

## Homeschool student numbers drop here

The number of homeschool students in Crittenden County is down slightly from last school year. According to Crittenden County Schools, which must be notified of Crittenden County students' enrollment in homeschool programs, there are currently 114 students from 69 families being homeschooled. Late in the 2023-2024 school year, the district reported 122 students from 75 families were homeschooled. There are two families utilizing Crittenden County's new Commonwealth Academy home school program facilitated by the West Kentucky Education Cooperative. That homeschool option was created this summer. Those enrolled in the program can participate in clubs, sports and other activities.

## Correction: Tax bills

An article in last week's newspaper incorrectly stated that tax bills paid by the end of October receive a two percent discount. That is not correct. Taxes are not due until the end of the year, but during November there is a two-percent discount for early payment.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion City Council will meet in special session at 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 5 at city hall. Council members will consider final approval of Marion's 2024 property tax rates. Its real property tax rate is proposed to increase from 22.5 cents in 2023 to 22.9, which effectively raises tax revenue by 2.5 percent.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will have a working session at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 5 at Rocket Arena.
- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 9 at the central office.
- Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., the Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the courthouse.

## Seniors Can Get a Lift to Area Cities for Dr. Visit

Pennyrile Allied Community Services continues to provide seniors a ride to out-of-county medical appointments. Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon County residents can get a lift for a cost of \$4 per round trip with service to 12 counties including McCracken and Henderson. Informational fliers are posted in medical facilities in these counties. You must schedule a ride 24 hours in advance to verify availability. To reserve a seat, call PACS Transportation at 1-800-467-4601. For more information, contact Jenny Sosh, Crittenden and Livingston county Senior Center director at (270) 965-5229 or (270) 928-2811.



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Marion's water plant was originally capable of making about 800,000 gallons of water per day. In its current condition, that's no longer likely.



## Tighter ship saves millions

### Numbers

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| By repairing leaks, Marion has needed to make less water. Below are gallons of water made in July over four different years. |
| <b>JULY 2020</b>                                                                                                             |
| 14.6 million gallons                                                                                                         |
| 471,000 gal./per day                                                                                                         |
| <b>JULY 2021</b>                                                                                                             |
| 15.4 million gallons                                                                                                         |
| 498,000 gal./per day                                                                                                         |
| <b>JULY 2022</b>                                                                                                             |
| 12.0 million gallons                                                                                                         |
| 387,000 gal./per day                                                                                                         |
| <b>JULY 2024</b>                                                                                                             |
| 8.2 million gallons                                                                                                          |
| 293,000 gal./per day                                                                                                         |

STAFF REPORT

Marion Water Plant Superintendent Jeff Black could write a book with what's happened over the last couple of years.

As a takeoff of Charles Dickens' famous historical novel, how about we call it, "A Tale of Two Summers."

Black and two others are responsible for making all of the water to keep Marion's thirst quenched. Their job is much easier today than it was a couple of summers ago, yet looming drought conditions are creating some honest concern.

"It was a bad summer, it was a nightmare for me," Black said, recalling 2022 and the early days of Marion's water crisis.

Nowadays, making water to meet the community's demand is more routine. In all honesty, this summer had been a bit humdrum until August's drier conditions tight-

ened up the belt.

At the height of Marion's water crisis - in the summer of 2022 when Lake George, the town's main source of raw water, developed a leak and was drained to prevent a levee failure - Black was pumping a whole lot more water than he is now. It wasn't because of the hole in the lake's earthen dam, though. Instead, it was due to major leaks in the distribution system between the water plant and faucets inside people's homes.

Peering back into the water plant's records, it becomes quite clear how much water Marion was losing. In July 2021, a year before trouble began at Lake George, the city water plant was rolling like a freight train, churning out 498,000 gallons per day. When the crippled dam at Lake George got everyone's attention, it also ex-

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## What's Driving Increase in Restaurant Sales? More traffic or higher food prices

STAFF REPORT

Marion restaurant sales were through the roof during the second quarter of 2024. Yet, how much of that is increased traffic at local eateries and how much is inflation is open to debate.

According to the latest reporting by local restaurants, sales over the three-month period from April, May and June amounted to \$2.7 million, the largest quarter ever posted.

City of Marion levies a 3% tax on prepared, ready-to-eat food and overnight stays at

motels, bed and breakfasts and VRBO-style rentals. Owners are required by law to self report their sales at the end of each quarter and pay that tax to the city. Proceeds of the tax levy, by law, must be used to promote tourism and recreation.

The so-called local tourism tax last year brought in \$303,580.52 in revenue based on sales of \$9.69 million in restaurant sales and overnight lodging. Restaurants amount to about 99 percent of those sales. There are very few overnight lodg-

ing facilities in Marion.

The largest previous sales quarter was for the same three-month period of 2022 when the figure was \$2.64 million.

In the first quarter of 2024, sales were \$2.43 million.

Typically, the second quarter of the year is among the highest for sales, based on data gathered by the city since 2004 when the tax was first mandated.

While sales could be increasing to some degree in

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## New franchise means dumpster changes in county

STAFF REPORT

Business owners and other commercial customers in Marion and Crittenden County were caught off guard last week when their trash dumpsters began disappearing.

It appears that at least one commercial provider began removing their trash receptacles without notifying customers. This came as the county's new commercial franchise agreement was set to begin Oct. 1 with a single commercial provider.

Almost a year and a half ago, Impact Waste Service was awarded a 5-year exclusive franchise to collect residential and commercial waste in Marion and Crittenden County. Impact rolled out its residential service in 2023 and last week started to deploy dumpsters to city and county businesses and other commercial customers.

Brittany Cates, office manager for Impact, said last week that Impact employees were making deliveries in earnest, trying to avoid a lapse in service for customers. Even the company owner was out delivering dumpsters, Cates said. Most new Impact cus-



tomers who had arranged for service had received their new dumpster as of early this week.

Commercial customers that have not been contacted by Impact Waste - whether your current dumpster with another provider has or has not already been removed - should call Impact at 270-584-9030 to arrange for service.

A public hearing on the franchise and changeover was held last Wednesday at the Crittenden County Office Complex. Customers of GFL stated that their dumpsters were removed without any prior notice. One customer, Kanley Hadfield, said she was charged a pickup fee and contract termination fee.

A customer service representative with GFL confirmed in a phone call that pickup fees are

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## Time is captured on pages

Museum curator Eddie Maroney is onto something.

And so was my dad.

Between visitors of the Crittenden County Historic Museum, Maroney spends his time reading old bound volumes of The Crittenden Press. He's currently in the 1950s.

Part of my weekly duties, like Maroney, is to read the old Presses and share some of the headlines and happenings news from 50, 25 and 10 years ago. It's our Throwback Thursday feature. I hope our readers find them half as entertaining as Maroney and I.

I've been recapping 1974 for several weeks, looking for front-page news and names. Some how, I overlooked Dad's byline on the "Up Front" column that appeared on page two. Apparently, as I learned last week, my dad, the late Paul Mick, began that feature in May 1974 as a way to put a first-person touch on some of the news about town.

In one issue, he wrote about me - at 2½ years old - learning to answer a telephone.

Apparently my mother was teaching me the proper technique. It went like this: "Mick residence, Allison speaking," was the suggested protocol. During the learning process, I ran to the phone, answered it saying, "Mick residence, Me speaking," at least that's what Dad wrote in the newspaper 50 years ago.

Reading the words he put down are like medicine for my soul. In 1974, he had returned to Marion after his 1969 graduation from Murray State. His father had died and he had inherited the role of editor and publisher of The Crittenden Press.

In one column, he wrote this about his return to Marion after watching Doc Severinson tell Johnny Carson that Paducah was between Monkey's Eyebrow and Possum Trot.

"When I decided to come back to Marion, my college friends asked me, 'What's there to do in Marion?' To save embarrassment, I jokingly replied, 'dragging Main Street and circling The Dip.' Little did I know that community involvement by small town residents demands much more and consequently the rewards are much greater.

"In a community like Marion and Crittenden County, it is essential that everyone work together and become dependent on each other to remain prosperous.

"Now when I reunite with my friends who settled in an apartment in a big city, I find that a small town offers far more rewards," Dad wrote.

He continued, "Call it Southern Hospitality, friendly or neighborly atmosphere, a small town just can't be beat. Honesty on the part of its citizens



Allison MICK-EVANS THE CRITTENDEN PRESS Write Now Commentary

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# Deaths

## Beckingham

Brenda S. Beckingham, 75, of Dixon, Ill., died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehab. She was born on March 3, 1949 in Marion, the daughter of Hugh and Mary (Greenwell) Cahoe. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband John; two children, Susan (Gail) Kelchner of Dixon and John (Kathleen) Bonnell of Amboy; three grandchildren; four step- grandchildren; and a sister, Sharon (Gary) Cerdeira of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter, Brittany Bonnell; a sister, Patricia Cahoe; and a brother, John Cahoe.

Burial of cremains was held Saturday, Aug. 31 at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Jones Funeral Home in Dixon was in charge of arrangements.

## Hicks

James Collin Hicks, 71, of Marion, formerly of Deer Park, Texas, died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah. He was a member of Marion Baptist Church, a veteran of the United States Air Force, graduate of the University of Texas, former director of the Pasadena Livestock and Rodeo Association and former winner of the Texas Safety Manager Of The Year.

Surviving are a brother, Roy Tony Hicks

of Oceanside, Calif.; and a sister, Tracey Sue (John) Choate of Eddyville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Lois Hicks.

Graveside services were Tuesday, Sept. 3 at Mapleview Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America at 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

## Ladd

Magdalene Ladd, 94, of Eddyville, died Friday, Aug. 30, 2024 at Landmark of Kuttawa. She was a retired cafeteria worker in the Lyon County school system and a member of Kuttawa First Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Alan (June Ja) Ladd of Princeton; a grandson, Steven Ladd of Valpariso, Ind.; a great-grandson, Austin Ladd of Chester, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Norman W. Ladd; her parents, Garnett and Lucille Vaughn Sisk; two sisters, Naomi Brashear and Adelaide Sisk; and two brothers, Donald Sisk and John Sisk.

Services are at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 at Lakeland Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Liberty Cemetery in Lyon County.

## Owen

Jack Coleman Owen, 88, of Grand Rivers, died Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, at Livingston Hospital.

He was a retired boiler-maker with U.S. Steel and a U.S. Army veteran. Surviving are a brother, Hollis Dale (Judy) Owen of Kuttawa; two sisters-in-law, Ann (Ronnie) Guill of Smithland and Jean Taylor of LaCenter; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Lois Hill Owen; his parents, Riley and Viola Mae Griffin Owen; three sisters, Ruth Hook, Galena Stewart and Opal Jean Medley; and a brother, Wesley Owen.

Graveside services were Friday, Aug. 30 at Paradise Cemetery in Livingston County with Gerald Russell officiating. Burial was in Paradise Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38405-1942.

## Valentine

Carl William Valentine, Sr. died Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024.

He was born in Chicago to Carl and Estelle Placek Valentine on Sept. 21, 1944.

He worked in excavation, demolition and trucking.

Surviving are his life partner, Gerry Aldridge of Eddyville; two sons, Carl W. (Aimee) Valentine of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and David A. (Dianna) Valentine of Williamsburg, Va.; two step-daughters, Elizabeth Aldridge Pessell of Plainwell, Mich., and Laura (Jeff) Mattioli of Augusta, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Carl W.

(Whitney) Valentine V, Gabriel Valentine, Madeline Valentine, Megan Valentine, Aaron Valentine, Ethan Valentine, Sophia Mattioli and Ross Pessell; three great-grandchildren, Waldyn Valentine, Wrennly Valentine, Wylder Valentine; and a niece, Lisa Magro.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Janice Magro.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 3 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. David Terry officiating.

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Community Calendar

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Thursday, Sept. 5

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

Saturday, Sept. 7

• Best of Show, Kids' Choice, Best Paint, Best Motorcycle and year model awards will be given out during the Crittenden County FFA Car Show, to be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Crittenden County Lions Club Fairgrounds. Entry is \$10 per vehicle. Awards will be presented at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 12

• The Virgil Jones VFW will meet at 6:30 p.m., at 412 N. College S., in Marion.

Monday, Sept. 9

• Beginning in September, the Virgil Jones VFW post in Marion will serve a public breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m., every Monday. Cost is \$8 or donation. Attendees need not be VFW members.

Saturday, Sept. 14

• The Crittenden County Genealogy Society meets at 10 a.m., at the Crittenden County Public Library.

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## Crittenden Class of '74 has 50th

Crittenden County High School's Class of 1974 will hold its 50th reunion during football homecoming week.

The class will enjoy the homecoming parade route Thursday, Oct. 17 from their entry that will include rocking chairs on a flatbed truck. Class members participating are encouraged to bring rocking chairs.

On Friday, Oct. 18, the class will meet at the La

Cantina in Darben Plaza at 4 p.m., for dinner before moving festivities to Rocket Stadium.

"We want to set a precedent and have each 50th class reunion celebrate at homecoming," said 1974 class member Ramona Ford. "We have talked to Superintendent Tonya Driver and will have tables and chairs set up in the end zone during the football game," Ford said.

Tickets for the game can be purchased in advance on the GoFan app by searching Crittenden County High School or purchased at the gate with a card. No cash is accepted for athletic tickets.

RSVP for parade participation and dinner by contacting Ramona Ford at (270) 704-3966.

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### FFA field day

The FFA row crop experimental plot at the corner of Industrial Drive and Chapel Hill Rd., in Marion was the site of a recent field day to compare growth, potential yield and soil conditions of corn planted this spring. Agronomist Keith Niemeier of Illinois led discussion, which was attended by about 30 people.

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Pictured above, Brandi Potter, new Homemaker county president, addresses a group at the Lions Club building about a new membership drive. At right, Potter (right) visits with Darl Henley, the outgoing county president prior to the county annual meeting. County presidents also serve on the Pennyrile Area Homemaker Council.



# Haire chosen county president; Homemakers present awards

Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Association celebrated its 75th annual meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 28 with food, fun and awards. Darl Henley, county president, welcomed everyone. Laurie Holcomb gave the inspirational which was based on the meeting theme “Blazing the Way.” Jerrell James used a race car theme for table decorations at the Lions Club building. Barb Steele was outstanding as the bingo caller and winners had their choice of prizes. A thank you note was read from Tessa Potter, the 2024 recipient of the Nancy Hunt Crittenden County Extension Homemaker scholarship. She is a student at the University of the Cumberland in Williamsburg, Ky. Members completing the KEHA Book List were recognized with a 2024 Bookmark. They were Darl Henley, Darlene Abell, Glenda Chandler and Sarah Ford. Perfect Attendance for the year was awarded to Darl Henley, Sarah Ford, Janice Clack and Sue Ledford. Clubs were presented cash awards for participation in the following categories: •Outstanding 2023-2024 Club - Challengers •County Community Service - After Hours •Club Community Service - After Hours •Health & Fitness - After Hours •Make the World a Better Place - Challengers •Extension & 4-H Support - Challengers Rebecca Woodall, County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences, presented the KEHA Volunteer Service Unit certificates in the following categories: •Extension - Tabby Tinsley

•Kentucky Extension Homemaker Association - Darl Henley •Community - Darlene Abell •Personal - Janet Stevens Overall Volunteer Service Units: •Darlene Abell (513 hours) – First Place •Janet Stevens (360 hours) – Second Place •Diane Ford-Benningfield- (340 hours) – Third Place Officers for the 2024-2026 county association were installed by Jerrell James. They are as follows: •President- Brandi Potter •Vice-President- Laurie Holcomb •Secretary- Nancy Lanham •Treasurer- Nancy Hunt The following were appointed County Chairpersons: •Darlene Abell - Cultural Arts •Sue Ledford - Leadership •Mona Lozen - 4-H •Janet Stevens - Food, Nutrition & Health •Sarah Ford & Micki Crider - Family & Individual Development •Darl Henley - Management & Safety •Jerrell James - Environment •Nancy Hunt - Public Information & Marketing Officers and chairs make up the County Advisory Council which help to plan the local program. The next meeting of the council will be 4 p.m., Sept. 24 at the Extension office annex. Membership in Extension Homemakers is for anyone interested in learning new things to help improve personal development, family life, leadership skills and community. Learn more about the program by contacting Rebecca Woodall at the Extension office at (270) 965-5236.

AUGUST 2024

Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp

53.5

Thur., Aug. 22

Warmest Temp

96.8

Thur., Aug. 29

Wettest Day

0.3

Thur., Aug. 1

|               |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|               | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
| Average Temp  | 75.5 | 75.0 | 76.1 | 77.1 | 83.6 | 85.4 |
| Coldest Temp  | 53.5 | 56.3 | 58.1 | 58.3 | 57   | 55.4 |
| Hottest Temp  | 96.8 | 95.6 | 91.7 | 91.9 | 90.5 | 91.9 |
| Precipitation | 0.8  | 5.4  | 4.7  | 5.9  | 2.8  | 3.0  |
| Wettest Day   | 0.3  | 1.13 | 2.55 | 2.42 | 0.5  | 1.1  |

■ It was another cool Crittenden County August for the record books. Although it was mighty dry, the average temperature was well below the norm for the last decade or so. From 2016 through 2020, the average August temperature was around 84. This past month, the figure was 75.5, which was the second lowest in the past 10 years. July was mild, too. It was the coolest in Crittenden County over the past 10 years. August is typically dry and this one was right on spot with less than an inch of rain. Crittenden has had less than an inch of precip in 4 of the last 10 Augusts.

# Progress slow toward recycling’s return

STAFF REPORT An effort to restart a multi-county recycling program continues and while there is hope on the horizon, it’s still too early to know when recycling will be back. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said CRC Recycling, a Texas-based company with operations in Illinois, North Carolina and South Carolina, is the best hope for resurrecting the area’s recycling program. For years, West Kentucky Regional Recycling Corporation had

accommodated recyclables from Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Caldwell and Trigg counties. It closed late last year, leaving the entire region without a reliable recycling program. The recycling corporation, made up of those five area counties, had for several years been operated by inmates and administrators at West Kentucky Correctional Complex near Fredonia. Without it, businesses that generate large amounts of cardboard or other recyclable materials are paying to send the otherwise

reusable waste to landfills. Last week, Newcom said CRC Recycling has been given all of the equipment previously used by the prison farm recycling center. The group has also found a building in Princeton to operate the enterprise. However, the judge does not have a timetable for when the program can be restarted. Plans, he said, are to gather the region’s recyclables in Princeton then load them onto a barge at Eddyville Riverport for destinations that will process the material.

# SALES

Continued from page 1 Marion, inflationary pressures appear to be the biggest driver. As fuel and cost of goods have increased, so has the price of a hamburger. Restaurants are also having to pay more to hire and retain workers. Sales have gone up by 43 percent since right before the pandemic in 2019 to now. Total sales at restaurants and lodging facilities in 2019 was \$7 million. In 2023, that figure was \$10.1 million and this year it’s trending even higher.

Jason Hatfield, who owns Marion Pit BBQ, said his traffic isn’t up and prices haven’t changed in the past three years at the drive-up barbecue. “We raised our prices right after the pandemic because everything we were ordering had gone up,” he said. “So, we haven’t raised our prices in three years, but our costs are up 30 percent over those three years.” No one is arguing that prices are up almost everywhere else. One nationwide study found that some of the largest fast-food chains had raised their prices by 100 percent over the past decade. Since 2014,

the fast-food restaurants have raised menu prices by 60 percent, according to an analysis by FinanceBuzz of a dozen different chains. Diane Ford-Benningfield said several events in the city in late spring and early summer may have contributed to the increase, along with inflation. Tourism Director Michele Edwards expounded on that notion, pointing to commission-supported events such as the eclipse gathering at the park, disc golf tournaments, a bow fishing tournament and youth sports and all-star tournaments at the park.

# BACK

Continued from page 1 and a true desire for fairness and help for those in need assures that the future is bright and more and more people are going to be returning to make this their home.” He wasn’t wrong. Like Eddie Maroney, I cherish The Press archives to not only read about events shaped by our local government and culture back then, but to also get a glimpse into the thoughts Dad penned in the same office I occupy 50 years later.



Paul Mick, former Press publisher

# TRASH

Continued from page 1 being charged against accounts. Attempts by The Press to reach by phone GFL’s governmental services regional manager and/or a GFL supervisor in this area were unsuccessful. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said based on his understanding of regulations governing the changeover, any fee associated with early termination of the previous service contract is not acceptable. “That’s the reason there was an 18-month wait period, so customers could be released from contracts,” the county judge said. Commercial trash customers who have agreed to automatic payment withdrawals from their bank accounts may want to be aware of charges they might incur before those transactions are executed. Hadfield has a dumpster at a shop next to her

home where her family operates a construction and plumbing business. She said her new contract with Impact will provide a cost savings. However, some are finding that a switch from their previous provider to Impact will be more costly. Crittenden County School Superintendent Tonya Driver said switching from Waste Path to Impact will cost the school district about \$28,000 more. The district has seven dumpsters that are picked up three times a week. The new cost under the franchise agreement will be around \$56,000. The new franchise agreement sets the price per cubic yard that the provider can charge for the next five years. There is a trigger for a surcharge if fuel goes over \$5 per gallon and the provider can request a rate increase, but it would have to be reviewed by and approved by Crittenden County Fiscal Court. Rates are

\$7.50 per cubic yard in the city and \$9.50 in the county. That rate is applied for each pick up, so twice-a-month service would be \$60 in the city for a four-cubic-yard dumpster. Newcom said businesses that generate a low volume of trash are able to subscribe to residential collection using a 96-gallon curbside tote. Those with dumpsters are considered commercial accounts. The county entered into an exclusive residential and commercial franchise agreement, Newcom said, because attracting a provider is becoming more difficult considering the county’s relatively low population and rural setting. In order to entice a garbage collector into Crittenden County at a reasonable rate for residents and business owners, Newcom said county leaders believed it was best to combine both sectors and provide the contractor with an exclusive franchise.

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## Black Patch is this weekend at Princeton

Princeton will celebrate with its annual Black Patch festival this weekend, presented by the Optimist Club for the past 54 years. The parade will be at 5 p.m., Friday. Street Fair will be downtown with various activities on Saturday, including a pancake breakfast, book sale, dog show, line dancing, petting zoo, inflatables and games, mule pull and wagon rides, cake walk, cruise in, music and more. The downtown street festival begins at 8 a.m., and a live county music show with Tim Rhodes will start at 6 p.m., to close out the event.

## Salem Day is just one week away

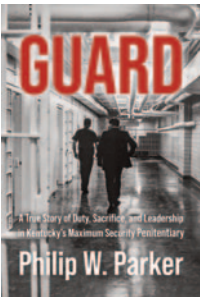
Salem Day is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 14. A full day of family fun is on tap with vendors, food, inflatables, face painting, balloon art, giveaways and music.

## Library will host book signing for former jailer Parker

Crittenden County Public Library will host a book signing event on Saturday, Sept. 21 featuring former Kentucky State Penitentiary warden and former Crittenden County jailer Philip Parker.

“Guard,” a book written by Parker, is set for release this month.

Also coming up in September is the regular meeting of the Crittenden County Genealogy Society. The group meets the second Saturday of each month in the library meeting room. This month’s meeting is at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 14.



## CLWD hires interim

Crittenden Livingston Water District (CLWD) has made a move to change leadership. Tony Travis, a former longtime employee and current member of the district’s board of directors, was installed as interim superintendent of the two-county agency.

The change was made over two meetings last week by the board of directors in which Tyler Pierson was removed as superintendent and Travis elected. Board Chairman T.L. Maddux said the water district will begin a search for a permanent replacement.

Maddux said the change will not affect any of CLWD’s ongoing expansions plans.

## Students can help promote Donate for Life’s programs

High school students across Kentucky are invited to participate in a Donate Life challenge. The Donate Life High School Challenge aims to engage young minds in a meaningful cause while promoting physical and mental well-being.

The challenge offers an opportunity for students from all backgrounds to get involved and create a significant impact in the mission of organ, tissue and eye donation. Whether part of a sports team, FBLA club, HOSA chapter or any other high school organization, everyone can participate in activities that promote both personal health and community engagement. Participants can earn points by creating various activities, community outreach initiatives, and innovative projects to promote the Donate Life mission throughout the month of October. These points will contribute toward their team’s overall standing and prizes.

Registration deadline is Sept. 13. To register your group, visit <https://bit.ly/24HSCenroll>. Participants will receive a toolkit with donation guides and resources, marketing materials, and access to a live training ses-



sion to kick-start their involvement.

The top-performing groups will have the chance to earn up to \$1,000, while a standout teacher/advisor will receive a tablet as a token of appreciation.

“Teachers and students alike have a unique opportunity through the Donate Life High School Challenge to not only showcase their strength and health but also to make a lasting impact in their communities by advocating for organ donation. I encourage all high school groups to participate enthusiastically in this empowering initiative,” shares Crittenden Circuit Clerk, Melissa Guill.

## Livingston’s new bridge is honored

Gov. Andy Beshear announced last week that the Livingston County bridge project to replace a 1930s structure with a safer, more efficient bridge for vehicle and waterway traffic has earned a prestigious transportation award.

The U.S. Highway 60 Smithland Bridge project won the America’s Transportation Award for “Best Use of IT and Innovation” category in a regional competition among other Midwestern departments of transportation. The project, executed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), required innovative problem solving to replace the outdated bridge that spans the Cumberland River without creating lengthy detours or negative impacts to landowners during construction while having minimal impacts to river barge traffic. Working with Jim Smith Contracting, American Bridge, the U.S. Coast Guard and numerous agencies, the 700-foot-long bridge truss was built at the Paducah Riverport then floated down the river on a barge over the course of several days. This eliminated the need for disruptions to river traffic caused by crane barges during construction.

“This striking blue bridge is more than a beautiful bridge, it’s a symbol of innovation and collaboration to give Kentuckians quality transportation to improve their daily lives,” said Gov. Beshear. “Drivers now enjoy a stress-free crossing without worrying about clipped mirrors, farmers have a wider bridge to haul heavy equipment, and waterway traffic has a safer passageway. Congratulations to the Transportation Cabinet and all involved in making this happen.”

Built in 1931, the U.S. 60 Smithland Bridge was a lifeline for the local farming community when vehicles were modest in size. The steady flow of modern traffic outgrew the structure’s narrow lanes, leaving farmers pausing at the bridge’s edge awaiting traffic breaks to maneuver their heavy machinery across. Beneath the bridge, the river bends made barge passage between piers challenging against the current. Ninety years of wear and weather rendered the bridge structurally deficient, requiring a 17-ton posting, further restricting the bridge’s use by large trucks.

Engineers developed a solution to replace the bridge with a new structure that meets current standards with wider lanes, added shoulders, and redesigned the placement of piers to be out of the water, eliminating hazards for barges battling the current.

The Cumberland River splits the county, and the bridge is the only direct link for local commuters, commerce, school buses and emergency responders.

“This bridge is not just a steel connection; it’s the community’s heartbeat, enabling economic growth, social opportunities, emergency response and vital agricultural activities,” said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. “I’m proud of the ingenuity and coordination undertaken by our team and contracted partners to deliver an iconic bridge that meets the

needs of travelers for decades to come and makes the community proud.”

KYTC coordinated with the U.S. Coast Guard along with the local commercial navigation industry to ensure the pier locations would provide greater mobility along with protecting the bridge from barge impacts. Livingston County leaders solicited input from the public to choose the bridge color.

From regional competitions, 12 projects will be selected to compete for a national Grand Prize selected by an independent panel of industry judges and a People’s Choice Award chosen by the general public through online voting.

In May 2023, Gov. Beshear joined local officials to cut the ribbon on the new \$63.8 million bridge and to recognize it as the Jim. R. Smith Memorial Bridge. In November 2023, the former bridge was demolished.

## Time to start plans for US 60 Yard Sale

Plans are already being made for the annual 200-mile yard sale that stretches through Crittenden County.

Western Kentucky’s Highway 60 Yard Sale will be Thursday, Oct. 3 through Sunday, Oct. 6. The sale stretches over eight western Kentucky counties, namely Meade, Breckinridge, Hancock, Daviess, Henderson, Union, Crittenden and Livingston. Indoor and outdoor sales will be on tap with most open from dawn to dusk.

Contact Marion Welcome Center 270-965-5015 to see about promoting your sale.

## Main Lake Road will see periodic closing

Work began earlier this week to repair the Main Lake Road bridge just off KY 855 South. Periodic road closures are required during the two-week planned repair period. Work is expected to be done by Sept. 17, weather permitting. Motorists are encouraged to use caution in and around this work zone for the safety of all involved, said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

## Fredonia collects toys for Christmas

Fredonia Fire Department is hosting a toy drive from 9 a.m., until 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Lions Club parking lot. The department will be accepting new toys for the Clothes Closet at Fredonia Baptist Church. This effort is to help provide toys to area children for Christmas. Toys or cash will be accepted.

## Fairgrounds site of Saturday’s FFA show

Trophies, goodie bags and giveaways will be provided during a Crittenden County FFA Car Show Saturday, Sept. 7 at the fairgrounds. Entry is \$10 per vehicle for the event, which will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Awards will be presented at 1:30 p.m. Trophies will be given for Best of Show, Kids’ Choice, Best Paint and Best Motorcycle in categories for models 1949 and below; 1950s and 1960s; 1970s, 1980s and 1990s; and 2000 and newer.

## Livingston judge issues burn ban

Livingston County Judge-Executive Teris Swanson on Tuesday issued an executive order implementing a temporary burn ban due to drought conditions. The order states that the ban will remain in effect until conditions improve. The ban includes campfires, recreational fires, agriculture burning, trash or debris burning, fireworks and any other activity involving the ignition and sustained burning of materials outdoors. Outdoor grilling and cooking on a contained cooking device are exempt.

*Between Printed Editions  
Tune in to The Press Online  
for breaking news.*



## 50 YEARS AGO

**September 5, 1974**

■ Crittenden County resident Louise Biggs was named Assistant County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration. She had seven as the county office assistant in Marion for 16 years.

■ John White, son of Mr. And Mrs. Robert White of Tolu, was a member of the first year class at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He was a 1970 graduate of Crittenden County High School.

■ K&M Western Shop opened on old Cave In Rock Rd., in Crittenden County. Kenny Campbell was the owner. Two of his first patrons were Beverly Herrin and son Eddie Joe.

■ Imogene Patmor and Deedie Phillips were chairwomen for the cystic fibrosis fundraising drive, which included a door-to-door Mothers March collection effort.

■ Eldon Matlock was the director of the 38-member Crittenden County Band that won fourth place in the Founders Day parade in Eddyville.

## 25 YEARS AGO

**September 2, 1999**

■ A deputy jailer was charged after police found eight stolen guns inside the Crittenden County Jail; two and a half cases of beer hidden behind a couch and a woman in bed with an inmate in the trustee quarters.

■ Members of Crittenden County’s cross country team were Michael Taylor, Brandon Jackson, tom Courtwright, Lee Ann Smith, Megan Cavins, Christopher Loxley, Evan Morris, Dusty Hearell, Nathan Fletcher, Schuyler Powell, Joshua Rushing, Tabi Morris and Amber Polk.

■ Melissa Tabor and her son Tyler Summers won the two-person Sports Against Cancer golf tournament at the Marion Country Club, shooing a 9-under 63.

## 25 YEARS AGO

**September 4, 2014**

■ Relay for Life in Crittenden County raised just over \$40,000 for the American Cancer Society. Since it started in 1007, Relay had collected just shy of \$700,000 locally.

■ Tiny Tot Day Care raised \$800 for St. Jude Children’s Hospital during a trike-a-thon coordinated by owner Christine Hodge.

■ Kali Travis scored three goals and Emily Tinsley once in the Lady Rocket soccer team’s 4-1 victory over Lyon County.

■ Crittenden County High School’s Class of 1964 held its 50th reunion at Marion Country Club with 48 members in attendance.

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

## Letters to Editor

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

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# Celebrate the freedom to work

The tension between employee and employer is as old as the first time one person hired another to do a job. In the book of Leviticus, the fair treatment of laborers and those with disabilities is seen as an integral part of what it means to be a holy people. We read in 19:13-15, "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor."

The story of organized labor in Europe and the Americas is now centuries old and has always carried with it political stress. It has been punctuated by violence. Since at least the Civil War the relationship between bosses and laborers has been regulated by government at all lev-

els. We are fortunate to have the right to elect our public leaders. We are fortunate to live in a mostly capitalist economic environment. The result of this combination is the greatest economic and innovative engine the world has ever seen. We will never get it just right. That is the nature of things. What we have in our favor is the ability to peacefully complain, challenge, and criticize without fear of arrest. We take it so much for granted as to give it no thought. We are so fortunate that if we believe we have been mistreated by an employer we have ways to address it. There are many places in the world where this is not the case. The recent changes in some states and federal agencies to remove the necessity of a four-year degree for some jobs is another step forward. The renewed interest and respect being given to the trades will add further strength to our society and economic future.



Sean NIESTRATH  
Faith-based columnist  
Guest Columnist

This is needed as the cost (and declining return on investment) of four-year degrees continues to rise. I believe that we will eventually course correct here as well. Societies are judged by how the poorest are treated. I believe that this is directly related to a society's attitude toward low skill manual labor. Honoring and respecting those whose work takes a toll on the body comes natural to those who have done it even for a short while. Those who fail to give proper respect to them are demonstrating ignorance and lack of experience in life. The Jewish and Christian traditions have a high regard for labor. Sirach 7:15 reminds us, "Do not hate toilsome labor, or farm work, which were created by the Most High." To work with ones hands, on a farm, in a factory, under the ground, building homes or places of business is to be doing work that was created by God. Last summer I had the privilege of working with a group of parents to rebuild a school building for their community. It was in the mountains. The only way available to move the sand, gravel, and mortar necessary was by bucket and wheelbarrow. They

were doing it for the community and their children. It was the definition of "toilsome labor." They were doing God's work on behalf of their children. The labor movement in the United States has made it possible for families to own homes, automobiles, and gain a good education and training. It has made going to college possible for those who choose to do so. It has lifted people who are willing to work hard out of poverty for generations. It has changed the world. I believe that companies should make as much money as they can for those who have risked their capital. (That would be anyone who has a retirement plan or pension.) I also believe that companies should take care of their employees. Healthier, well-paid employees will do better work with a better attitude. This Labor Day, take a moment to be thankful to live in a place where work is so efficient that we have the resources and time to take days off to rest or play (or finish those projects around the house). 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.

## Religious Outreach

- Enon General Baptist Church will have revival at 7 nightly, Sept. 16-20 with Bro. Ross Atwell. For more information contact (270) 554-2032.
- Community prayer service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 7 at the gazebo on the Crittenden County Courthouse lawn. Everyone welcome to attend
- Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.
- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email [dbrantpc@tds.net](mailto:dbrantpc@tds.net) and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- 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.
- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.
- 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.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church

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

- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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Marion Baptist Church

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## Give generously and trust God to provide

**Question:** I'm tired of people, community and religious organizations and my church asking for my money. Even though, I have a high paying job, I'm not giving a penny to these panhandlers. Why should I give when I have many obligations that come first? I believe charity starts at home.

**Answers:** To put it mildly, generosity is a stretch for many. It doesn't flow naturally from our souls, even for believers. Though giving is a delicate subject, God's Word puts a great deal of importance on it. God promises great blessings for those who give. "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever

### Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Cor. 9:6-8).

Giving to finance ministries through your church and giving to meet others' needs

may seem to threaten our livelihoods, but we can trust God to help meet our needs (Phil. 4:19). We should note that God takes care of our needs, not our "greeds." God's provision frees us from worry over necessities so we can focus on giving. As you give generously, you'll realize the truth of Jesus's words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Send your questions to: [bob@bobhardison.com](mailto:bob@bobhardison.com)

### DID YOU KNOW?

The typical Kentucky newspaper reader is...anything but typical!

- 49% are male, 51% are female
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- 54% are homeowners
- 28% have children in the home
- 62% have lived in the community 5+ years

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[emmausbaptistsalem@outlook.com](mailto:emmausbaptistsalem@outlook.com)  
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### St. William Catholic Church

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

### Mexico Baptist Church

Minister of Music Mike Crabtree  
Pastor: Morgan Smith  
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.  
175 Mexico Rd.  
(270) 965-4059  
[MexicoBaptist.org](http://MexicoBaptist.org)

### DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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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.

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Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

### FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.  
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2 Peter 3:18  
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Worship 10:45 p.m.  
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Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West  
Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee  
Sun. School, 10 am. • Worship, 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening services, 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.

### 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 -



# 1926 memories include circus parade

In 1926, one of Marion’s citizens wrote a very interesting article and shared it with The Press readers. It was written by Mrs. J. I. Clement. She was born in 1862, so her early memories of growing up in Marion would probably be in the 1880-1900s. She tells of some early history of our town in The Crittenden Press, Aug. 6, 1926.

**Those Good Old Days**

In this wide-awake, progressive age there are to be found many people expressing a desire to live in those good old days; perhaps because of the romantic glamour cast over them by the fiction and drama of those times; perhaps because of a feeling of pessimism that the present age is not what it should be; or more probably because they do not realize just what those good old days really were, and what they had to offer to the men and women living then.

Because I enjoyed the fullest every moment of those good old days, yet am enjoying too an even greater extent the much better present, I am asking you to join me in a bit of a journey down Memory Lane.

**Down Memory Lane**

Looking at our Graded and High School buildings takes me back to the time before I had reached school age when the only school Marion could boast of was in a little cabin on the lot where Foster & Sons Garage now stands. (Gilbert Funeral Home occupies this space today). It was known as Old Tom, why it was called this I do not know. It was taught by Dr. Clark Johnson.

Those days seemed good, yet if our girls and boys had to get an education under the difficulties existing then, I’m sure they would fail to see the good in them. A great forward step was taken when we built the two-room brick on the present graded school grounds, employing two teachers. I well remember when the enrollment reached the hundred mark. It was a nine-day wonder.

In the good old days there was only one church in Marion, the Presbyterian Church down in the old cemetery, (the cemetery located on corner of Moore St. and U.S. 60 West) and it was used by all denominations. There were no walks to the church, and in fact, very few in town, some of them of sawdust. I have walked on the plank fences in front of the residences to keep out of the mud in going to church. Now we complain if there is a little mud on the crossings. More of the good old days.

After much hard work we raised money to buy a little organ for the Presbyterian Church, the first organ in the county.

We had no theaters and at the time used a tobacco factory that stood where Runyan & Co.’s garage is now located for our home talent shows. (Now Johnson’s Furniture & Appliances location)

In those good old days there were two or more saloons in Marion, well patronized by her leading citizens; and to my childish mind, Election Day was a day of terror, for there were always several fights accompanied by pistol shots and an intoxicated man was a most ordinary sight. Would we want to change our prohibition days, days of peace, law and order, for times like



This would be the way Mrs. Clement remembered her ‘good old days’ in downtown Marion. Dry and dusty streets or when wet, muddy and messy, with few folks and businesses lining the streets.



This picture shows old familiar stores that lined Main Street in Marion during a big parade.

those?

Then mail came once a day overland from Princeton, and sometimes after a heavy rain, when Livingston Creek would get on a rampage and could not be forced, we had no mail at all.

When today we sit with the world’s news at hand, simply by turning a dial on a radio. Yet, haven’t we grumbled if the newsboy was a bit late with the morning paper, or if static interfered with the radio reception, or if your long distance calls did not come through as promptly as they might?

Our social life was very simple. Our mothers would take the children and spend the day with each other. Spending the day, meaning from ten in the morning until the sun was far down in the West. The fathers would come in to dinner to a table loaded with every

good thing to be had in the country, for we had no market or dairy, and each family kept a cow and raised a garden.

A popular dissipation was the Weekly Mite Society of the Methodist Church, given at the home of some member. The entertainment being anything we liked. Of course there were occasional dances and the quaint figures Henry Ford is trying to resurrect were popular dance in my girlhood days. A church ice cream supper was quite a social affair and one was usually given during each circuit court.

Circuit Court was indeed a busy time and lasted for about three weeks with numbers of lawyers from neighboring towns attending. I well remember some of them. Mr. Dan Hughes and Mr. Shipper of Morganfield, the Marbles of Princeton, Mr. Lockett of Henderson and our lawyers, J. W. Blue, Sr., T. J. Nunn, W. I. Cruce, Lem James and others.

The greatest event of the old days was when our railroad was completed and the first train

went as far as Henderson. The railroad gave a free excursion to Evansville and many Marion people went.

Evansville was the chief wholesale and retail trading point for Marion and the community. Before the railroad came through all trips were made by boat on the Ohio River and going to Evansville was called “going up the river.”

In the old days, when coal oil lamps were not as common as electric lights now are, we had a neighbor who still clung to her candles, in fear of such new fangled ways. Then, when a young man went to see a girl he carried a lantern, as we had no street lights. Some of our first street lights were put up by individuals. One on the corner of Main and Depot streets was erected by Mr. Frank Wilson, the father of our Club President.

The arrival and performance of the annual overland circus was indeed a gala occasion. The people became to arrive by day break in every conceivable vehicle and on horseback. Everyone who lived along the line of parade or near the circus grounds expected their yards and porches to be thronged, often with total strangers. The first elephant in Marion was billed as a Tartar, a Valpus and well do I remember the chilling screams of terror that rose from childish throats and the cautious, questioning glances cast by the elders as the peaceful streets became full of the circus parade.

This is but a glimpse of those good old days, days of happy associations and dear indeed in our memories. Yet, never the less, days with few comforts, advantages and luxuries. Would we willingly call them back in exchange for our own progressive, modern life?

If Mrs. Clement woke up in today’s world, she might have a different thought, and wonder what happened to the world that she knew and loved.

Mrs. J. I. Clement was Ida Wagar Clement, born

Dec. 28, 1862 and died Nov. 16, 1942, buried in Mapleview Cemetery. (Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and

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CUSTOMER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Crittenden Livingston County Water District expects to file an application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission on or about August 14, 2024, seeking approval of a proposed adjustment to its water rates. The proposed rates shall not become effective until the Public Service Commission has issued an order approving these rates.

| CURRENT AND PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES<br>Crittenden Livingston County Water District |                |                           |                           |                            |                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| CURRENT RATE SCHEDULE                                                             |                |                           | PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULE    |                            | DIFFERENCE PERCENT      |
| <b>5/8" X 3/4" Meters</b>                                                         |                |                           | <b>5/8" X 3/4" Meters</b> |                            |                         |
| First                                                                             | 1,000 gallons  | \$ 24.76 Minimum Bill     | First                     | 1,000 gallons              | \$ 28.95 Minimum Bill   |
| Next                                                                              | 9,000 gallons  | 14.08 per 1,000 gallons   | Next                      | 9,000 gallons              | 16.46 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next                                                                              | 10,000 gallons | 12.06 per 1,000 gallons   | Next                      | 10,000 gallons             | 14.10 per 1,000 gallons |
| Over                                                                              | 20,000 gallons | 9.52 per 1,000 gallons    | Over                      | 20,000 gallons             | 11.13 per 1,000 gallons |
| <b>1" Meters</b>                                                                  |                |                           | <b>1" Meters</b>          |                            |                         |
| First                                                                             | 5,000 gallons  | \$ 81.08 Minimum Bill     | First                     | 5,000 gallons              | \$ 94.81 Minimum Bill   |
| Next                                                                              | 5,000 gallons  | 14.08 per 1,000 gallons   | Next                      | 5,000 gallons              | 16.46 per 1,000 gallons |
| Next                                                                              | 10,000 gallons | 12.06 per 1,000 gallons   | Next                      | 10,000 gallons             | 14.10 per 1,000 gallons |
| Over                                                                              | 20,000 gallons | 9.52 per 1,000 gallons    | Over                      | 20,000 gallons             | 11.13 per 1,000 gallons |
| <b>2" Meters</b>                                                                  |                |                           | <b>2" Meters</b>          |                            |                         |
| First                                                                             | 15,000 gallons | \$ 211.78 Minimum Bill    | First                     | 15,000 gallons             | \$ 247.65 Minimum Bill  |
| Next                                                                              | 5,000 gallons  | 12.06 per 1,000 gallons   | Next                      | 5,000 gallons              | 14.10 per 1,000 gallons |
| Over                                                                              | 20,000 gallons | 9.52 per 1,000 gallons    | Over                      | 20,000 gallons             | 11.13 per 1,000 gallons |
| <b>3" Meters</b>                                                                  |                |                           | <b>3" Meters</b>          |                            |                         |
| First                                                                             | 50,000 gallons | N/A Minimum Bill          | First                     | 50,000 gallons             | 652.05 Minimum Bill     |
| Over                                                                              | 50,000 gallons | N/A per 1,000 gallons     | Over                      | 50,000 gallons             | 11.13 per 1,000 gallons |
| <b>4" Meters</b>                                                                  |                |                           | <b>4" Meters</b>          |                            |                         |
| First                                                                             | 75,000 gallons | N/A Minimum Bill          | First                     | 75,000 gallons             | 930.30 Minimum Bill     |
| Over                                                                              | 75,000 gallons | N/A per 1,000 gallons     | Over                      | 75,000 gallons             | 11.13 per 1,000 gallons |
| <b>Bulk Sales</b>                                                                 |                |                           | <b>Bulk Sales</b>         |                            |                         |
|                                                                                   |                | \$ 9.52 per 1,000 gallons |                           | \$ 11.13 per 1,000 gallons | \$ 1.61 16.94%          |
| <b>Wholesale Rate</b>                                                             |                |                           | <b>Wholesale Rate</b>     |                            |                         |
|                                                                                   |                | \$ 3.34 per 1,000 gallons |                           | \$ 3.91 per 1,000 gallons  | \$ 0.57 16.94%          |
| <b>Tap Fee</b>                                                                    |                |                           | <b>Tap Fee</b>            |                            |                         |
| 5/8" x 3/4"                                                                       | \$ 750.00      |                           | 5/8" x 3/4"               | \$ 1,114.00                | \$ 364.00 48.53%        |
| 1"                                                                                | 850.00         |                           | 1"                        | 1,462.00                   | 612.00 72.00%           |

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rates, then the monthly water bill for a customer using an average of 4,000 gallons per month will increase from \$67.00 to \$78.35. This is an increase of \$11.35 or 16.94%. Further, a table representing the increase for an average customer for each usage class is shown below.

| CURRENT AND PROPOSED BILLS<br>Crittenden Livingston County Water District |            |               |               |        |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------|------------|
| Gallons per Month*                                                        | Meter Size | Existing Bill | Proposed Bill | Change | Percentage |
| 4,000                                                                     | 5/8 x 3/4" | 67.00         | 78.35         | 11.35  | 16.94%     |
| 5,000                                                                     | 1"         | 81.08         | 94.81         | 13.73  | 16.94%     |
| 25,000                                                                    | 2"         | 319.68        | 373.83        | 54.15  | 16.94%     |
| 180,000                                                                   | 3"         | N/A           | 2,321.55      | N/A    | N/A        |
| 180,000                                                                   | 4"         | N/A           | 2,098.95      | N/A    | N/A        |

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Crittenden-Livingston County Water District. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates shown in this notice.

Crittenden-Livingston County Water District has available for inspection at its office the application which it submitted to the Public Service Commission. A person may examine this application at the Association's office located at 620 E Main St, Salem, KY 42078. You may contact the office at 270-988-2680.

A person may also examine the application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Public Service Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602. You may contact the Public Service Commission at 502-564-3940.

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Crittenden County recently processed its first electronic title and lien application for a motor vehicle. As part of a statewide mandate to allow participating dealers the option to submit digital documents to county clerks, all 120 counties have come on board with electronic titling in August.

This is the latest in a number of modernizations that have come to the office.

In the last three years, the office has begun offering online vehicle registration renewals, digital submission of records like deeds, mortgages and lien releases and now, electronic titling and liens. These are significant changes to a local government office responsible for processing thousands of paper transactions a year and housing hard copies of millions of records amassed over a 182-year history.

But electronic titling is not required of Kentucky auto dealers; it's merely an option for them to increase efficiency and reduce potential fraud. For the buyer, it offers a speedier process for receiving the paper title to their new vehicle.

County clerk offices benefit, too, with better efficiency of processing applications, a reduction in paper consumption, faster corrections of dealer errors and more

money returned to the office for public benefit.

When a dealer submits documents electronically, the clerk's office can immediately begin to process the application, rather than wait on delivery of paperwork through a courier service. If a correction is needed, the clerk rejects the documents and the dealer has the opportunity to immediately fix the problem instead of waiting on delivery of hard copies through the mail or courier.

The financial benefit to local governments comes in the way of taxes and licensing fees that may get paid to the dealership's home county rather than coming back to the buyer's county of residence. Often, auto dealers utilize their county clerk's office to process the paperwork out of convenience. But with electronic titling, it's no less convenient for the administration department to forward the title and lien application documents to the buyer's county clerk, no matter how far away that customer may live.

As an example, if the Paducah dealership who submitted the first electronic application to Crittenden County Clerk's Office a few days ago had physically taken the documents to the McCracken County Clerk, the almost \$40 in clerk



Daryl Tabor  
CRITTENDEN COUNTY CLERK

- Area Dealers**  
**ELECTRONIC TITLING**  
Coad Toyota, Paducah  
David Taylor Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Benton  
David Taylor Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, of Mayfield  
David Taylor Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat, Murray  
Taylor Chevy Buick GMC, Murray  
Taylor Used Cars, Murray  
Stovesand Buick, Paducah  
Marshall Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram, Paducah  
Paducah Ford Lincoln Mazda, Paducah  
Patriot Chevrolet, Hopkinsville  
Royal Oaks Chevrolet, Paducah  
Toyota of Hopkinsville  
Toyota of Murray

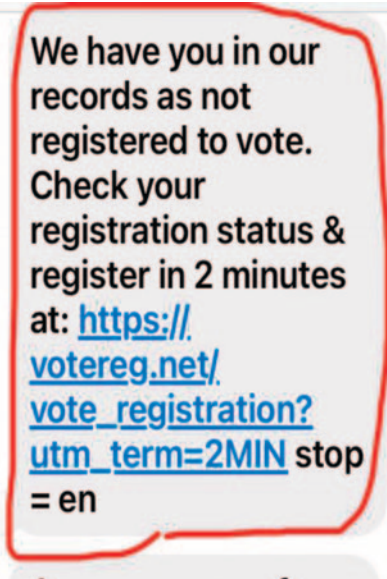
fees and the county's portion of the usage tax would have stayed in Paducah.

It can make a big difference when customers request the dealer initially license the car in their home county rather where the car lot is located.

There are 13 dealerships in western Kentucky that have already signed on with electronic title and lien applications and more than 30 statewide. Most are large dealers who sell both new and used cars. Any Kentucky dealer who uses electronic titling can send deals to any Kentucky buyer's county clerk.

It's important to note that this is just an option for dealers. And new owners will still receive a paper title and registration in the mail regardless of how it is processed.

If you get a text message or email like the one in at right, you should ignore it. It is not from a government source, says Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor. This example, sent to a local poll worker, is from VoteAmerica.org, attempting to mobilize people to vote or request a ballot by mail. VoteAmerica, according to InfluenceWatch.org, is a non-profit, "left-of-center voter mobilization group. It hosts information on voter registration, rules for absentee ballots, dates and other items pertaining to the voting process on its website, as well as tools for making voting by mail easier." You may register to vote or check your registration anytime at Kentucky's GoVote.ky.gov or by calling our office at 270-965-3403. That official web address and phone number are the only two ways to request a ballot in the Bluegrass State, Tabor said.



## WATER

Continued from page 1 posed another culprit – leakage. Back then, Marion was losing 52% percent of the water it made due to holes in underground pipes.

Plant records indicate that in July 2022, three months after Lake George was drained, Marion made 12 million gallons of water, but sold just 5.8 million gallons. A conservation order was in place at the time and Marion residents and businesses were cutting back on usage. Much of the water made at the time was escaping through leaks in water lines between the plant and meters at customers' homes and shops. Kentucky National Guardsmen and other contractors were hauling water that month from various other sources and dumping it into a raw water reservoir behind the water plant in order to help the city keep up with demand. Much of that finished water was never making it to customers.

At the same time, a Kentucky Rural Water team, and Reveal, a contractor hired by the city at a cost of about \$142,000, began locating and repairing leaks in the distribution system. City maintenance crews jumped in to help hasten repairs of compromised pipes and those same crews have been diligent in keeping the system sound ever since.

"The city's maintenance

crew has been very mindful and responsive to leaks over the past two years," said Tim Thomas, a consultant hired a couple of years ago to help Marion solve its water woes.

Thomas said, "two things" have helped Marion get ahead of its water crisis. "One is the city's diligence to stop leaks in the distribution system and the other is the public's cooperation in conservation efforts."

Two years removed from the darkest days of that summer in 2022 when Marion nearly ran out of water, figures are much brighter. Marion during July 2024 made 8.2 million gallons for an average daily demand of 293,000 gallons. Thomas said there were times in 2021 and 2022 when Marion had peak demand of around 600,000 gallons of water per day. Much of it, unfortunately, was lost from a porous system of lines that no one could see. Nowadays, Thomas said peak usage has been around 300,000 gallons with normal daily demand about 250,000 gallons.

Looking back, prior to the Water Conservation Order, it is now clear that water loss from distribution pipes was a bigger problem than anyone knew or was willing to admit. In July 2021, a full year before the crisis began unfolding, the plant made 15.4 million gallons of water and in July 2021 the figure was 14.6 million.

By necessity, Marion has put its proverbial finger into a holy distribution system, repairing dozens of leaks and saving hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Today, Marion's water loss is around 15 to 16 percent and its water plant runs only 8 or 10 hours a day. Two years ago, it was running 16 hours a day and could hardly keep up with demand. Black says water loss in the system right now is tolerable.

"The Division of Water wants it to be no worse than 15 percent. They would like it lower than that, but not much is said when you're at 15," he said. "There are a lot of other towns worse off than us now that we've buckled down on some stuff."

Still, Black and others around the city are keeping their fingers crossed that drought is avoided for at least a couple more months until some mitigation projects at Lake George can be finished. Then everyone should breathe a bit easier.

Expenses to shore up the lake have already cost millions of dollars. Marion remains under an emergency declaration by the state, so money spent to repair the leaking dam, install a new syphon pump and stabilize the levee is coming from Kentucky Emergency Management. Still, Marion's lesson in water security has been quite expensive.



## VFW Command Post

Marion's Virgil Jones Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 12022 was at the ball game Friday night helping organize the annual Rocket Football salute to military personnel and first responders. The VFW is also working to recruit veterans and it is organizing a weekly breakfast to help drum up interest in the group and its work in the community. Pictured above is VFW member Adam Perkins talking with Jeff Hardesty before the football game at Rocket Stadium. Weekly breakfasts began Monday and will be held each Monday morning from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., at post headquarters, located at 412 North College Street in the building formerly known as Clark Building Supply. The breakfasts are open to anyone interested in learning more about the VFW.

## Ministry born on Labor Day

Labor Day is an exciting time of the year for me. As a small child, I remember making the trip to St. Louis on Labor Day to watch the Cardinals play a doubleheader at Sportsman's Park (aka Busch Stadium 1). Many years later (60 in fact), Labor Day Weekend continues to be an important milestone in my life.



Chris Clarke  
Press Columnist  
Happy Trails

Let's turn back the clock... Our youngest daughter's very first horseback ride was in March 2001. She began showing horses in the spring of 2002. Her first AQHA show was Labor Day Weekend 2002 at the annual Kentucky Breeders Futurity Horse Show in Bowling Green. The show went well and she was hooked.

Interesting thing about that weekend in Bowling Green back in 2002... we arrived mid-afternoon on Friday and began moving our stuff from the horse trailer to our stall... doing all of the preliminary things you do before a horse show. Everywhere we looked, there were signs encouraging folks to attend a worship service Sunday morning, 7 a.m., in the sale arena. We attended and agreed as a family that this was a really nice thing to have for folks like us who had to miss worshipping at their home church in order to attend the horse show. Between then and the same show the following year, we never encountered another worship service at an AQHA horse show, not even the Bowling Green show in September 2003.

We were really looking forward to having the worship service and were very disappointed that the Bowling Green church that sent the team in 2002 failed to send another in 2003. Our family talked about how somebody needs to do this ministry on a regular basis because it is a wonderful opportunity for outreach.

Fast-forward this story to Friday, Oct. 3, 2003, about 10 a.m. Friday was my normal off day from my staff position at Marion Baptist Church. On that particular day and time, I was riding my four-wheeler at our home, using my pull-behind lawn mower to mulch leaves. My mind was totally focused on the task at hand when all of a sudden, I sensed the presence of God all around me in a very real and powerful way. I simply had to stop the four-wheeler; I could not proceed. That's not much of an explanation, but it's the best I can do. It was just like Moses' burning bush experience, except that there was no burning bush. It was also like Paul's Damascus Road experience, except that there was no blinding light. Even the hair on the back of my neck stood up, which has never happened before or since. It's as if time stood still while God and I had a little pow-wow.

God spoke to me very clearly that day: "Chris, do you know who this is?" Of course I knew who it was. Was it an audible voice? No, it was much louder than that! "Yes sir," I replied.

He continued... "You and your family have been talking for a while about how someone needs to do this eques-

trian ministry thing. You are correct and I totally agree, which is why I have indeed prepared someone for this very specific task."

I should have known what was coming next, but it was all happening way too fast.

God continued our conversation with these words: "You are the one I have specifically raised up and prepared for this equestrian ministry. If you will look back at the various events of your life, you will see how I have clearly prepared you for this task. You're the man and now is the time. Since 1981, you have been praying to be in the center of my will. Every time I have shown more of my plan to you, you have accepted it as your own and moved in that direction. Today, I have shown you more of my plan for your life. Will you be faithful and move out in this new direction?"

A few weeks later, I said yes to God's plan and announced my resignation at Marion Baptist Church effective Dec. 31, 2003. While there were many unknowns regarding our new ministry, there was a spark and excitement that I simply cannot explain, knowing that once again, I was in the center of God's will for my life.

So here we are in 2024, 21 years later on Labor Day Weekend... and still excited about serving the Lord in equestrian ministry! It just goes to show you that when you think you've about got this life thing all figured out, watch for a curve ball. You never know what pitch God will throw at you next.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Rocket sports schedule

**THURSDAY**  
Soccer at St. Mary  
MS Softball hosts Hopkins County  
Volleyball at UHA, All A Classic

**FRIDAY**  
Rockets at McCracken County

**SATURDAY**  
Cross Country at Calloway Invitational  
Jr Pro Football hosts Hopkins County  
Volleyball All A Classic at UHA

**MONDAY**  
Golf at Deer Lakes

**TUESDAY**  
Golf at Princeton Country Club  
Soccer hosts Lyon County  
Volleyball hosts Caldwell County

## Last week scores

**FOOTBALL IN WEST KY**  
Adair County 36, Caverna 0  
Apollo 40, McCracken County 36  
Bowling Green 35, Owensboro 14  
Glasgow 35, Russellville 0  
Hopkins Central 34, Ft. Campbell 32  
Jo Byrns, Tenn., 38, Ballard Memorial 20  
Madisonville 52, Caldwell County 14  
Marshall County 10, Grayson Co. 8  
Mayfield 51, Hopkinsville 28  
McLean Co. 38, Muhlenberg Co. 32  
Murray 42, Calloway County 7  
O'boro Catholic 58, Daviess County 8  
Tilghman 61, Graves County 7  
South Fulton, Tenn., 47, Fulton Co. 6  
Todd Central 12, Ohio County 10  
Webster County 30, Butler County 26

## GOLF

### Weekend golf events

•The annual Crittenden County Fire Department Zach Latham Fundraising Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 7 at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. This will be a four-person scramble with various prizes. To register call Chris Cooksey at 270-704-1116.

•The annual Deer Lakes Golf Course Orange Jacket Invitational will be Sept. 14-15. Entry fee is \$125, which includes cart and play each day, a free practice round and a meal after Sunday's round. Tee times are available for 8 a.m., or 1:30 p.m. This tournament is individual stroke play. To register, call 270-988-4653.

## OUTDOORS

### Hunting Seasons

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

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Bullfrog              | May 17 - Oct. 31    |
| Squirrel Fall         | Aug. 17 - Nov. 8    |
| Canada Goose          | Sept. 1-15          |
| Dove                  | Sept. 1 - Oct. 26   |
| Deer Archery          | Sept. 7 - Jan. 20   |
| Turkey Archery        | Sept. 7 - Jan. 20   |
| Canada Goose          | Sept. 16-30         |
| Teal                  | Sept. 21 - Sept. 29 |
| Wood Duck             | Sept. 21 - Sept. 25 |
| Deer Crossbow         | Sept. 21 - Jan. 20  |
| Raccoon               | Oct. 1 - Feb. 28    |
| Turkey Crossbow       | Oct. 1-20           |
| Deer Youth            | Oct. 12-13          |
| Deer Muzzleloader     | Oct. 19-20          |
| Turkey Shotgun        | Oct. 26 - Nov. 1    |
| Woodcock              | Oct. 26 - Nov. 8    |
| Deer Rifle            | Nov. 9 - Nov. 24    |
| Turkey Crossbow       | Nov. 9 - Dec. 31    |
| Rabbit                | Nov. 11 - Feb. 10   |
| Quail                 | Nov. 11 - Feb. 10   |
| Raccoon Trapping      | Nov. 11 - Feb. 28   |
| Woodcock              | Nov. 11 - Dec. 11   |
| Bobcat                | Nov. 16 - Feb. 28   |
| Squirrel Fall         | Nov. 28 - Feb. 15   |
| Dove                  | Nov. 28 - Dec. 8    |
| Duck                  | Nov. 28 - Dec. 1    |
| Canada Goose          | Nov. 28 - Feb. 15   |
| Coyote Night (lights) | Dec. 1 - March 31   |
| Duck                  | Dec. 7 - Jan. 31    |
| Turkey Shotgun        | Dec. 7-13           |
| Deer Muzzleloader     | Dec. 14-22          |
| Dove                  | Dec. 21 - Jan. 12   |
| Deer Youth Free       | Dec. 28-29          |
| Coyote                | Year Round          |
| Ground hog            | Year Round          |

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# Rockets fall 42-14 at home against Union

Football is a game of give and take, and for the most part Union County wasn't in the mood to share much Friday night.

The Braves took away Crittenden's deep passing game and gave the Rockets a full measure of rushing offense in a 42-14 Union County victory at Rocket Stadium.

Crittenden's playbook is more like a scroll full of passing lines with just a touch of run. Union County dropped eight defenders into the secondary and gave CCHS some room to work up front. Yet, despite some periodic success running the ball, CCHS was unable to overcome the Braves' arsenal of options.

The Rockets did gain 104 yards on the ground on 25 carries – perhaps more than many believe they might average on the season based on what the team has shown in two scrimmages and last week's schooling of Webster County. When starting running back Jacob Carder left the game in the second period, the ball carrying was left to senior Brayden Mahnke, who didn't disappoint. The senior rushed for a career-high 78 yards, but it was a far cry from what the Rockets needed to handle the Braves.

Union County's Jarren Johnson and Willem McPeake piled up 313 yards on the ground and scored three times between them. That alone was enough offense to finish the deed.

Crittenden had some success passing underneath coverage in the second half and was successful moving the ball at times, finishing with a dozen first downs just like the Braves. But three long scoring runs of 31, 35 and 64 yards by Union running backs provided big hits Union needed to tip the scales.

Union County scored the game's first 21 points, but Crittenden's Caden Howard recovered a fumble and the Rockets closed the gap on the next play with a scoring pass to CamRon Belcher. The game was never any closer.

"We saw some guys emerge and at certain positions that we really liked," said Rocket skipper Gaige Courtney. "I think it's a game to build off of. Obviously, we didn't like the score. We want to win them all, but there are a lot of positives to take from it."

Crittenden will need all it can get as it heads to Paducah this week to take on 6A McCracken County.



Crittenden's Gaige Markham returns a kickoff into Union County's coverage.

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|----------------|---|---|----|----|
| SCORING PLAYS  |   |   |    |    |
| Union County   | 6 | 8 | 14 | 14 |
| Crittenden Co. | 0 | 0 | 7  | 7  |

|                    |    |                                |                             |  |
|--------------------|----|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| SCORING PLAYS      |    |                                |                             |  |
| U-Caton Wilson     | 31 | run (kick blocked)             | 7:29, 1st                   |  |
| U-Jarren Johnson   | 35 | run (Willem McPeake run),      | 7:43, 2nd                   |  |
| U-McPeake          | 64 | run (Jerry Sabino kick)        | 10:44, 2nd                  |  |
| C-CamRon Belcher   | 27 | pass from Quinn Summers        | (Adri Berry kick) 7:08, 3rd |  |
| U-Johnson          | 9  | run (Sabino kick)              | 2:22, 3rd                   |  |
| U-Abreyan Fletcher | 17 | run (Sabino kick)              | 8:21, 4th                   |  |
| C-Caden Howard     | 3  | pass from Summers (Berry kick) | 7:12, 4th                   |  |
| U-Fletcher         | 7  | run (Sabino kick)              | 1:56, 4th                   |  |

|               |                                   |  |  |  |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| TEAM TOTALS   |                                   |  |  |  |
| First Downs:  | CCHS 12, UCHS 12                  |  |  |  |
| Penalties:    | CCHS 9-60, UCHS 11-130            |  |  |  |
| Rushing:      | CCHS 25-104, UCHS 37-393          |  |  |  |
| Passing:      | CCHS 16-29-1, 150; UCHS 1-5-1, 29 |  |  |  |
| Total Yards:  | CCHS 254, UCHS 422                |  |  |  |
| Fumbles/Lost: | CCHS 3-0, UCHS 1-1                |  |  |  |

|                       |                                                                       |       |                                                                              |  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS |                                                                       |       |                                                                              |  |
| Rushing               |                                                                       |       |                                                                              |  |
| CCHS:                 | Brayden Mahnke 10-78, Jacob Carder 5-28, Summers 10-(-2).             | UCHS: | Johnson 18-179, McPeake 10-134, Fletcher 6-47, Wilson 2-27, Luke Thomas 1-6. |  |
| Passing               |                                                                       |       |                                                                              |  |
| CCHS:                 | Summers 16-29-1, 150.                                                 | UCHS: | Wilson 1-1-0, 29; Johnson 0-4-1.                                             |  |
| Receiving             |                                                                       |       |                                                                              |  |
| CCHS:                 | Howard 8-55, Belcher 5-61, Tyree McLean 1-24, Mahnke 1-5, Carder 1-5. |       |                                                                              |  |
| Defense               |                                                                       |       |                                                                              |  |



Rocket QB Quinn Summers gets off a pass ahead of Union's rush.

Belcher 5 solos, interception; French solo, assist; Mahnke 5 solos, 3 assists, caused fumble; McLean 4 solos, assist, 2 TFLs; K.Travis 2 solos, 3 assists; Brandsasse 5 solos, assist, 2 TFLs; Counts solo; Howard 3 solos, assist, 2 fumble recoveries; Pierson solo, 2 assists; B.Poindexter 4 solos, 3 assists; D.Sosh solo, assist; Taylor solo; Byford 2 solos, 2 assists; Markham solo, TFL.

**Players of the Game** Offense Brayden Mahnke, Defense Braydin Brandsasse, Lineman Kaiden Travis, Special Teams Adri Berry & Caden Howard.

**Records:** CCHS 1-1, UCHS 1-1

## CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP



Crittenden's Brooke Winstead attacks the net during last week's district win at Livingston Central.

## CCHS VOLLEYBALL

Crittenden improved to 2-0 in district play last Thursday with a straight-set win 25-18, 25-13, 25-9 at Livingston Central. Carly Porter had 8 kills and block while Braelyn Merrill and Hannah Mott posted 5 kills apiece. Lacey Boone had 7 aces.

At home, Crittenden County beat winless Trigg County in straight sets last week 25-4, 25-5, 25-7 to open Fifth District action. The Lady Rockets worked 10 players into the rotation and Brooke Winstead posted 15 of her team's 20 assists. Mary Stephens recorded 9 aces and Carly Porter had 8. Porter also had 7 kills to lead the squad. Stephens and Riley Kirby had 4 and 3 digs, respectively.

The Lady Rockets will play at University Heights on Thursday in what could be a testy showdown in the All A Classic. UHA is just 3-5 this season, but has fielded good teams in recent years. The Lady Blazers have won just 9 sets in eight matches this season. Most of their action, however, has been against non-region opponents. Against area teams, the Blazer girls are 2-0 with wins over Webster County and Hopkinsville – Second Region squads that have just 2 wins between them. Six of UHA's set wins were against those teams. If the Rocket girls beat UHA on Thursday, CCHS will be back in Hopkinsville for the semifinal round on Saturday.



Mary Martinez



Asa McCord

## CCHS CROSS COUNTRY

Crittenden County harriers turned in some impressive efforts Saturday at the Murray Cross Country Invitational. The CCHS girls won second place at the meet and CCHS boys cap-



Crittenden County's cross country teams had a successful weekend. Pictured are team members (front from left) Presley Potter, Ella Whitney, Hannah Whitney, Taylor Haire, and Mary Martinez, (back) Noah Martinez, Cameron Nesbitt, CJ Nelson, Asa McCord, Jayden Gibson, River Rogers and Landon Starkey.

tured third place.

Three girls and two boys medaled. Senior Mary Martinez paced the Lady Rocket runners with a time of 24:54.97 to finish fourth in the 3.1-mile race. Sophomore Presley Potter was seventh with a time of 25:44.08 and junior Ella Whitney was eighth at 26:00.45. For the boys, senior Asa McCord finished sixth at 19:41.23 and sophomore River Rogers was seventh at 19:59.48.

Three CCHS runners competed in their first events. They were Taylor Haire and Hannah Whitney for the girls and CJ Nelson for the boys. Haire, a senior, was 23rd at 33:04.69 and Whitney, a 7th grader, was 31st at 48:41.50. Other CCHS boys' times were Landon Starkey 22:16 for 28th place, Nelson at 22:49 for 32nd and Noah Martinez at 24:07 for 42nd and Cameron Nesbitt at 30:20 for 58th place.

•Senior Asa McCord was inadvertently left out of last week's cross country results from a race in Hopkinsville the previous Saturday. McCord led the CCHS boys with a time of 21:49.90 and finished 42nd in the race that featured 137 harriers.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Last Thursday at Union County, the Rocket girls came from behind to beat the Bravettes for the second time this season. Union County jumped ahead 2-0 in the first inning, but CCMS scored three in the fourth and one in the fifth to win the game 4-3. Crittenden (6-4) scored its winning run when Sadie Green hit a sacrifice fly to score Brodi Rich from third in the top of the last inning. Brenna Kemmer had 2 hits for CCMS. Rich, Abigail Champion, Green and Caroline Martin had one hit apiece. Rich pitched all five innings, striking out 6 and walking none.

## LADY ROCKET SOCCER

Crittenden County fell behind 4-1 in the first half at home last week against Caldwell County, but closed the gap late thanks to a scoring barrage by freshman Adri Berry. The Rockets settled for a 6-5 loss to one of the top teams in the region. CCHS was 1-5 after the match and Caldwell improved to 3-1. Crittenden has never beaten Caldwell in 31 tries, but this match was among the closest ever.

Berry scored all 5 of CCHS's goals and goalie Macibelle Hardesty had 17 saves. Ella Geary had 2 assists and Zoey Hodge and Haley Moore had one apiece.

A match scheduled for last Thursday against McLean County was canceled due to heat. The match is rescheduled for Sept. 30 at Marion. Crittenden was scheduled for road matches this week at Union County and Paducah St. Mary.



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