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Rescue squad seeks donations with mailing

Crittenden County Rescue Squad's annual fundraiser is about to begin. The squad is sending a mass mailing asking for a donations. No calls are being made nor will anyone be going door to door asking for donations. Inside the mailers, residents will get a letter and a return envelope addressed to Crittenden County Rescue Squad, Inc, P.O. Box 346, Marion, KY. Those should be in your mail already. Simply put your donation in the envelope and send it back to the squad. All of your donation goes directly to the local rescue squad, which is not affiliated with any fire department and does not receive fire dues from taxpayers. The rescue squad does not charge for its services and it is the only group in the county that does auto extrication and water rescue, the squad says. All squad members are volunteers and receive no pay.

Community Prayer

Residents are encouraged to meet each month on the first Saturday at 10 a.m., at the courthouse lawn to for a community prayer.

Kentucky fire season

Kentucky's customary, seasonal wildfire prevention policy goes into effect on Sunday, Oct. 1 and runs through Dec. 15. During the fire season, it is unlawful for any person to set fire to, or procure another to set fire to, any flammable material capable of spreading fire, located in or within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland, except between the hours of 6 p.m., and 6 a.m., or when the ground is covered with snow. Basically, this law prohibits daytime open burning.



Make hay on those bales for FB contest

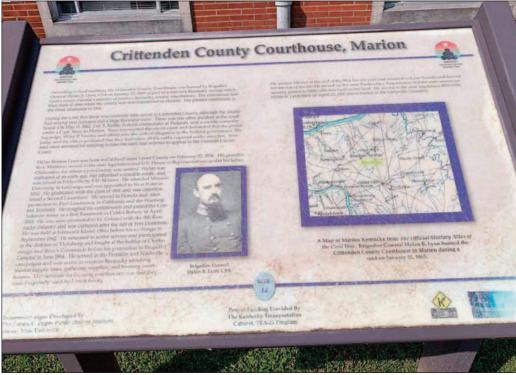
The annual Crittenden County Bale Trail is rolling up for the fall. Deadline is Oct. 11 to register your home or business to participate in the competition sponsored by Crittenden County Extension Service and Crittenden County Bale Trail. To register, contact the Extension Service at 270-965-5236 or crittenden.ext@uky.edu. A map and listing of all entries will be published by Oct. 11 on the Bale Trail Facebook page. The scene with the most Like Clicks by Nov. 1 will be crowed 2023 champion. The program is seeking non-perishable food items for Crittenden County Food Bank. A collection box is behind the Extension office on US 60

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•City of Marion Planning and Zoning Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28 at city hall.

 Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet at 3:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19 at Crittenden County Office Complex.









Outside the courthouse in Marion is an historic marker explaining how an earlier courthouse was burned during the Civil War. Pictured above left is an designer's computer rendering of the proposed new \$20 million justice center that will be going downtown. Above right, is a wide angle view of the existing courthouse that will soon be torn down.

Adiós: Exodus Begins

STAFF REPORT

Without much fanfare, Crittenden County government is leaving the court square Friday.

Doors will be closed for good on a courthouse built in 1961, having served the community for more than 60 years. Soon, a contractor will demolish it to make way for a modern justice center.

County government offices will no longer be downtown where they have been as long as the county has existed. Local government is moving next week to the former Marion Ed-Tech Cenwhich has been renovated and expanded. It has been rebranded as the Crittenden County Office Complex and will house the sheriff, county judge-executive, county clerk, property valuation administrator, economic development and other associated offices. Routine government activity will be interrupted by next week's move. However, policing will continue, says Sheriff Evan Head.

"While we are moving to the new building, state po-

Courthouse Closing Forever Friday

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 next week while employees physically move assets to the new complex. Crittenden County Office Complex at Industrial Park South will officially open on Monday, Oct. 9.

lice are going to help us out by taking calls in the county," Head said. Emergency 911 will not miss a

County Clerk Darvl Tabor said nearby counties will be helping out, too, by processing automobile licensing and transfers. He said clerks' offices in every bordering county plus Hopkins, Henderson and McCracken will be able to process those types of transactions while county government is shut down here to make the physical move to the south

side of Marion. Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, who has spent 13 years in the existing courthouse, said emotions have been mixed about leaving. The county, he explains, chose to not remain downtown in a proposed new \$20 million justice center, which will be built where the curcourthouse stands. Only criminal, civil and family court and its administration will be inside the new building.

The county judge said to have staved in the center of town would have meant ponying up 25 percent of the cost to build the new facility. The state's Justice Cabinet would pay the balance. That price tag for the

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Deer Creek celebrates 200 years When I think of home-

coming, I smell the aroma of home-cooking, hear stories and laughter from years passed and

embrace those hugs from a friend I haven't seen in years.

Homecoming at church was a big deal Kayla back in the days of oldtime-preachers like my Papaw.



Family from all over would travel home to celebrate another year. It wasn't

a question, when homecom-

ing came, you did just that. Went home.

Just like they did back then, another fella traveled back home a couple years ago, though not for a celebration but to step back into a congregation he had preciously led as pastor more than 20 years ago. Brother Jamie Baker, a

preacher who left Deer Creek Baptist Church in the early 2000s to follow a calling to Memphis to complete seminary, says he and his wife, Cheryl, and two children, Anna and Clarke, always knew they wanted to come home. After being Tennesseans for nearly two decades, they did just that.

And God's timing is alw a y s perfect, when they arrived, Deer Creek was seeking a minis-

Baker

ter once again. Now year, nearly two years after the Baker family re-established roots in Kentucky, Deer Creek will this weekend celebrate 200

years as a congregation. In 1823, a few miles west of Marion near the community of Sheridan, the first

church was built out of See 200/page 6



Can you find the militatry aircraft in this picture? This was all that was left when the B-1B crashed near Mattoon in February 1998.

Happened here, too

Whether it is the latest hurricane forecast or military bombers falling out of the sky, my interest in what's happing on the coast of South Carolina is elevated now that the oldest child resides there.

Last week when the military pilot of an F-35B Lightning II fighter jet ejected at around

2,000 feet and ended up in the backyard of a Charleston County home, it drew cause to rehash a similar situation that happened in Marion 25 years ago. I remember it like yesterday.



EVANS Press Editor & Publisher About Town

A four-man flight crew on a routine training mission out of Texas ejected from a B-1B Lancer, the U.S. Air Force's supersonic, heavy, long-range bomber. Because of a catastrophic mechanical malfunction, the crew lost control of the aircraft and dumped it at 20,000 feet somewhere around Frances in southern Crittenden County. From there, the bomber flew unmanned over Marion before crashing into a field behind the late Eddie Hendrix's home just east of

An entire generation of Crittenden Countians probably don't even know the story. My daughter, who was born in 1999, about a year after it happened, hadn't heard of it.

According to reports, the North Carolina stealth fighter went about 60 miles unmanned before it crashed fortunately - into a rural area. Just like in Charleston where the pilot came down in a neighborhood, the B-1 crew were plucked from the hills and hollows around KY 855 North just out of Frances. One was hung in a tree where his parachute had snagged.

For days, residents in that part of the county were finding pieces of parachutes and plane. A year later, I found what's called a pilot chute, which is a smaller parachute that deploys first, before the big parachute. The smaller chute makes sure the freefalling individual is turned rightside up or something like that before the big chute deploys which can cause so much jerking force it could snap the neck of an upside down diver. I came across the artifact while quail hunting near Frances, not too far north of where Parish and Hooks grain bins are located.

The Press printed a City Edition newspaper that Wednesday in 1998 because the paper had already been printed when the crash happened. I was sitting at Marion Cafe eating lunch when someone said a large plane had crashed near Mattoon. Fire trucks were going like blazes to the scene. So did I, and the picture above is what I found. Nothing much left of the huge aircraft. The largest piece left (which vou can see in the bottom left of the picture) was about the size of a small dorm-style refrigerator. That was originally a black and white photo that I colorized with new technology.

Deaths

Brock

Bro. Archie Brock, 92, of Murray, and formerly of Cadiz, died Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 at Murray-Calloway County Hos-

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Ada Lewis Brock of Murray; two sons, Mark (Debbie) Brock, and Tim Brock, both of Murray; and four grandsons.

Bro. Brock is now more alive than he has ever been. While the family mourns his passing, they also rejoice, recognizing that their loss is his gain. Brock leaves an example of a life well lived in service to God and others.

He was born Nov. 24, 1930 in Grays Knob, Ky., to the late Chesley Lewis Brock and the late Minnie Ethel Maness Brock. At age 16, he accepted Jesus as his Savior and became a child of God; it was the best decision he ever made.

He answered God's call to the ministry at the age of 19, retiring from pastorates and supply work at age 75. He pastored three churches in Harlan County, Ky., including Laden, Three Point and Friendship Baptist churches.

In Indiana, he pastored at Blooming Baptist Grove Church, where he attended when he accepted the call to ministry and was ordained in 1951. He later returned Friendship Baptist where he also continued his higher edu-

1965, Brock moved his family to Cadiz to pastor Liberty Point Baptist Church. From there he answered the call Mexico Baptist Church in Marion.

In 1972, he moved his family back to Cadiz to pastor Donaldson Creek Baptist Church and began teaching in the Trigg County School System. He also pastored at South Union Baptist Church while teaching.

In 1985 he returned to Mexico Baptist Church, where he retired in 1996.

In 1997 he began pastoring at Locust

Grove, retiring again in 2003 from full-time pastorate. As he got older, his hearing and vision began to decline; however, he continued to do inand supply terim work until age 75.

Over the years, Brock went on seven mission trips, three of which were abroad. He loved being involved in the local Baptist Association, fulfilling various positions throughout the years, one of which was disaster relief. He and his wife, Ada, joined Cadiz Baptist Church as he continued interim and supply work as long as he was able.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters

Services were Friday, Sept. 22 at Cadiz Baptist Church. Burial will be in Lewis family cemetery in Harlan at a later date. Goodwin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions can be made to Inter-Gideons national, P.O. Box 65, Cadiz, KY 42211, or to The Way Christian Youth Center, P.O. Box 572, Cadiz, KY 42211.

Padget

Ronald "Ron" Dale Padget, 81, of Marion, died Tuesday Sept. 19, 2023 at his home.

He was a member of Marion First Cumberl a n d Presbyterian



general contractor for 64 years. He spent many hours in community service volunteering at the local food bank and served as president of the Mattoon Fire Department. He organized Christmas lighting at Crittenden County Courthouse and was the chairman of the Heritage Day festival committee and was a former County Crittenden Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year. He enjoyed bowling and growing flowers in his nursery.

Surviving are his wife, Susan Padget of Marion; a son, David Padget of Springfield, Ill.; a daughter, Michelle (Tim) Perry of Normal, Ill.; a stepson, Brent (Virginia) Krug of San Bernadino, Calif.; four grandchildren, Trenton and Jordyn Perry and Michael and Kyle Padget; three sisters, McGill Betty Carol Noonan, both of Springfield, Ill., and Janet Dunaway of Granite City, Ill.; sevnieces nephews; and a sister and brother-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Marguerite Cook Padget; and a sister, Cathy Barber.

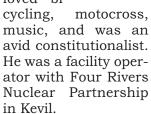
Services were Saturday, Sept. 23 at Myers Funeral Home. Private graveside services will be held at Leamington Cemetery in Junction, Ill., at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mattoon Volunteer Fire Department or Mercy Health Hospice.

Brandon

Robert C. Brandon, 61, of Kuttawa, died Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023. He was a longtime member of Life in Christ Church in Mar-

i o n where he played guitar on the wors h i p team. He loved bi-



Surviving are his wife, Karen Sue Boes Brandon of Kuttawa; father, his Percy Brandon of Eddyville; a son, Cody Brandon of Marion; a daughter, Lydia (Eddie) Smith of Kuttawa; brothers, David (Marilyn) Brandon of Henderson and Mark (Laura) Brandon of Marion; sister, Charity (David) Dersheimer of Owensboro; step-brothers, Adam (Samantha) Phelps of Jackson, Mich., and Joel (Dana) Phelps of-Shawnee, Okla.; four

nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Martha Lee Miller Brandon; and stepmother, Vicky Bran-

chael, Nasser, Kelsea

and Tori; and several

grandchildren,

Mi-

Visitation will be from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 30 at Life in Christ Church, 2925 Mott City Rd., Marion, KY 42064. A Celebration of Life service will follow at 4 p.m., at the church with Pastor Chris McDonald officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Life Impact International, P.O. Box 1984, Broken Arrow, OK 74013 or their website: lifeimpactintl.org.

Wyatt

Theresa A. Wyatt, 54, of Benton, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023 at University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

She loved friends and family, especially her grandkids. She enjoyed her job as a phlebotomist.

Surviving are two daughters, Miranda (Jonathan) Croft of Salem and Peggy Wyatt (Cheston Wainscott) of Cabot, Ark.; three sons, Patrick Wyatt of Paducah, Tyler Wyatt of Madisonville and Kenneth (Christina) Wyatt of Murray; two grandchildren, Gavin and Riggins Croft; two Vevelyn sisters, (David) Choat of Benton and Mary Faughn of Owensboro; and a brother, Ethaniel Faughn of Mayfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ethaniel William and Ora Hazel (Laws) Faughn; and three sisters, Hazel May Faughn, Melva Norphlett and Rebecca Courtney.

Services were Friday, Sept. 22 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Salem Cemetery with Bro. Jim Greer officiating.

Croft

Frances Mae Croft, 86, of Lake Station Ind., died Monday, Sept. 25, 2023 at Miller's Merry Manor in Portage, Ind.

She was a homemaker that loved spending time with

her family. Survivubg are two sons, Ronald (Darlene) Croft of Lake Station and David (Kelley) Croft of Westfield Ind.; six grandchildren, Jeffrey Watson, Jason Croft, Adam Croft, Nicolette Crof, Jared Croft, Johanna Croft; a greatgrandchild, Kaitlyn Watson; and a sister, Bernice Guess of Mar-

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garvis Croft; her parents, William Hiram and Willie Mae Hardin; and brothers, Charles Hardin and Harold "Red" Hardin.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29 at Tyners Chapel Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until 12:30 p.m., in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

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Mental heath panel addresses businesses

The need to erase the stigma of mental health care in the workplace was echoed among a panel of local professionals during the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's leadership luncheon Sept. 20.

Identifying warning signs of depression, ensuring privacy of mental health treatment and insurance coverage were also topics of conversation.

Chamber member Chris Cook coordinated and moderated panelists from Mountain Comprehensive Care and Pennyroyal Center - both of which offer services to Crittenden County School District employees and students - and Crittenden and Livingston hospitals. Each of the agencies represented see children ages five through adult at their outpatient clinics and at both hospital emergency rooms after hours.

About 45 people representing businesses in Crittenden County attended the one-hour event in Rocket Arena Conference Room, which included lunch from A Brunch of Sandwiches.

"The dynamic between panelists and the (attendees) was highly effective and created a highly engaged audience," Cook said. "I think everyone in the room learned something - in fact, many things.'

Breaking the stigma

Cook said people in the workplace commonly disphysical health problems, but talk of depression or anxiety can feel like taboo.

"Some are reluctant to share information about mental health in the workplace for fear of Crittenden Community Hospital **Family Practice Clinic** (270) 965-5238

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being judged or discriminated against," said Jen-Alexander. psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner at Crittenden Hospital. "It's easier to stay home or say you're sick at you stomach rather than admitting you're having a panic attack."

Katrina Self, coordinator of Mountain Comprehensive Care's Princeton clinic, said the best thing employers can do to erase the stigma of mental health care is to talk about it.

"It seems taboo that people don't want to say certain things about mental health because of fear, but overcoming fear requires discussion," she

Employers do a good job expressing the importance of physical health with no stigma attached, said Kenneth Stein, chief operating officer Mountain Comprehensive Care, but they do not do enough on the mental health front.

"However, that stigma dramatically declined over the 30 years I've been in this field," he said.

Warning signs

Panelists discussed warning signs of depression and anxiety including productivity issues at work, isolation, absenteeism, strained relationships or lack

motivation. Pennyroyal

school counselor Jessie Mathieu said relationships and low motivation are warning signs in the school setting, as well.

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"When people struggling, there also may be productivity issues, or they may respond negatively or have mood swings that indicate something else is going on," Mathieu said.

Alexander changes in behavior or mood, and someone staying late at work, perhaps trying to get away from something at home, is a sign to look out for.

Suicide concerns

"Parents don't want to bring it up, but suicide is a real in society, they see it on TV, other kids at school talk about it, so we have to be open about it," Mathieu said. "The number one thing to watch out for and to talk about is substance abuse, increased irritability, anger, students who are withdrawn, and reckless behavior or a history of self harm are red flags.'

Mathieu said social media is a platform where youth make vague posts, which should be monitored. She said parents can encourage their children to be supportive to peers they see making comments online that may be cries for help.

Mathieu said students should tell teachers or other adults if they see that type of online behav-

Bree Rogers, a counselor with Pennyroyal Center, said her agency administers the Columbia Suicide Screening at every session.

Mental health counselors have the responsibility of determining whether students are seeking attention with disturbing posts on social media or if they have real issues.

"Those students need to see a counselor and let them find out if there is a real issue," Self said, "It doesn't take professionals long to find out if

Panelists involved in a mental health discussion during the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's leadership luncheon Sept. 20 are (from left) Kenneth Stein, chief operating officer of Mountain Comprehensive Care in western Kentucky; Katrina Self, Mountain Comprehensive Care's Princeton clinic coordinator; Jessi Sigler and Kaitlin Loveless, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners for Livingston Hospital; and Jennifer Alexander, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner at Crittenden Hospital. Involved in the panel but not pictured are Bree Rogers, social worker with Pennyroyal Center; and Jessie Mathieu, Pennyroyal Center counselor serving Crittenden County Schools.

Breeching the subject

Teaching the workforce how to respond to coworkers who may be experiencing depression, anxiety or grief requires education. Businesses should consider providing annual trainings and encourage employees to talk about it, panelists say.

"When someone is open enough to talk about it, how we respond is a big deal," Rogers said. "If an employee says they are struggling mentally, the way you respond determines whether they are comfortable enough to answer when you ask, 'How can I help you?', not 'Suck it up, everyone goes through this."

Kaitlin Loveless, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner at Livingston's outpatient clinics, said human redepartments source should be well-versed in what is available locally and know how to get employees connected to local services.

"Just asking someone if they are OK and validating how they are feeling helps," Rogers said. She also recommends putting material in the workplace to let employees know resources are available.

Loveless said mental health referrals start with primary care providers, and patients are not turned away. If more intensive therapy needed, patients will be referred to specialized providers.

All mental health services are private, confidential and adhere to HIPAA rules and regulations.

Effects on health

Oftentimes, the panelists say, depression could be presenting itself in young children who complain of frequent headaches or stomach aches.

advice: Have Their them screened for anxiety and depression, because symptoms of those conditions can occur in children as early as 5- to 6-years old.

Drug abuse in older teens or adults also can be a sign of mental health issues, since drug users are trying to numb their pain and turn to drug use as a coping mechanism.

"Substance usually is a dual diagnosis, because anxiety and depression can lead to substance abuse," Self said.

Jessi Sigler, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner with Livingston Hospital and soon the Deaconess Clinic in Marion, said left untreated, the effects of mental health conditions on physical health include frequent headaches, abnormal heart rate, upset stomach, muscle tension, not sleeping and low blood pressure.

The earlier those conditions are identified, the sooner healthy coping skills can be taught, reducing the risk of future



Rocket Way honors

Crittenden County Schools' September Rocket Way Students of the Month are (front from left) Jagger Renfro and Sam Morries, (back) Lacey Birdwell and John Rose.

they do." "We want to make our

sessions a safe place, we do a safety plan, go over that plan with parents and make sure kids are in a safe home," Rogers



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CRITTENDEN COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD's yearly fundraiser for this year is about to begin.

Again, this year we are sending out mailings asking you for a donation.

YOU WILL NOT BE CALLED FOR A DONATION, nor will anyone be going door to door asking for donations - we will ONLY be mailing out donation requests to all Crittenden County residents.

You will receive an envelope with a letter and a self addressed envelope (addressed to Crittenden County Rescue Squad, Inc, P.O. Box 346, Marion, KY) in the mail in the next couple of days. Simply put your donation in the envelope and send it back to us.

100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO THE RESCUE SQUAD.

Please remember - Crittenden Co. Rescue Squad is not affiliated with any Fire Dept., and we DO NOT receive any money from your Fire Dues. We never charge for any of our services, and are the only group in the county that does auto extrication and water rescue. Our member's are 100% volunteer and never receive any pay for the work they do. Our main source of income is from your donations.

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Could Supreme Court's decision change who represents Crittenden?

There is no timetable for a decision from the Kentucky Supreme Court to render a decision, but last week it heard arguments in the case of whether Kentucky State House and Congressional redistricting plans enacted in 2022 by the Republican super majority in the General Assembly pass constitutional muster.

The case, known as Derrick Graham, et al., vs. Secretary of State Michael Adams, et al., is largely a partisan case, according to an article written by Kentucky Today. Graham is the House Democratic Floor Leader, while Adams is named because, as Secretary of State, he is Kentucky's chief election officer.

The main question for the justices to decide is whether anything in Kentucky's Constitution prohibits partisan gerrymandering, which has been rightly described by the U.S. Supreme Court as "incompatible with democratic principles," wrote Kentucky Today.

If the Supreme Court finds that the legislature errored when the lines were drawn for this decade, they would likely be required to go back to the drawing board. That could mean a change for Crittenden County's representation. Largely at the center of the controversy is the First Congressional District represented by Rep. James Comer. Democrats believe the new lines unfairly split some of its traditional strongholds in central Kentucky. However, there could be further examination of state House and Sentate lines.

Crittenden Countians may remember that the new district lines ultimately changed their representation in the House and Senate. At the time, the redrawn districts pitted two sitting House incumbents, Lynn Bechler (R-Marion) against Jim Gooch Jr. (R-Providence). Bechler was a four-term representative of District 4. Gooch



has served in the Kentucky House since 1995, representing District 12. Gooch prevailed in the 2022 primary election, beating Bechler, who won Crittenden County by a wide margin. Gooch now represents Crittenden, Union, Webster and McLean counties.

Crittenden's senator also changed due to the remapping. The county had been served by Robby Mills, who is now running for lieutenant governor on the GOP ticket with Attorney General Daniel Cameron. When the districts were reorganized last year, Crittenden picked up Sen. Jason Howell of Murray.

If the Supreme Court finds the new maps unconstitutional and the legislature is compelled to redraw the lines again, there is an outside chance that the decision could affect who represents Crittenden Countians in the state legislature. Comer's western Kentucky counties would almost certainly not be affected even if a change is mandated by the jus-

Schools put restrictions on game, event attendees

Crittenden County School District last week announced a policy change for audiences attending schoolsponsored events.

Citing a need to provide greater safety and security at high school events, including ballgames, the district said that beginning immediately all student attendees in kindergarten through eighth grade "must be accompanied by an adult at all school and athletic events and will not be admitted without an adult age 18 or older. Additionally, students in

grades kindergarten through fifth should sit with their accompanying adult during the game. Students, regardless of age, will not be permitted to throw balls or other objects or engage in simulated games in the end zones or in any area of the stadium or field during a game. This is to ensure your child's safety and the safety of our friends and visitors attending our athletic events," said the school's statement.

Election update: Absentee ballots can be requested

While gubernatorial campaigning has been in full swing for a while, a handful of signs are starting to emerge in Marion signaling the final leg of election season. Of course, the Nov. 7 general election will allow Kentuckians to elect a governor and a full slate of statewide candidates such as attorney general, auditor and treasurer.

There is only one local race on the ballot and that's in the City of Marion where an unexpired city council seat is up for grabs. Tracy Cook and Taylor Davis are both seeking the post. Cook is currently serving as interim council member. She and Davis had both run unsuccessfully for city council last fall. Deadline for candidates to register to run as write-ins for county surveyor or District 6 magistrate is later in October.

Some early voting options are starting to take shape. Anyone who will be out of town on election day can request an absentee ballot by going online to GoVote.Ky.gov. Inperson early voting will begin on Nov. 2.

County tax bills will be mailed on October 16

City of Marion property tax bills have mailed, but county tax bills will not go out until Oct. 16.

City taxes are due before Nov. 1. After that date, a 25 percent penalty will be applied to all unpaid bal-

County taxes are not due until Dec. 31, but taxpayers can get a discount by paying early.

Salem getting new DG

Salem will be getting a new Dollar General Store in the near future.

City leaders have been notified by DG that the new location will be on the west side of downtown, north of US 60 between the Ohio Valley Baptist Association and Mason's Lodge.

City Maintenance Director Donnie Willbanks briefed Salem City Council last week on the department store's plans. He said work to tear down a house is underway, which will make room for the store. Willbanks said it appears that the new DG will be slightly larger than the one on the east side of Salem. He wasn't sure what DG's plans are for the existing store once the new one is ready.

Riverview Park hosts 138 stays during August

Overnight camping picked up just a bit from July to August at Riverview Park on the Ohio River in northern Crittenden County.

There are seven concrete RV pads with power, water and wastewater available. The campground includes a dock, restrooms, park, basketball goal, pavilion and primitive camping.

Tent camping is \$5 per night and RV camping is \$20 with amenities. During August the campground saw 138 overnight bookings, up four from the previous month.

Crittenden County benefits from the fees, raising about \$2,110 in August. The funds go toward maintenance and upkeep of the park, formerly known as Dam 50.

Crittenden board preps to open bids on new school

After months of planning and site analysis, the Crittenden County Board of Education is entering the final stretch before advertising for bids for an estimated \$10.8 million addition to Crittenden County Middle

RBS Design Group architect Craig

Thomas told the board last week that a pre-bid meeting for interested contractors will be held in early October, with bid opening scheduled by the first week in December.

Final paperwork for Kentucky Department of Education approval is being submitted to outline the district's funding proposal.

Thomas said the project will be

carried out in three phases, including construction of the two-story addition, demolition of a portion of the existing middle school and creation of a corridor to link the new school to the current building near the gymnasium. Geotechnical testing on the site of the new building has been conducted and revealed no initial concerns.

Thomas said there is at least one contractor interested in the project. Construction bonds will be sold 30 days after a bid is awarded.

City working on leaves

As leaves begin to fall on Marion, city officials are working on a plan to begin collection this fall.

Mayor D'Anna Browning said during last week's city council meeting that the state's closing down the brush dump on Bridwell Loop has created a concern over what to do with the town's leaves.

"Judge-Executive Perry Newcom is working with us to see if we can use the county brush dump," the mayor

Already, there are complaints being lodged at city hall about residents burning leaves. While there is no ordinance prohibiting leaf burning, the city has customarily tried to collect leaves in order to alleviate nuisances created by such smoke.

Browning encourages residents to mulch their leaves if possible. If conditions remain dry this fall, a citywide burn ban could be issued.

Blackford Bridge closed

The pedestrian bridge at Blackford Veterans Memorial is closed until further notice following an examination last week by a federal bridge inspector. The bridge is in Webster County. Although it was built ostensibly for foot traffic and possibly emergency vehicles, a great deal of local traffic crosses the bridge on a regular basis.

KY children still rank high

Kentucky ties with Wisconsin for the nation's ninth-highest adult obesity rate, an improvement from second-highest last year, according to a report by Melissa Patrick with Kentucky Health News. However, Kentucky children aged 10-17 still have one of the nation's highest rates, No. 2, after ranking first last year.

The 20th annual State of Obesity report from Trust for America's Health says 37.7% of Kentucky adults are obese and nearly 72% of the state's adults are either obese or overweight, tied for sixth place with Delaware. Among the state's highschool students, 19.6% of them are obese and 16.2% are overweight.

Nationally, the report says the number of obese adults continues to rise, noting that 22 states had an 2022 adult obesity rate at or above 35%, up from 19 states in 2021. A decade ago no state had an adult obesity rate at or above 35%.

THROW THURSDAY OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

September 27, 1973

- The City of Marion received the Kentucky-Tennessee Water Pollution Control Association Award for 1973. It was given for the recognition of construction of facilities for the abatement of serious pollution problems. Marion received the award for the new construction of its water and sewer treatment plant, which had been in operation for about two years.
- Thelma Brown of Mott City is her own description of a wrestling fan. She was featured in The Press describing her love of the sport, which she attended frequently and spent a great deal of her finances attending. She took wrestling seriously, and if something happened, she didn't like, she'd tell you about it. Should the action in the ring get kind of slow, Brown put on a pretty good show of her own.
- Crittenden County High School resumed competitive girls basketball. For many years, basketball was a major sport for the boys in the state of Kentucky. After a long absence from the scene, girls' basketball made a comeback and the Kentucky State High School Athletic Association set up a state championship for the following school year.

25 YEARS AGO

September 24, 1998

- Crittenden County Rocket defense recorded two sacks by Brian Penn and Matt Jent on Ballard County's quarterback. The Rocket rushers also hurried countless passes to secure a win against the Bombers.
- Members of the One Way, a contemporary Christian group comprised of Marion youths, performed a two-hour concert in the gazebo on the courthouse lawn. Band members were DJ Morris, Keith Wilcox, Kent Wilcox and Justin Quinten.
- Tom Boone joined Leadership Investment Services as in investment representative at Citizens Bank's Marion Office. Boone offered investment alternatives for clients such as mutual funds, stocks and government, cooperate and municipal bonds.
- Crittenden County High School junior Joey Rich was presented with a plaque for being named Class A lineman of the week. Also armed with his .22 Marline rifle, Rich won the 4-H State sport rifle championship.

10 YEARS AGO

September 26, 2013

- Carsen Easly earned the highest award the Boy Scouts of America offers to Scouts, the Eagle Scout Award. As a member of Troop 75, he was one of only 4 percent of all Boy Scouts who attain the Eagle rank. He earned 50 merit badges and successfully completed a service project to earn his Eagle. He also was a member of the Order of the Arrow, which is a national honor society of the Boy Scouts of
- Although it had only been in operation for a few weeks, it looked to be a promising start for the future of propane school buses in Kentucky. Crittenden County Schools was the only district in the Commonwealth permitted to pilot a propane bus in their fleet. District officials said that the bus performed very well and saved 50 percent in fuel costs compared to a diesel bus running on a similar route.
- David Meeks of Crittenden County, who is a policy and procedures officer at the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex in Fredonia, was recognized by the Kentucky Department of Corrections with a Commissioner's Award.
- Over 200 people attended the annual Football Fellowship at Mexico Baptist Church. High school senior and Rocket quarterback Travis Gilbert gave his testimony and Shawn Harper demonstrated physical strength as he tore a phonebook in half. Harper spoke with a greater message though, as he said God called him to a greater plan than playing football in the NFL.
- In the midst of a previous year's drought, Rich Gardner kept a close watch on his crops. Despite the corn standing at an adequate height, good yields seemed unlikely at harvest. Instead of focusing on the financial loss, Gardner said he decided to follow the word God spoke to his heart and cut a corn maze through the fields. The decision led Gardner to host a fall festival on his farm, complete with hayrides, a pumpkin patch and petting zoo. Gardner said it was a great way to bring wholesome family fun to our community.

Read Brenda Underdown's Forgotten Passages column at The Press Online between newspaper issues.



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Act faithfully and encourage others

assume relationship. Faith must also be tested by words and action. If someone tells us something and they do it, our faith in them increases. If we are told one thing and see another happen, our faith will eventually erode, and our relationship will be affected. If we want to encourage others to have faith, then we must learn to act faithfully.

Our lives are full of tethers and chains. For our purposes here, think of tethers as those relationships that we are born into or that we choose. Think of chains as those things that bind us: addiction, mortality, illness, disabilities. Tethers keep us grounded and provide ways for us to do more than we could do on our own. Chains hold us back and restrict our freedom. We all have both to some degree.

Most of us manage our tethers well enough, even if they are frustrating from time to time, so long as we behave and do not break faith too often. It is with the chains, however, where faith and faithfulness show their true potential and power. It is because of the chains in this world that we need as

in each other. Faith in faulty systems that attempt to address real problems. Faith in religious groups that are trying make the better. world Primarily faith in God.

The apostle Paul, when he returned to Jerusalem after vears of teaching anyone who would listen to the good news of the kingdom of God,

was arrested and bound in chains. Those chains took him to Rome, where he was able to teach Roman guards. He used his chains to speak in places he would not have been without them.

There are two moving passages in his second letter to Timothy, written near the end of his life while he was still imprisoned. The first encourages Timothy's faith, that he not be ashamed of Paul's chains. The second is Paul asking for Timothy's encouragement, to visit him soon, and bring him

to encourage faith. Faith something to write on.

aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and them among Phygelus and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household Onesiphorus, for he ofrefreshed ten **NIESTRATH** me; he was not Faith-based columnist ashamed my chains, but

> found me may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day — and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus." (II Timothy 1:15-18)

when he ar-

rived in Rome

he searched for

me eagerly and

"Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you; for he is very useful in serving me. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments." (II Timothy 4:9-13

Paul's chains were physical. He bore them because of his insistence on teaching things that upset both religious and secular authorities. The responses of others to his chains and the way he dealt with them easily reach into the realm of figurative bonds.

There are many who are afraid of or embarrassed by the bonds of others. Most bonds make us somewhat uncomfortable. This is the perfect environment to exercise faith. This is where all that talk of "getting out of a comfort zone" hits the reality of what one is willing to do. This kind of faith looks like kindness, inclusion, and working together. As with Paul, in the world of faith, bonds may give someone access to places those who are "free" will never have. It is how faith gets into the crevices of life that most people cannot or will not

This is why all of us need to encourage faith in each other. We all have bonds that help us to relate to those with similar bonds. It is not inappropriate to tell those who are not bound in the same

devise a test to prove God's

existence. However, I've ex-

perienced His presence and

way how they can help with tools and resources.

It may not be miraculous in the same way that Jesus did it in the Gospels, but faithful people encouraging each other in the face of those things that bind us can still demonstrate what Isaiah said of Jesus.

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,

because the LORD has anointed me

to bring good tidings to the afflicted;

he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim liberty to the captives.

and the opening of the prison to those who are

bound" (Isaiah 61:1) Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean. niestrath@outlook.com.

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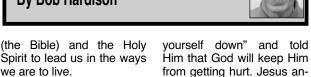
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Is it wrong to demand a sign from God? in things for which there is no scientific proof. One can't

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Answer: Responding to our tests isn't the way God works in our lives. We must be careful never to test God by making demands on Him or by living recklessly and expecting Him to protect us. God has given us His Word





(Mt. 4:6, 7). We can trust God without putting Him to a test. Following Jesus involves trusting

Lord your God to the test"

guidance and blessings for 62 years now and I've found the chorus "Every Day with Jesus is Sweeter than the Day Before" to be true. God is faithful. Therefore, we don't need to put Him swered him, "Do not put the

to a test. We simply need to trust Him and ask Him to provide the things we need. Send your questions to:

bob@bobhardison.com

Community Events & News

nual homecoming celebration on Sunday, Oct. 1. Bro. Na- from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of than Howton will be bringing the message and a fellowship meal will be at noon following the service. The Davis Family will be singing at 1:30 p.m.

we are to live.

Putting God to a test is

never a good idea. It wasn't

for Jesus and neither is it for

us. Satan took Jesus to the

highest point of the temple

and challenged Him, "Throw

- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and
- request a video link that hopefully will change your mind. ■ 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 in case of rain.
- Calvary Baptist Church in Marion will be hosting its anevery 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.
 - The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
 - Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.

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EXIT

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county started out around \$3 million for the county to stay, which Newcom and others agreed was too much. They're getting into the office complex in Industrial Park South for about \$1.7 million.

The county judge said he has fielded a number of questions about why the county government offices couldn't stay downtown. If you look at the ballooning costs of construction, the county's share would now be about \$5 million.

On the flip side, local taxpayers will be on the hook to some degree to maintain and provide security for the new justice center. While there is no official timeline for when it will be built, most courthouse officials are not expecting it to be ready for at least three years.

Newcom said the existing courthouse has been problematic the past few years because of its age.

"Mother Nature has taken its toll and this building was going down fast," he said during last week's fiscal court meeting on the main floor of the courthouse. That was the last formal government meeting held inside the building.

While some have waxed affectionately about the courthouse, Clark Daryl Tabor says there is nothing romantic about it and he's ready to occupy the new office complex on Industrial Drive next to the health department.

"This building is just not accommodating," Tabor said.

Local historian Brenda Underdown wrote one of her regular columns for the newspaper in 2021 about the existing courthouse and the one that preceded it. The courthouse that stands today in the center of town was the sixth building to serve such purpose.

Following are some experts from that writing.

•Crittenden's present courthouse was opened in 1961. County Judge Earl McChesney broke ground Wednesday, May 3, 1961 for the new Crittenden County Court-Other house. county officials attending the ceremonies were County Clerk R.P. Davidson, County Attorney B. M. Westberry and magistrates comprising the Fiscal Court, consisting of Watson Flanary, Clemens Crawford, Ernest Nelson, G.B. Kirk, Cruce McDonald, Truman Highfil, Frank H. Hill and Joe Robertson.

•A time capsule was placed in the cornerstone of the courthouse. Local officials have discussed retrieving the time capsule, but no one is exactly sure where it is. T. Rankin Terry, who now lives in Florida but has deep family roots in Crittenden County, said the building was designed by a friend of his father, Rankin Terry. The friend-architect was Max Bisson of Owensboro.

"Max and Dad, the engineer, superintended building projects all over Kentucky," Terry recalls. "One was the old football stadium in Princeton. He also did the Crittenden County High School."

•Inside the time capsule are many items, including copies of newspapers from 1961, financial statements from local banks, items from local manufacturers, a Holy Bible presented by Nelda Phelps, history and roster the of local National Guard tank company 123D Armor and American Legion Ellis B. Ordway Post No. 111, church bulletins from the period, fluorspar samples and much more. Perhaps one of the most intriguing items put in the capsule was a newspaper printed in Dycusburg in 1867. For a complete list of the items see Underdown's original article from September 2021.

•The courthouse was dedicated and formally opened in December 1961. In spite of driving cold rain and sleet, approximately 200 people showed up for the dedication ceremonies, which were held in the circuit courtroom of the new

building Dec. 9.

It was apparent to everyone there that the long red brick building of contemporary architecture was both beautiful and functional and would serve the county as its seat of government and repository of records for many years to come, read an article in The Press that year.

The article went on to describe the courthouse:

"The new building contains a full basement. It houses portions of the activities of the county school board and the county clerk's office. The remainder of the space in the basement will be available for renting to various governmental agencies. The windows protrude above the ground and furnish a great amount of light in that area. County offices are on the main, or first, floor. The circuit courtroom is located on the second floor. That floor also contains chambers for the judge and a jury

"The main hallway is done in a beautiful mosaic terrazo that is both attractive and long lasting. It was felt that this latter feature would better preserve a clean, neat appearance of the area. The main entrance, made up of tall and stately glass doors, is located on the east side of the building and fronting on Main Street. The entire building is brilliantly lighted by fluorescent lighting fixtures. It has been observed that the building is virtually fireproof, there being no wood in it except for some doors," read the article from

"It is interesting to read these historic accounts of the past, and how at the time the new courthouse was a thing of modern beauty and functionality," Underdown wrote two years ago. "Now, 60 years later it has outlived its time once again, and a sixth courthouse is in the future, with maybe some architectural features of the one built in 1871."

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

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

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

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

•While the new courthouse was being constructed, the court met in the old Bethany Presbyterian brick church. (This church was near where Ellington's Detailing is located across U.S. 60 from the old Marion Cemetery. According to research by the late Bob M. Wheeler, this meeting house was on the northern side of this hill (the portion of the hill which was cut down by the construction of U.S. 60's western entrance into Marion on West Gum Street.)

•On June 10, 1844 the

court met in the Brick Church near Marion. On motion of Joel E. Grace, Isham Clement, Isaac H. Wheeler and William Hughes, commissioners appointed by this court at the last term to examine the Courthouse and report the condition of same and the manner of the work done by the undertaker, this day returned into court a report, which being examined, and it appearing that the work done with some few exceptions as specified in said report, and H. B. Pierce, the undertaker, agreeing to complete and finish the said House by doing the work lacking as set out in said report. It is ordered that the Courthouse be received by this court according to the specifications of Pierce and the court takes possession and receives said building from Pierce and that the court be now adjourned to meet at the Courthouse in Marion.

The court adjourned and moved its meeting to the first newly constructed Crittenden County Courthouse.

This Courthouse was destroyed during the Civil War in January 1865. Local history states that it was burned by Gen. Hyram Lyon. It may have been burned by Confederate guerrillas, but Lyon on that date, was in Aberdeen, Miss.

Here, Gen. Lyon penned his campaign report and listed the courthouses, which he burned, and it does not list the one at Marion. He didn't even go through Crittenden County. (There is nothing in the court records telling how the courthouse burned, only of the rebuilding of a new one.) The late historian Thomas Tucker told that the building was torched because Union soldiers were using it as a barracks. But all records were removed before the fire, so they were all saved.

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

burned) as may be.

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

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

•The third courthouse was commissioned in June 1870. At a court meeting, John W. Blue, W.H. Rochester and R.W. Wilson were appointed to serve on a committee with the purpose of building the courthouse. It was to be built at the same place and on same form as old courthouse.

•The fourth courthouse was built in 1871. It stood through the ages and cared for the people of Crittenden County until it was torn down in March of 1961. Most of the voters in Crittenden County had decided that the old courthouse was in a sad worn-out shape and needed so many updates and repairs that it wasn't worth the money to try and keep it.

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logs. It used the same type of split logs for seats and had only one window for light, according to church history.

In 1859, a second building heated by a wood stove held the first service on Christmas Eve.

And, the third and final building that serves congregants today, was built in 1882. A couple acres were acquired the following year, for \$20. Over the following years, church trustees and members elected to add Sunday school rooms, a vestibule, a basement area, and a fellowship hall to accommodate the growing congregation.

"Deer Creek feels like home. I've been there over 20 years and from the moment I started going I have always felt like family. Everyone there is like family," said member Anna Lou Whitt.

Since the first church, many things have changed. One thing has not, the desire to serve the Lord through ministry inside and out of





the church. It has over the years served God through various community ministries, including Discipleship Training Classes, Crittenden County Jail Ministry, a choir which welcomes participation by everyone interested in making a joyful noise in praise to the Lord, One Purpose

hand-signing ministry, an active youth group, Christians In Action, Mission Friends, Women's Missionary Union and Brotherhood for men. Also, every Christmas it produces one of the area's best live Nativities.

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Everyone is encouraged to celebrate the church's 200th anniversary and enjoy good fellowship with old neighbors and friends. Supper

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bid notice

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The football homecoming queen and king were crowned Friday night before the Rockets played Owensboro Catholic. Members of the court were (from left) 2022 king and queen Evan Belt and Regan Peek, sophomores Quinn Summers and Zoey Hodge, seniors Avery Belt and Bailey Williams, King Micah Newcom and Queen Laycee Lynn, seniors Travis Champion and Lizzie Campbell, juniors Braden Sunderland and Layla West and freshmen Jake Rich and Kylie Bloodworth.



rade last week on Main Street in Marion. Pictured are freshmen participants (front from left) Gunner Topp, Brady Dayberry, Cash Singleton, Jaxton Duncan, Braelyn Merrill, (back) Maddie Watson, Brooklyn Stinnett, Karsen Shouse, Laiken Gilchrist, Hannah Jent, Haylie Hunt, Presley Potter, Shelby Belt, Olivia Hinchee, Bella Williams, Morgan Stewart and Morgan Piper.



Crittenden County High School's sophomore powder puff team dominated the annual home-coming competition last Thursday. The Saucy Sophomores beat the juniors 46-0 in the opener then dispatched the freshmen 36-8. Pictured (front from left) are Madison Walker, Zoey Hodge, Rhianna Maness, Aubrey Grau, Gracie Orr, Mollie Blazina, Gavin Grimes, Chloe Hunt, Georgia Holeman, Savannah Sutton, Dixie Hunter, (back) coach Brayden Poindexter, Makayla Williams, Ella Whitney, Jordan Potter, coach Trae Taylor, Ella Geary, Peyton Smith, Anna Boone, Hayden Peek, Andrea Federico, Bristyn Rushing, Elliot Evans, Kodi Stoner, Lilly Collins, Kiersten Smith, Emme Lynch and coach Quinn Summers.



Brady Dayberry riding a floaty aboard the freshman float.



Ballcarrier freshman Ashley Sosh tries to outrun sophomore Mollie Blazina in the annual powder puff football series last week at Rocket Stadium. In the back is freshman Hanna Jent. See more photos from the homecoming powder puff games at The Press Online.

4 indicted by grand jury in Sept.

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Grand Jury in September indicted four individuals. A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocense. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a case in circuit court. Indicted this month were:

•Russell Nelson, 47, of Gilbertsville, Ky., on a felony charge of flagrant non-support. He pleaded guilty in circuit court for being in arrears by \$5,356.25 in child support.

•Jonathan Taylor, 40, was indicted on a felony charge of flagrant non-support for allegedly being arrears by \$20,107.10.

•Adam Cruzman was indicted on an amended charge of sexual misconduct and the case was remanded to district court as a Class A misdemeanor.

•Jessica Sherer, 38, was indicted on a charge of enhanced first-degree, first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). The enhancement was due to the presence of a handgun when she was arrested by Asst. Police Chief Bobby West on Sept. 12.

Church Kickball Champions



The Kicking Putts team made up largely of Crittenden County High School golfers won Sunday's Marion Baptist Church Open Kickball Tournament at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The free event included lunch and attracted more than 100 participants. The winning squad was comprised of (from left) Bentley Rushing, Luke Durham, Mitchell Brown, Landon Curry, Austin Whitt, Jaxon Hatfield, Grayson Davidson, Avery Belt, Turner Sharp, Cash Singleton and Gabe Keller.

Students learn periods of DWI

STAFF REPORT

Middle school students were introduced to the perils of driving drunk, or at least something similar.

Through a couple of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) grants, Crittenden County Sheriff's Department provided a program on the middle school campus last week aimed at discouraging drinking and driving among teens.

School Resource Officer John Shofner headed up the program on two days just ahead of homecoming weekend. He said students who are taught the dangers and consequences of driving while impaired tend to stray from such criminal activity.

Through the ASAP funding, Shofner has purchased the Fatal Vision® Alcohol Goggles, Cart and Kit which is "designed to deliver memorable lessons on topics like impaired driving, underage



drinking, and other substance abuse issues," the company's promotional material says.

Students perform simple activities or sobriety tests without and then while wearing the goggles. Performing the activities twice lets participants experience their performance while unimpaired and then impaired. The goggles cause the wearer to display behaviors that are typical of individuals impaired by alcohol at various BAC levels

"I had a couple of students who put the goggles on and started in the cart say that they would never do alcohol. That is a win, that is a big win," Shofner said.



CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Sports Events THURSDAY

Soccer hosts Hopkinsville MS Football hosts Browning Springs JR Pro Football at Webster County **FRIDAY**

Football hosts Murray Volleyball at Quad State

SATURDAY

Volleyball at Quad State **MONDAY**

Volleyball hosts UHA JV Football at Hopkins Central Soccer District vs Lyon at Lyon

Volleyball at Hopkins Central

SOFTBALL Old-timers celebration

CCHS Lady Rocket softball will host an old-timers celebration and game on Sunday, Oct. 29 at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The event will recognize Crittenden's 1991 softball team, the very first to play the sport in high school, and the 1995 softball team, which was the first to play fast-pitch. The event will begin with batting practice at 1 p.m., and the old-timers game will start at 2:45 p.m. Players from all eras are encouraged to participate whether during batting practice or play. For more information, contact CCHS softball coach Chris Evans at (270) 704-0435. The team will accept donations from those participating.

Class 2A Standings FIRST REGION **District One**

District Two					
Caldwell County	0-0	0-6			
Crittenden County	0-0	2-3			
Murray	0-0	5-1			
Maytield	0-0	4-1			

Owensboro Catholic 6-0 0-0**Todd Central** 0-03-3 Fort Campbell 0-0 3-3 **Edmonson County** 1-5

GOLF

Upcoming events

·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.

ARCHERY

Orr is Shooter of Year

Crittenden County competitive archer Emory Orr has be chosen Eastern National Shooter of the Year in the Female Eagle Open division. Orr is a Crittenden County middle schooler who



shoots with the local Inside Out Archers club. She has been shooting competitively for five years.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the most common hunting opportunities currently in sea-

son or coming up:			
Bullfrog	May 19 - Oct 31		
Squirrel	Aug 19 - Nov 10		
Dove	Sept 1 - Oct 26		
Canada goose	Sept 1-15		
Deer archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15		
Turkey archery	Sept 2 - Jan 15		
Wood duck	Sept 16-20		
Deer crossbow	Sept 16 - Jan 15		
Teal	Sept 16-24		
Racoon hunting	Oct 1 - Feb 29		
Turkey crossbow	Oct 1-22		
Deer muzzleloader	Oct 21-22		
Deer youth hunt	Oct 14-15		
Turkey shotgun	Oct 28 - Nov 3		
Turkey crossbow	Nov 11 - Dec 31		
Deer rifle season	Nov 11-26		
Squirrel	Nov 13 - Feb 29		
Quail	Nov 13 - Feb 29		
Rabbit	Nov 13 - Feb 10		
Racoon trapping	Nov 13 - Feb 29		
Gray or red fox	Nov 13 - Feb 29		
Beaver	Nov 13 - Feb 29		
Bobcat	Nov 18 - Feb 29		
Dove	Nov 23 - Dec 3		
Canada goose	Nov 23 - Feb 15		
Turkey shotgun	Dec 2-8		
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Dove	Dec 23 - Jan 14		
Deer free youth hunt	Dec 30-31		

Coyote

Ground hog

Rockets toppled by O'Cath, No. 5 Murray is next

the ball in their hands in the first half thanks to a couple of passes the Rockets stole from highly-touted Owensboro Catholic quarterback Brady Atwell, Crittenden County's "street cred" was rising against the No. 3 team in Class 2A.

Then the hatches broke loose and Crittenden went from being in a nice place few might have expected to facing killer beasts in the Roman Colosseum. Subsequently the undefeated Catholics left Marion with a 62-12 victory. O'Cath was heavily favored in the contest.

Like manna from heaven, two of Atwell's first-half passes fell into the hands of defenders. Senior Gabe Keller returned one for a touchdown and sophomore Brayden Poindexter snared another, giving the Rockets the ball near midfield and a chance to make it a one-possession game before halftime.

However, Crittenden's offense could muster nothing and was forced to punt. From there, the Aces scored four more times in the first half, including three TDs in the last 56 seconds of the second period. Catholic led by 36 at the break and forced a running clock for the last two quarters. They tacked on two more scores down the stretch

The Rockets could neither move the ball nor get pressure on Atwell. In the first half, CCHS had no first downs and lost two fumbles. Their special teams gave up the ball twice, allowed a punt return with no time on the

clock and Crittenden went into halftime trailing 48-12.

The homecoming game had turned on a dime.

"We came out early and made some plays and were able to get a couple of CCHS coach turnovers," Gaige Courtney said. "But we made too many mistakes of our own. We can't turn over the ball and go into the half with that kind of margin. That's a really good football team."

Atwell, the O'Cath quarterback, is the son of former Mr. Kentucky Football Travis Atwell, who the Rockets faced three times in the late 1990s. CCHS was 1-2 against the father. The son threw 31 passes in the first half and completed many of them with its ball-control spread offense. Crittenden changed its coverage a bit in the secondary and forced Atwell into a couple of picks, but he recovered to pass for 245 yards, including five touchdowns. He rushed for two more as the Aces improved to 6-0.

Ranked No. 10 in Class 2A, Crittenden (2-3) will open district play this week at home against No. 5 Murray. The Tigers are 5-1 after beating McCracken County 38-35 last Friday. Their only loss was to Union County 27-7.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Owensboro Catholic 21 27 7 7 Crittenden County 6 6 0 SCORING PLAYS

OC-Brady Atwell 2 run (Andrew Garvin kick) 8:45, 1st OC-Waryn Ebelhar 3 pass from Atwell (Garvin kick) 7:00, 1st

OC-Tutt Carrico 9 pass from Atwell (Garvin kick) 2:29, 1st



Rocket quarterback Micah Newcom scrambles away from an Owensboro Catholic defender.

CC-Caden Howard 70 pass from Micah Newcom (kick failed) 2:12, 1st CC-Gabe Keller 18 interception (pass failed) 11:39, 2nd

OC-Atwell 10 run (Garvin kick) 4:55, 2nd OC-Mitchell Sims 13 pass from Atwell (Garvin kick) :56, 2nd

OC-Eblher 22 pass from Atwell (Garvin kick):44, 2nd

OC-Noah Rhinerson 60 punt return (kick failed) :00, 2nd

OC-Tutt Carrico 13 pass from Atwell (Garvin kick) 1:01, 3rd OC-Rhinerson 34 pass from Dremail

Carothers (Garvin kick) 8:50, 4th **TEAM TOTALS** First Downs: CCHS 3, OCHS 18

Penalties: CCHS 3-30, OCHS 10-95 Rushing: CCHS 14-21, OCHS 17-192 Passing: CCHS 11-16-1, 203; OCHS Total Yards: CCHS 224, OCHS 471

Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 2-2. OCHS 0-0 **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS** Rushing

CCHS: Tyler Belt 1-0, Gattin Travis 1-1, Jacob Carder 6-6, Caden Howard 1-5. Quinn Summers 1-11. Micah Newcom 1-(-5). OCHS: Elijah Blair 1-9, Miles Edge 3-21, Tutt Carrico 2-34, Vince Carrico 3-19, Noah Rhinerson 1-3, Kail Kabalen 1-5, Brady Atwell 6-

Receiving

CCHS: Carder 1-7. Belt 3-105. Howard 2-76. Gabe Keller 2-0. Dakota Sosh 2-14, Trae Taylor 1-1. OCHS: Blair 4-50, Edge 7-62, Rhinerson 5-67, T.Carrico 5-61, V.Carrico 1-0, Waryn Ebelhar 3-28, Mitchell Sims 3-26, Houston Lynn

Passing

CCHS: Newcom 8-10-0, 188; Summers 3-6-1, 15. OCHS: Atwell 28-39-2, 245; Carothers 1-1-0, 34.

Defense

Gabe Keller 6 solos, 2 assists, interception; Levi Piper 4 solos, 4 assists; Gattin Travis solo, 3 assists; Bennett McDaniel solo, 2 assists; Lane West 2 solos: Casev Cates 6 solos: Tyler Belt 5 solos; Jason Millikan solo; Grayson James solo; Blake French 2 assists; Camron Belcher solo; Braden Mahnke assist: Caden Howard 5 solos. 2 assists; Brayden Poindexter 5 solos, 3 assists, interception; Dakota Sosh solo; Jacob Carder solo.

Players of the Game: Offense Micah Newcom, Defense Gabe Keller, Lineman Keagan Young-Pierson, Special Teams Braden Mahnke

CCHS 2-3, OCHS 6-0



Pictured are (front from left) Zachary Rustin, Wyatt Gibson, Cameron Nesbitt. Maddox Watkins, Noah Martinez, (middle) Ella Whitney, Karsyn Potter, Presley Potter, Ella Geary, Mary Martinez, Callie Rich, Emily Hardin, (back) Bryan Chaney, Jaxton Duncan, Asa Mc-Cord, River Rogers, Jayden Gibson and Matthew Valentine. Not pictured Samuel Powell.

CCHS ROSTER

Karsyn Potter Senior Mary Martinez Junior Asa McCord Junior Matthew Valentine Junior Bryan Chaney Junior Aubrey Grau Sophomore Ella Geary Sophomore Ella Whitney Sophomore Landon Starkey Jayden Gibson Presley Potter Jaxton Duncan River Rogers Wyatt Gibson Callie Rich Zachary Rustin Maddux Watkins Cameron Nesbitt Samuel Powell

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

LADY ROCKET SOCCER

Crittenden County opens postsesaon play Monday at Eddyville. The Lady Rockets will face tournament host Lyon County in the 5:30 p.m., opener at Lee

The Lady Rockets are led by senior Lizzie Campbell, who has scored 56 percent of the team's goals this season. She has 22 through Tuesday's action. The team total is 39. Sophomore Ella Geary has a dozen goals on the season while Karsyn Potter has two goals this fall and Kylie Bloodworth and Joslyn Silcox one apiece.

The homestanding Lyons will pose a considerable challenge for CCHS, which has lost to Lyon twice this season by scores of 10-4 and 8-1. Lyon's record this season is 9-5-1 and it is No. 4 in the Second Region power rankings behind University Heights, Trigg County and Madisonville, respectively. CCHS is No. 8 in the region's power

The winner of Monday's Crittenden-Lyon matchup will play Trigg, the district's No. 1 seed, in Tuesday's championship at 7:30 p.m., in Ed-

Crittenden improved 6-6 on the season with a 2-1 road win at Webster County. Campbell scored both goals and keeper Hannah Long had eight saves, slightly below her 9.8 average. The girls lost 3-1 at home to Union Tuesday. Campbell scored the only goal on an assist by Bloodworth.

GOLF

Year Round

Year Round

See more dates at fw.ky.gov

The first round of the KHSAA State Golf Tournament was the last for Crittenden County senior Jeremiah Foster.

Foster shot a six-over 78 in the 18-hole match at Calvert City Country Club

Tuesday, missing the cut when nine golfers ended the round tied at 77 just ahead of him. Golf coach Vicki Hatfield prefers not to think of this as Foster's final round,

but the beginning of the next level. Foster has been in conversations with Kentucky Wesleyan about playing collegiately, and during the semi-state round, Foster made a connection that



could lead to talks with Brescia University.

Foster was four over going into his last hole and lost his ball in tall grass. Unable to locate it, he took a drop and ended up missing a 15-foot bogey putt.

'I hate how it ended for him, because he was playing really good, sticking with his game plan of fairways and greens," Hatfield said. "I'm proud of him, golf isn't over for him by any means. He would be an asset to anybody's team You learn from adversity and mistakes."

•CCHS sophomore Georgia Holeman shot a personal best 105 on 18 holes at last week's Girls' Second Region Golf Tournament at Paxton Park Golf Course in Paducah. She finished 24th out of 34 golfers. She shot 48 on the front and 57 on the back nine.

CROSS COUNTRY

Following are Crittenden County results from last weekend's 5K cross country race at Marshall County. There were 220 male runners and 129 female runners.

GIRLS Rocket Runner

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26	Mary Martinez	11	23:22.46		
67	Aubrey Gray	10	26:17.99		
71	Presley Potter	9	26:28.30		
77	Ella Whitney	10	26:53.31		
84	Ella Geary	10	28:04.00		
103	Karsyn Potter	12	30:36.19		
BOYS					
88	River Rogers	10	21:01.90		
121	Jayden Gibson	10	22:21.33		

MS FOOTBALL

Matthew Valentine 11

Maddox Watkins 8

181 Zachary Rustin

196 Noah Martinez

214 Bryan Chaney

215 Wyatt Gibson

210

Crittenden beat Caldwell County 60-30 Tueday at Princeton behind six touchdowns from QB Conner Poindexter. He threw for four scores and rushed for two. Cadence Hackney had two TD catches, Ethan Sosh had one and Eli Lovell one. Sosh rushed for a score, too, and Lovell returned an interception for a touchdown.

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CCMS is 5-2 and closes out the regular season Thursday at home against Browning Springs.

CCHS VOLLEYBALL

Crittenden County improved to 9-9 on the season with a straight set victory at Trigg County Tuesday. The girls beat the Lady Wildcats 25-13, 25-8, 25-10 to sweep Fifth District play this season. The girls have not lost a set in district action over the last five years.

The girls lost in four sets to Marshall County on Monday at Rocket Arena,

CCHS remains ranked among the top four teams in the Second Region, trailing only University Heights, Union County and Christian County in the KHSAA power rankings. Crittenden has

falling 25-18, 25-18, 21-25, 25-23. won five of its last six matches. 22:35.73 125 Asa McCord 11

Fredonia, Salem dealing with trash matters

Trash can be a real stinker for municipalities, particularly in rural areas where collection vendors are scarce and competitive pricing is often impos-

City councils in both Fredonia and Salem city spent a good portion of their meetings this month discussing ways to keep a lid on garbage issues in their towns.

In Salem where GFL Environmental pulled out when it lost the garbage collection franchise in nearby Crittenden County, some problems have risen to a potential criminal level. Council members have decided to take legal action against some property owners and renters who are allegedly creating a nuisance by not keeping their yards in order, letting household trash and debris pile up and having inoperable vehicles on their lawns for an extended period of time.

Council members last week spent about 30 minutes hearing evidence on the matters and moved to file ordinance violations against the alleged offenders and perhaps file criminal charges if necessary. City Attorney Bart Frazer advised the council that he believes there are grounds for criminal action. The city will seek further counsel with Livingston County Attorney Allen Wilson.

The city has also discovered an illegal sewer tap and will be conferring with the county attorney about filing criminal theft charges against those alleged violators. The suspects will also be banned indefinitely from further municipal services in Salem.

In Fredonia, the council is taking action against individuals who are filling up cityowned dumpsters with bags of trash. The council has proposed an ordinance to fine any

Salem getting new Dollar General

Salem will be getting a new Dollar General Store in the near

City leaders have been notified by DG that the new location will be on the west side of downtown, north of US 60 between the Ohio Valley Baptist Association and Mason's Lodge.

City Maintenance Director Donnie Willbanks briefed Salem City Council on the department store's plans. He said work to tear down a house is underway, which will make room for the store. Willbanks said it appears that the new DG will be slightly larger than the one on the east side of Salem. He wasn't sure what DG's plans are for the existing store once the new one is

Salem, a town with about 700 residents, also has a Dollar Tree and Family Dollar combination store and Salem Food Market, a locally owned grocery store.

property owner \$25 per bag of trash for illegal dumping into the city's dumpsters. A final vote on the measure will be taken at the October council meeting. Fredonia City Council meets the third Monday of each month.

GFL has the Caldwell County franchise agreement for collecting residential trash.

In another move, Fredonia leaders proposed an ordinance that will require all residential properties inside the city limits to have an active water and sewer account with Fredonia Water System before any dwelling on the property can be occupied.

Fredonia Mayor Jim Siebert said it appears that a great deal of water is being hauled into the city then passed through the Fredonia waste water plant unmetered. The city bases the amount of sewer it treats on how much water it sells. The city, he said, is basically treating that sewerage for

"..It is unsanitary and unhealthy for a residential property to not have an active city water and sewer account through Fredonia Water System," the proposed ordinance reads. It too will require a second reading in October.

If approved, all residential properties in the city will be notified about the new policy. There would be a \$25 per day fine for violators.

Crittenden Fiscal Court News

Water expenses hitting jail

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court held its final meeting at the downtown courthouse last week and dispensed with a full agenda of mostly routine business.

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and magistrates continued to revisit discussion about road improvements. The court has expressed frustration over the past several months at being unable to attract a contractor to do paving work that was bid last year.

Newcom likened the situation to "being held hostage." He said the county has more than 300 miles of roads and is only able to re-pave about six or seven miles a year at best because funding is so tight.

"We still don't know when they will start," he

The county last month issued a priority list for county road improvements.

In other business:

•Jailer Athena Hayes told the fiscal court that she believes city water, which has been high in manganese due to the ongoing water crisis, is responsible for a number of issues creating maintenance and repair headaches.

We have been talking to the Division of Water, Marion and others about trying to find a viable solution," Hayes told magistrates.

She said filters in the jail's water system are having to be replaced weekly, which is becoming quite costly. She also pointed out that the recent increase in city water will be strongly felt at the jail.

Judge Newcom said the jail's water and sewer bill was about \$3,000 a month about 13 years ago when he was first elected to office. He said the cost was approaching \$6,000 a month before the recent 40 percent in-

"People are worried about paying their water bill at home, but they will be paying more for the jail, too," he said, pointing out that ultimately county taxpayers own and operate the detention center.

Hayes said she is in negotiations with the Federal Bureau of Prisons for a new contract that will allow Crittenden to continue housing federal inmates. It currently keeps federal prisonsers from Tennessee, Missouri and Kentucky. A new contract could mean greater daily revenue for each in-

The number of federal inmates is down this year, averaging 58 a day. Last year's average was 64. Due to the lower numbers, federal housing revenue is down more than \$19,000 a month on

•Magistrates agreed to find a suitable technology contractor to help guide

the county through an ever evolving workplace. Judge Newcom said the new office complex will be much more modern than the courthouse where

county offices have been

located for more than 50

vears.

forward.

With more modern phone systems and webbased communications, the judge said maintenance will become a greater challenge. Having an Information Technology (IT) person on contract, he said, will be

The county will apply for three-year Cyber Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security to help defray

almost necessary moving

•The court discussed developing a contract between Crittenden and Livingston counties in order for the Crittenden County Public Library to continue providing Book-

mobile services in Livingston. Judge Newcom said the Bookmobile has been traveling from Marion to service Livingston residents. If the service is going to continue, the judge suggested that the library begin charging and have a formal agreement in place.

'We just need to make sure it's done legal," Newcom told magistrates.

•Wes Hunt, Crittenden County Child Support ofand assistant county attorney, asked the fiscal court to adopt a resolution recognizing Lee Riddle Jr. and Hillary Croft of the Hopkins County Support Unit for providing material assistance during the recent changeover. Hunt recently took over the Crittenden County Child Support Unit when Bart elected Frazer was county attorney. The court honored Hunt's re-

Crittenden County Detention Center JAIL CENSUS Sept. 21, 2023 August 24, 2023 Monthly Average 2022



CENTER REPORT SEPTEMBER 21. 2023

DETENTION

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.

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

State Inmates 103 101 Federal Inmates 58 Other County Inmates 12 16 25.3 Critenden County Inmates 12 13 13.5 **TOTAL INMATES** 185 183 194.3 Weekenders 3 3.3 Work release Out to Court 0 0 **Actual Inmate Bed Count** 188 186 197.7

AUG 2023

\$109,695.36

Federal Housing Payments \$79,184.00 \$8,440.61 Federal Transport Payments Lyon Co. Housing Payments \$14,940.00 \$1.120.00 Other County Housing Payments Weekend/Work Release **TOTAL HOUSING**

Last Month ANALYSIS Cost of Crittenden Inmates

Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates

Last Month **REVENUE**

State Housing Payments

\$672.00 \$128.00 \$498.67 \$205,611.36 \$211,830.98 \$224,272.99 \$13,408.00 \$13,221.33 \$12,256,00 Numbers of Co. Housing Days \$383.00 \$419.00 413.17 County Daily Housing Rate \$32.00 \$32.00 32

JULY 2023

\$118,282.98

\$81,340.00

\$5,735.36

\$11,088.00

\$992.00

Monthly Avg. 2022

\$88,791.89

\$7,738.28

\$26,106.00

\$2.856.00

13.64

\$106,020.43

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