there and the store was swept out, ice crushed for the soda fountain, and in the winter, coal got for the stove."

By seven, both men were at the store and stayed there until the

noon meal. At 7:30, the store's merchandise was checked and a run down made on the prescription department. "We'd see if all the different spatulas, scales and mortars and pestles were there."

There would be a lot of medicine to grind up then, Frazer, 82, added. "We'd grind the powders up and pour them into capsules and wrap them in papers. We did the mixing ourselves. They hardly do that now."

"Another thing we did," Frazer said laughing, was make suppositories. "We made them out of a mixture with belladonna and cocoa butter. There was a suppository mold you used. Sometimes you had good luck, sometimes you made one over."

Rankin continued, by 7:30 the school children were coming in. Refill prescriptions were packaged and mailed out on the rural route by 8:30. After that, the store would stay open until 10 at night.

Studied under Orme.

Both Rankin and Frazer studied pharmacy under J. H. Orme, a turn-of-the-century Marion druggist. Frazer, whose father was a doctor, said he began working for Orme in 1916 while he was in high school. At that time, medicines like paregoric or a quinine mixture were standard remedies on the druggist's shelves. They used paregoric for baby's colic, he said. Bromide quinine was the standard cold remedy given.

Frazer said those were days when the two made elixirs, syrups or infusions. They'd use infusions for heart trouble or maybe worms. Emulsions were also big items along with the medicine waters. We made all of these. Extracts used to be popular items, too,

Rankin said. "We sold quite a few over the counter. The apothecary system was still in use and the druggist followed the doctor's instruction in mixing a patient's prescription."

Many of the drugs sold off the shelves then are obsolete or restricted today, Frazer added. "The medicines the men used were dispensed in large bottles with corks before the plastic containers of today came along. You didn't notice the changes made until after they were made. You just worked into them. Pharmacies are all together different now. We'd have to order big barrels of sulfur, epton salts, copras, blue stone, and for the soda fountain, Coca-Cola. You could get a big glass of Coke for a nickel, a thick milkshake was a dime. Your prescription often wasn't more than 25 cents."

Closing of an Era

The City Drug Store as we knew it in those days closed on May 14, 1992. With its closing, a part of Crittenden County history was also closed.

In 1997 Thom Hawthorne purchased the store and renovated the old building to its former glory. It was a great day when the wonderful old store was re-opened as Tom's Sweet Shoppe. It added charm and old-time beauty to Marion's Main Street, but it closed in 2012.

The wonderful old building still sets empty now. But the memories remain as we pass by the store and recall those fun filled days of long ago on Main Street and the visits to the City Drug Store.

(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).

White Chapel Church & Cemetery

will have its annual meeting
September 25 • 2 p.m.

*Cemetery & Church are solely operated by donations only.
Donations may be mailed to:
P.O. Box 64, Marion, Ky. 42064
Everyone welcome.*

ELECTION NOTICE

EXCUSED ABSENTEE BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATION

Crittenden County Courthouse

107 S. Main St., Marion, Kentucky

Crittenden County Board of Elections will offer one drop box 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. It is located inside the front entrance to Crittenden County Courthouse at 107 S. Main St. and will be available during regular business hours, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. As required by statute, the drop box will be under camera surveillance 24/7 and clearly marked.

This notice is given pursuant to Kentucky statutes

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Beginning November 7, 2022 through December 16, 2022, Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. (PACS) will be administering the Subsidy Component of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). From January 9, 2023 through March 31, 2023, 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 7, 2022.

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

Oct. 6, 2022 10 a.m. Pennyrile Allied Community Services, Inc. 1100 South Liberty Street Hopkinsville, KY 42240	Oct. 7, 2022 10 a.m. Lyon County Senior Center 631 W. Dale Avenue Eddyville, KY 42038
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LIHEAP is federally funded through the Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Families and Children.

MONEY FOR ON-FARM

KADF

KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Application Availability:
CRITTENDEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
118 E. Bellville St.
Marion, KY 42064

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications are now available for Crittenden County's CAIP program. CAIP is a cost-share reimbursement to farmers who make qualifying on-farm investments, up to \$1,000.00 reimbursed.

Application Period:
August 19 – September 30, 2022
No applications will be accepted after 5:00 pm, Sept 30!!

For More Information:
270-965-3921, ext. 3
Contact: **Cindy Jenkins**,
Cynthia.Jenkins1@usda.gov,
or **Bob Guess**,
Robert.Guess@ky.nacddnet.net
visit: KADF – 2022 Program Guidelines and Applications – CAIP Guidelines for details

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D'ANNA BROWNING

MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF MARION

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Find the Mayor Ballot Selection
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—D'Anna

NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT

MAYOR
City of Marion
(Vote for One)

☐ CANDIDATE 1

☐ CANDIDATE 2

☒ Write In *D'Anna Browning*

MAYOR for MARION

In Loving Memory

Jim R. Hollis

Oct. 1, 1934—Sept. 24, 2011

Another year has come and gone, this one was 11 since God called you home to be with Him in Heaven. We still have precious memories and although we are apart, you'll be with us forever.

You live on in our hearts.
Always missed by Family and Friends

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yard sales

Large inside rummage sale, Loveless Chapel Church, 1578 Cedar Grove Rd., Salem. Friday, Sept. 23, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Multi-family, numerous items and clothing. Not responsible for accidents. (1t-38-p)

Big yard sale Thursday, Sept. 29-Saturday, Oct. 1 at Rozann's place, Hwy. 60, Salem. 2-family, lots of stuff. (1t-38-p)

Friday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at 227 Rochester Ave., Marion starting at 8 a.m. both days. No early sales.. Lots and lots of miscellaneous items. Lots of old books, several antiques, hunting related items, some ammo, several gun cases.(2t-39-p)

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Notice is hereby given that on August 24, 2022 Belinda Dempsey of 1095 S.R. 120, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administratrix of John L. Sallee,

deceased, whose address was 229 Jarvis Street, Marion, Ky. 42064. Robert B. Frazer, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administratrix before the 24th day of February, 2023 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-p)

Notice is hereby given that on September 14, 2022 Donald Wayne Rogers of 2172 Blackburn Church Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executor of Loretta Jane Rogers, deceased, whose address was 2172 Blackburn Church Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064. 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 executor before the 14th day of September, 2023 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Daryl Tabor, Crittenden County Clerk
Members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

Opinions
We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the County Clerk of Crittenden County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting
In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Crittenden County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2021, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Crittenden County Clerk, for the year ended December 31, 2021, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Program for County Fee Officials*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Crittenden County Clerk and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Crittenden County Clerk on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Crittenden County Clerk's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Crittenden County Clerk's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we have identified during the audit.

The Honorable Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Daryl Tabor, Crittenden County Clerk
Members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 12, 2022, on our consideration of the Crittenden County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Crittenden County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, KY

July 12, 2022
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Rocket Sports

THURSDAY
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FRIDAY
Football hosts Union County

SATURDAY
XCountry at Marshall Co. Invitational
Jr Pro football hosts Trigg County

TUESDAY
Volleyball at Trigg County

FOOTBALL

MS Rockets lose in bowl

Crittenden County Middle School lost 38-0 to North Marshall on Saturday at the annual Trojan Bowl in Webster County. The MS Rockets are now 2-4 on the season.

GOLF

First United 2-Person

The Heritage Golf Course at Marion Golf & Pool will host the annual First United Bank 2-Person Tournament on Saturday. The 18-hole event will begin at 10 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Crittenden County High School golf team.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 21 - Oct. 31
Fall Squirrel	Aug. 20 - Nov. 11
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7
Deer Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Turkey Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Canada Goose	Sept. 16 - Sept. 30
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 17 - Jan. 16
Wood ducks	Sept. 17 - 21
Teal	Sept. 17 - 25
Turkey Crossbow	Oct. 1-16
Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Deer Youth	Oct. 8-9
Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 15-16
Turkey Shotgun	Oct. 22-28
Deer Gun	Nov. 12 - Nov. 27
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Fall Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Quail, Rabbit	Nov. 14 - Feb. 10

Soccer girls tie school’s win record



PHOTO BY GREG PERRYMAN
Taylor Guess heads toward the goal during Monday’s match.

STAFF REPORT

With Tuesday night’s 7-0 victory at Webster County, the Lady Rockets have tied the school soccer record for most wins in a season.

Lizzie Campbell scored early in the second half for a 5-0 lead, posting her 50th career goal. She had four in the match, and Ella Geary scored twice. Bailey Williams had a goal, and assists were logged by Taylor Guess, Ella Geary, Campbell, Raven Hayes and Koltar Green.

The girls have won three straight and five of their last six in Coach Jessica De-Burgo’s second season at the helm. Their 8-4-2 record includes the most wins since 2005 when the team won eight and lost six with two

ties. The Lady Rockets have not had a winning season since 2006 when they were 7-6-1. The program’s only other winning season was in 2005.

The Lady Rockets have two more regular-season games before the playoffs. Thursday they will host Union County (2-11), a team CCHS beat 7-1 a few weeks ago, and Hopkinsville (3-8-1), which was added to close out the schedule on the road on Sept. 29.

On Monday, senior Taylor Guess scored a hat trick and reached the milestone of 50 career goals as the Lady Rockets knocked off Paducah Tilghman 7-3 Monday night at Marion.

Freshman Ella Geary and

junior Campbell scored two goals apiece. Guess, Geary, Raven Hayes and Lyli Wesmolan had assists and goalie Hannah Long had seven saves.

Crittenden had little trouble handling the Tornado, which dropped to 3-10 on the season.

•Campbell scored four goals as Crittenden County beat Lyon County for the second time this season last Thursday at Marion. Geary scored the other CCHS point as the Lady Rockets shutout the Lyons 5-0, nailing down the No. 2 seed for post-season play.

Hayes had three assists and Guess two. Long had 12 saves at goalie as CCHS tied last year’s win total.

Lady Rockets short of state qualification

Crittenden County girls participating in the Second Region Golf Tournament Monday at the Country Club of Paducah came up short for a berth to the state tournament.

Seniors Brylee Conyer and Addie Hatfield shot 108 and 113, respectively.

Marshall County’s Trinity Beth won the event with a one-under-par 71.

The boys’ regional tournament was scheduled for Wednesday; therefore, scores were unavailable for this week’s edition. Jeremiah Foster, Parker Kayse and Avery Belt



Conyer

have been leading scorers all season long and had the best chance to qualify for the state finals.

In a middle school match on Sept. 12, Crittenden’s Cash Singleton was medalist with a 29 in a six-hole match. Jaxton Duncan scored 30, Gunner Topp 27, Levi Quermous 33 and Mitchell Brown 36 as the Rocket middle schoolers beat John Paul from Morganifeld by 30 strokes.

In a match at Marion last Thursday, Crittenden beat Dawson Springs by 40 strokes. Foster 37 was medalist. Kayse carded a 38, Belt shot 39, Jaxon Hatfield 44 and Turner Sharp 49.

On Friday, against Webster County, Conyer was medalist with a 43. Hatfield shot 48, Georgia Holeman 52 and Abby Korzenborn carded a 65. CCHS lost the match by nine strokes



PHOTO BY GREG PERRYMAN
Hannah Mott returns a shot during Crittenden’s win last week against Trigg County.

Lady Rocket volleyballers have won six of last seven

Crittenden County’s volleyball girls are ranked fifth in the 13-team Second Region, according to the latest KHSAA RPI power rankings.

The Lady Rockets have a record of 10-8 and have won six of their last seven matches, including a straight set victory over Livingston Central last Thursday, improving to 3-0 in Fifth District play and assuring itself a No. 1 seed for post-season play. The girls will have to beat Trigg County again Tuesday for a clean sweep of the regular season district round robin. CCHS has not lost a set in district play this season.

Crittenden County will host the volleyball district tournament Oct. 18.

Crittenden Cross Country Results

Crittenden County’s girls’ cross country team finished tied for second overall in a cross country meet Saturday at St. Mary in Paducah.

CCHS sophomore Mary Martinez finished seventh overall in the girls’ race with a time of 23:08.43.

Crittenden eighth-grader Aubrey Grau was 18th in 25 minutes flat, freshman Ella Geary was 22nd at 25:58.46; junior Karsyn Potter was 25th at 26:14.94 and eighth-grader Presley Potter was 26th at

26:23.46.

Crittenden County sophomore Asa McCord was a team-best 32nd for the boys’ squad with a time of 21:06.85 in the 3.1-mile race.

Livingston Central junior Machi Davidson was 11th with a time of 18:34.13.

Other Crittenden County runners were freshman Jayden Gibson, who was 46th in 22:28.23, and freshman Landon Starkey, who was 62nd in 24:20.90.

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Local law enforcement officers participated in a three-day active shooter training last week presented by Jackson Knob Firearm Training Facility and instructors Dale Willingham and Rick Coyle, former SWAT team members in Chicago who now reside in Crittenden County. Pictured above is Coyle discussing engagement tactics with Marion Police Asst. Chief Bobby West and Crittenden County Sheriff Wayne Agent. Pictured in the inset at bottom left is Marion Policeman James Duncan during a live firing activity at the Jackson Knob range. Willingham said Crittenden County School District paid for the training, which also included other deputies and policemen from the community. In addition to the firing range, instruction included presentation and classroom type work and an activity inside the hallways of local schools. School Superintendent Tonya Driver was also involved as an observer in the training. Jackson Knob will be providing training for Lyon and Livingston counties. In response to observations during the training, Marion Police Chief Ray O’Neal has ordered about \$7,000 in new AR-15 rifles for his six-man police force. The officers had been using their own personal weapons.

DISC

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sion and a number of local businesses, will be played Sept. 30 through Oct. 1. Already, Winders said there are 144 players registered. Disc golfers can register online at www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments.
“The course at the park is shorter, and it would be like (traditional golfers) playing a par-3 golf course,” Winders said. “Sometimes you want to pull out your driver.”
A free open house for the public to try out the new disc golf course was held last week.
The younger Winders, both a disc golf and traditional golf enthusiast, designed the course to be challenging with trees as obstacles around each basket. It is also designed around the many tree lines that surround the mature nine-hole golf course. Discs that fall onto a traditional green or sand trap are out of bounds and players are assessed a penalty; there-

fore, Winders said the goal will be for disc golfers to stay off the fairways and greens.
There will be no disc golf play allowed on traditional golf tournament dates at the club or during ladies and men’s leagues, which are played on Wednesday and Thursday nights.
Winders said it’s easy to play an 18-hole round of disc golf in an hour, much faster than traditional golf. He added that the layout of the course should prevent disc golfers from being in the way of regular golfers. In fact, he said, it likely would be the other way around. The only time the semi-private Heritage Golf Course will be closed to traditional golfers will be during tournaments, Winders said.
Six concrete pads have been poured in obscure areas and outside the fairways of the golf course so as not to interfere with traditional golf, Blair Winders said.
Disc golf has increased in popularity in recent

years, and those who are close to the sport say people travel for miles to play different disc golf courses.
“It’s a championship course, so during tournaments the baskets will be moved to make it unique,” he said.
For the time being, disc golf play is free while the course gets established, but membership eventually will be an option, or individual rounds will cost roughly \$15 including the price of an optional rental golf cart.
“The memberships may be attached to the pool and the traditional golf course, and we think it will be a way to introduce people to real golf, too, because some people would like to do both,” Winders said.
Course owner Eddie King invested \$12,500 in the development of the disc golf course, Winders added.
For more information, contact Blair Winders for details at (270) 969-4376. All disc golfers must register at the pro shop.

Battle against vaping with drugs continues by board of education

STAFF REPORT
Just seven minutes into current school year, a vape sensor went off detecting a student vaping in a Crittenden County High School restroom.
Sensors to detect vaping were installed in restrooms in the high school and middle school bathrooms last year. Cameras located just outside the bathrooms help identify who is in the restroom when sensors are activated.
As a result of the sensors and teacher detection, last year there were 46 confiscated nicotine vapes, eight of which contained marijuana.
On Sept. 13, the Crittenden County Board of Education watched a presentation on OpenGate, a brand of free-standing six-foot metal detectors that can be stationary at school entrances or moved to various locations on campus, including the entrances to athletic events.
Not only do the metal detectors pre-

vent guns or knives from being passed into the school, the sensitivity on the OpenGate sensors can be increased to detect small metal devices like vapes.
The size of vapes – which come in cartridges that look like thumb drives or even ink pens - makes them easy to conceal.
The school board plans to make a trip to Webster County High School when its OpenGate devices are installed to view their performance.
School board members agree the problem with tiny vapes being used by students is nearing epidemic proportions.
“We have to find way to fight the drug epidemic, and the sensors are working but they’re working after the drug is already in school. So we want to try to get it taken care of before drugs get in school,” said Superintendent Tonya Driver.

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City Council Meeting

Leaders want quicker study of George levee

STAFF REPORT

Marion leaders are again signaling a sense of urgency in responding to its now nearly five-month long water shortage. With the rainy season coming, there's a strong desire to see Lake George repaired to a point that it can catch more water.

Over the last few weeks, there has been some degree of a sense of ease in the water crisis because Crittenden-Livingston Water District is pumping more than 180,000 gallons of drinking water to town each day, critical water leaks have been repaired and rains have softened the need for raw water in the city's holding reservoirs. Yet, there's none to waste, say some of Marion's leaders.

Lake George was purposely drained in April when a leak in the levee threatened failure of the earthen dam. Now, Marion City Council wants to hasten along the engineering work to determine whether it can be repaired as an intermediate or long-term water

supply.

There is some question as to whether the lake can ever again be Marion's permanent solution to the water shortage because of regulatory standards that didn't exist when it was first built. Whether it could be grandfathered in or resurrected in some way as a permitted water source has yet to be determined. However, the lake has been deemed a reasonable emergency source of raw water.

With that in mind, the council wants the breach plugged.

"We need to see about putting the pump over the levee. Is that the 100-year fix? I don't know, but we need to fix Lake George before we start losing water... and have to start hauling water again," Councilman Darrin Tabor said during Monday's council meeting at city hall.

Tabor said that by December, the lake's levee needs to be repaired so it can hold something akin

to its historic volume of more than 180 million gallons. If rainwater fills it to the breach, the lake can hold about 54 million gallons, state officials have said.

"We're getting into a tight window. We need to fix the levee now," Councilman Donnie Arflack said.

Engineers have been studying the viability of the levee for several weeks, but City Administrator Adam Ledford said he's not received a final report. The council asked Ledford to begin in earnest this week, nudging the engineers to complete the job and to meet with the council within the next two weeks.

The city is also looking at a couple of other long-term solutions to its water shortage. Those include buying water from Crittenden-Livingston or Princeton water districts. Beefing up either distribution and/or delivery lines to go one of those routes are continuing to be explored.



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For What it's Worth

As Teacher of the Year, Perez will receive \$10,000. She also will receive an opportunity to serve a semester-long sabbatical with KDE and will represent the state in the National Teacher of the Year competition. See more about Perez at The Press Facebook Page where we're seeking comment from students, parents, teachers, administrators and others in the community who know all too well why Mandy Perez is a very special educator.



PVA re-certifies real property in city, Wilcox joins PVA crew

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's Property Valuation Administrator has begun re-certifying a large number of properties inside the city limits. You may see one of their field agents taking photographs of your home or outbuildings, or measuring the dimensions of a property or improvements.

Crittenden County PVA Ronnie Heady's term will end in about two months, but there has been no slowing down. Every year, the PVA is required to recertify property values in a quadrant of the county. This year, most of that area includes the City of Marion.

Newly elected PVA Todd Perryman will take office in early December.

Meantime, the PVA has hired Crittenden County native Keith Wilcox as a new field agent.

Wilcox, 38, replaces Jodi Perryman on the PVA crew. Wilcox, who works part time, will be responsible for computer mapping, valuating new improvements,



Keith Wilcox is among the PVA team that is re-certifying property values in the city.

updating property tax rolls and more. He came recommended to the PVA by administrator-elect Perryman.

A part-time minister at New Union Ditney Church in rural Livingston County, Wilcox had moved away from Marion to become a full-time minister in Sebree. He moved home in January.

Several new homes going up in Crittenden County

STAFF REPORT

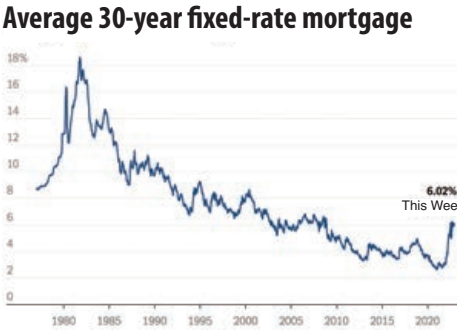
Inflationary pressures do not appear to be having much of an affect on local building.

According to documents at the Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator's office, there are nearly 10 new homes under construction in the county, including two inside the city limits.

Crittenden County PVA Ronnie Heady said that while that may not seem like a high number, it is quite unusual, particularly during a period of high building costs and rising interest rates.

Fixed-rate mortgage loans have almost doubled in the past few months, reaching more than six percent.

New-home costs are likely to keep going up as rising building material costs pinch construction budgets. The cost of goods used in residential construction is up more than 33 percent since the beginning of the pandemic, according to the National Association of Home Builders. Meanwhile, housing



starts have cooled across the country, down 9.6 percent over the summer. Falling lumber prices are helping buoy the sector a bit, but the housing industry as a whole is clearly changing.

"It doesn't seem to be slowing too much here," Heady said.

In fact, he and the deputies who work in his office say to have nine or 10 new homes going up at one time in Crittenden County is an anomaly.

BRIDGE

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said School District Transportation Supervisor Wayne Winters, who explained that lower limits on other bridges in the county continue to create route challenges for drivers, oftentimes making them considerably longer due to drive arounds.

While some of the buses in the local district's fleet can cross a bridge posted less than 18 tons, many cannot. Once the Chapel Hill Bridge is repaired, the weight limit is anticipated to be 18 tons.

Serena Dickerson, who operates Full Body Fitness Studio in rural Crittenden County south of

the bridge closure, said nearly 80 percent of her clients drive in from other counties.

"So they will be having to use back roads that are hilly and curvy and somewhat dangerous if you meet someone on them," she said. "I'm only three miles from town on Chapel Hill, but with the road closed if drivers take A.H. Clement Road that adds exactly three more miles. At five o'clock in the morning it makes a difference to drive three more miles."

Health and fitness are important in peoples lives, but Dickerson laments having an extra barrier between people and their personal fitness.

"People automatically look for excuses to not work out and although my people are extremely dedicated and do great, I just get concerned that people look for a reason and I don't want it to be because of the road closed," she said.

A number of bridges in the county are failing, inspectors have lowered the tonnage on four bridges in the past several months, including the Chapel Hill bridge. Bridge failure is a pervasive problem across Kentucky. The state has an emergency fund to help counties repair bridges on their roads. The state provides 80 percent funding for those repair jobs, up to \$80,000 maximum.

PEREZ

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to my students."

Perez' father, Jose, is originally from Panama and moved to the United States when he was 16 years old. Her mother Marilyn is originally from Crittenden County, the county Perez now teaches in. After graduating from Union County High School, Perez was the first in her family to go to college.

The child of divorced parents, she did not have the same typical college experience as most of her peers, having to stay at home to help take care of her younger siblings. Perez felt she made the best choices for her family and they have been her "biggest support system" throughout her educational career.

"They have been there for me through every high and every low," she said. "I know that they are extremely proud."

Perez earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Murray State University. For the past 18 years, she has taught in Crittenden County and she was also the high school soccer coach for a time.

As the 2023 Kentucky Teacher of the Year, Perez plans to use her role to inspire students to fall in love with reading. This mission has been her life's work as an educator, helping students connect to reading as "the purest form of entertainment."

"The power that lies behind getting kids excited for reading is truly magical. It warms my

heart," she said.

According to Perez, students don't dislike reading, they simply haven't found the book that captivates their mind and heart yet.

One of the ways she hooks students into wanting to read is through First Chapter Friday, an idea she came across from a teacher on Instagram last school year. Every Friday, Perez introduces a new book with a trailer first and then students listen to the first chapter. While listening, they record their thoughts, emotions, connections, predictions and rate the book in a sketch notes organizer.

After teaching at Crittenden County Elementary School for 16 years, Perez decided to change grade levels and started teaching at Crittenden County Middle School in 2020. Not only was she in a new school, teaching a new grade level and without her own classroom, she was teaching a new subject – math.

During this transition, her nervousness was comforted by the fact many of her elementary students were in her class again.

"I was extremely nervous about my new role, but I wasn't going to quit teaching because it is my passion. If it meant I had to teach in a subject matter I didn't feel overly confident in, then so be it because I can do anything if I set my mind to it," she said.

Perez taught math for one year and then moved into her current position, teaching sixth-grade English.

The change from elementary to middle

school came with a change in her understanding of her students' needs. Middle school students do not open up as easily as the younger ones, she said.

"I find myself showing and reminding them constantly they are loved for and cared about," she said.

Her relationships with students extend beyond the classroom. She attends cheerleading competitions, junior varsity football games, recognition nights, local parades, middle school basketball games, high school football games and soccer games. She once was a surprise guest judge for a baking contest with the local 4-H cooking club, which several of her students were members of at the time.

"Relationships are key in building trust and success. I do my best to celebrate and support my students in and out of the classroom," she said. "I do whatever I can to let my students know that I'm their teacher and number one supporter from 8-3, but also beyond."

Perez believes that even though her story isn't a perfect one, it's a story of perseverance.

"My story ... is filled with joy and pain, struggles and fears, and overcoming the odds," she said. "I didn't come from a long line of family educators. Nothing has ever been handed to me. I have had to work hard for every success. If it can happen for me, it can happen for anyone."

Perez was greeted home Tuesday with a police and fire truck escort while supporters lined the streets of town.

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