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New plan doubles cost of late 911 fee

Changes have been made to the 911 Service Fee that is typically collected on county tax bills each fall. Starting this year, failure to pay the 911 Service Fee on time will no longer be a misdemeanor crime. An ordinance recently passed by county magistrates has lowered the penalty to a violation. However, there is a new provision that calls for doubling the fee if paid late. The equal penalty charge will compensate the county for additional costs associated with collection of delinquent fees. Tax bills will be mailed to county residents in October and due by the end of the year. For more information on local tax rates for 2023, see page 4.

Surveyor hired to begin preliminary work at golf course

King Heritage, Inc., which owns Marion Golf and Pool, has hired Knoth Land Surveying of Calvert City to survey boundaries of the roughly 70-acre facility. Adjoining property owners should be receiving notice by mail that the survey will be conducted. A California company hired to handle the sale of the former country club said in a news release last week that the "survey is to ensure that any fencing and access can properly and legally be administered in preparation for future development." The survey is expected to be done by December.

Social Security Snapshot

Here is a snapshot of the history of the age for full retirement benefits for retired workers in the U.S. Year of birth – Full retirement age 1937 and earlier – 65 years old 1938 – 65 and 2 months 1939 – 65 and 4 months 1940 – 65 and 6 months 1941 – 65 and 8 months 1942 – 65 and 10 months 1943-1954 – 66 years old 1955 – 66 and 2 months 1956 – 66 and 4 months 1957 – 66 and 6 months 1958 – 66 and 8 months 1959 – 66 and 10 months 1960 and later – 67 years old

•Maximum monthly Social Security benefit: \$3,627 for workers retiring at full retirement age in 2023.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Board of Education will have a hearing with regard to its 2023 tax rate at 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 7 and a special meeting will follow the hearing. Both will be at Rocket Arena conference room.

•Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 3:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 8 at the courthouse.

•West Kentucky Regional Recycling Corporation will host a special meeting at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at the West Kentucky Correctional Complex in Fredonia. This meeting will be for the purpose of awarding a bid for recycling center equipment.



View of Lake George at 591

An uncommonly wet August has left the hobbled Lake George as full as she will be, at least temporarily and perhaps forever. It remains to be clear whether the lake can be restored to its former glory, but local officials say they're pressing for that eventuality. The Lake is as high right now as it has been since its levee was intentionally breached in the spring of 2022 to prevent a potential catastrophic failure of the dam. The levee was purposely cut in response to a sink hole that had formed in the base of the dam. The lake is one of Marion's sources of raw water, which it draws down to make drinking water at the nearby plant. For now, the lake remains at sea level elevation 591. That's about 10 feet before its former normal pool. A pump (pictured in the bottom right photo above) is being used to push water from Lake George to Old City Lake, from where Marion's water plant pulls its raw water. In the top right corner of the uppermost photo are homes that were once lakeside properties. Now they overlook a sea of new-growth vegetation on a dried lake bed. The breach, which is at elevation 591, is visible in the bottom two photos. It is in the lower center. Work on a temporary coffer dam will begin this fall. It will protect the existing dam from further deterioration and it will fence off a leaking pipe through the levee, which engineers believe may have caused the sink

Sturgis mayor, council resign amid mounting problems

STAFF REPORT

Troubles continue to mount for Sturgis as last week the mayor and entire city council resigned amid apparent financial crisis exacerbated by poor record keeping over the past few years. Now, the small town in southern Union County has

retained a bankruptcy attorney and is seeking guidance on whether a Chapter 9 filing is advisable.

Mayor Kent Sayle resigned following a city council meeting Monday, Aug. 28. Two days later, every council member resigned.

According to recent reports

in the Sturgis News, the city is facing mounting debt on multiple fronts and is behind in its accounts payable to vendors and utilities. It owes the county water district more than \$35,000, according to the Sturgis newspaper.

Sturgis is an incorporated town with a population of

1,597. It provides various utilities to residents, including water, sewer, natural gas and garbage collection. The city has one of the largest insurance premium taxes in the state and an alcohol tax on top of the customary ad

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EG.5 COVID, other illness hits schools

STAFF REPORT

Back to school generally provides infectious diseases a chance to proliferate and this year is no different other than it includes EG.5, the newest COVID variant.

State healthcare officials say COVID is no longer a medical emergency, but there's a new vaccine coming out this fall that healthcare specialists are promoting because it targets this most recent strain.

In addition to an uptick in COVID, other illness is taking a toll on attendance at local schools.

Late last week, none of the three county schools had reached their normal average attendance rate. The target rate, set by the school district, is 96 percent. Only Crittenden County Elementary School was reasonably close at 95.5 percent. The high school had the largest number of students absent. The attendance rate at CCHS was 88.8 per-

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ALLERGIES, COLD, FLU AND COVID-19

Most common symptoms for each

SYMPTOMS	Allergies	Cold	Flu	COVID-19
Body aches		✓		sometimes
Chills		rarely	✓	sometimes
Dry cough	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fatigue	sometimes	✓	✓	✓
Fever		rarely	✓	✓
Headache	✓	rarely	✓	sometimes
Itchy eyes	✓			
Loss of taste/smell	sometimes	rarely	sometimes	✓
Nasal congestion	✓	✓	✓	rarely
Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea		sometimes	sometimes	sometimes
Runny nose	✓	✓	✓	rarely
Sneezing	✓	✓	✓	sometimes
Sore throat	sometimes	✓	✓	sometimes
Shortness of breath	sometimes	rarely	✓	✓

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Deaths

Rushing

Nancy Carol Hopkins Rushing, 84, died Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023 in the Huntsville Hospital Hospice Family Care Center in Huntsville, Ala.

She was born in Shady Grove, graduated from Crittenden County High School as valedictorian at the age of 16, and entered the workforce as a clerk in the local Federal Agriculture, Stabilization and Conservation Office. She married Johnny Rushing in 1959 and moved with him to Huntsville in 1965. After raising two children to college age, she re-entered the workforce as an administrative assistant in the Army Missile School on Redstone Arsenal and retired in 2021 after being the head administrative assistant of the Corporate Information Center.

She made her profession of faith as a young girl in the Blackburn Baptist Church, the church she grew up in, and where she served as pianist. Whether milking cows, playing the piano, performing her administrative assistant duties or crocheting hats for premature babies, she always gave her best and her best was very, very good.

Surviving are her husband of 63 years, Johnny Rushing of Harvest, Ala.; a son, Timothy Rushing of Harvest; a daughter, Melinda Arrington (Addam) Franklin, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Carter and Ames Arrington of

Franklin and Faith Bonee of Hazel Green, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Mable Hopkins; four brothers, Ray, Elmus, Roy and Bobby Hopkins; and three sisters, Velda Hodges, Lula Gostley and Dora Stevens.

Visitation is from 10 a.m.-noon, Thursday, Sept. 7 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1917 Highway 72 West, Athens, Ala., followed by a service at noon.

Visitation at Gilbert Funeral Home from 1-2:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9 followed by a graveside service at Mexico Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Huntsville Hospital Hospice Family Life, 10000 Serenity Ln, SE, Huntsville, Alabama, 35803. <https://hhcaringforlife.org> or Hospice of Limestone County, 404 South Marion Street, Athens, AL 35611. <https://hospiceolc.org>.

Paid obituary

Hunter

Tresa Faye Hunter, 74 of Marion, died Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023 at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation.



She worked for more than 20 years at Quality Day Care in Marion. She was of the Baptist faith and served as a Sunday school teacher at Marion Baptist Church. She loved her family and was a fan of all music. She relished her roots as a native of Detroit and was

especially fond of the Motown Sound.

Surviving are three children, Andrea Shemwell of Marion, Ashley Soriano and Brian (Tiffany) Shemwell, both of Paducah; a brother, Craig (Barb) Coplen of Detroit; and six grandchildren, Carver, Keaton, Reese, Sy, Arya and Meryn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Ray Hunter; her parents, J.E. and Jessie Fields Coplen; and an infant daughter, Ashly Shemwell.

Visitation is from 11-1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9 at Myers Funeral Home concluding with a memorial service at 1 p.m., at the funeral home.

Duncan

Rachel Elizabeth Duncan, 83, of Marion died Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab Center.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son, Timmy Adams of Marion; two daughters, Tammy Wolfe and Penny Wolfe; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three husbands, Clarence Lewis Adams, Otis Payton and Barrett Lee Duncan; and her parents, Harry and Stella Gillham.

There will be no services at this time.

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

Hardin

Dickie Hardin of Grand Rivers, formerly of Marion, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2023 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah.

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Arrangements are incomplete at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville.

Witty

Suzette Elaine Witty of Newnan, Ga., died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023 peacefully at her home surrounded by close friends and family.

She fought cancer for almost a year and did it to the end on her terms every step of the way.

Witty was born in Harvey, Ill., on Jan. 22, 1966 to Peggy M. and Richard E. Rozwalka who preceded her in death.

Surviving are her husband, Samuel Baker Witty; a son, Samuel Jacob Witty; and a sister, Tricia Rozwalka Boyd.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death a brother, Edward Charles Rozwalka; and a daughter, Jordan Michelle Witty.

She was a 1984 graduate of Crittenden County High School where she was a cheerleader and played clarinet in band. Outside of school, Witty worked at an insurance office and at the 88 Dip. After high school, she moved to Charleston, S.C., where she worked as a beautician, assisted a CPA in accounting, worked in sales at a jewelry shop and a cosmetic store. Her real calling was helping others. When she and Sam moved to Atlanta, Ga., for his job, she pur-



sued a Realtor's license and worked as an interior decorator. Her need to help others kept her driven and lead to a nursing degree from Gordon University. She was hired at Piedmont Hospital and rapidly excelled in her new career. After running the eighth floor (Med-Surg), she was asked to become over-house supervisor and handled multiple floors at the new hospital with a vast array of responsibilities. She loved being a nurse caring for others and excelled at it. She performed in this position until her battle with cancer.

Witty requested no funeral service, but rather a Celebration of Life, which will be held at a later date.

Condolences can be expressed online at: www.mckoon.com.

Memorial contributions donations are requested to a cancer research foundation of choice.

Kimble

Darlene Eva Kimble, 75, of Marion, died Monday, Sept. 4, 2023 at Crittenden Community Hospital. She was a member of the



Eagles Club and an avid flea market shopper.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth Murray of Marion; three children, Lori Rae Day, Angeline Marks and LeeAnn Arney; a stepson, Junior Kimbler; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dora Guy and Ruth Eileen Alexander; three brothers and a sister.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Health class

Healthy Choices for Every Body, a seven-class series, begins Monday, Sept. 11. Classes are from 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex. This class counts toward Community Christmas requirements. Call the Crittenden County Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to register.

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Oratory contest for local students

The American Legion-sponsored High School Oratory Scholarship Program titled "A Constitutional Speech Contest," is designed to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States. The contest is open to all high school students less than 20 years old including home-schooled students.

Contestants must give two speeches. One is a prepared oration that is an original work of the student on any aspect of the Constitution with an emphasis on the obligations of citizens to

the government of the United States. The second is on an assigned topic that addresses any one of four topics drawn at each level of the contest. The prepared oration must be 8-10 minutes in duration, and the assigned topic must be 3-5 minutes in duration. The assigned topics for the this year can be found at www.kylegion.org/oratorical.

For their efforts, students can win scholarships at the National finals of first place, \$25,000; second place \$22,500; and a \$20,000-third place. Additional

prizes will be awarded at the different levels to be used for any of the student's needs or wants, not just tuition.

The First District competition will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024 at the Lee S. Jones Convention Center. 510 SR93 South, Eddyville, Kentucky.

Register by contacting Mark Kennedy, District Coordinator, at usmc1965@bellsouth.net or at 270-761-8728. Registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 8, 2024. Rules, are available at www.kylegion.org/oratorical.

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MALE NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PARTICIPATION

Sport	All Grades All Levels	All Grades Varsity	9-12 All Levels	2-12 Varsity	All Grades All Levels	All Grades Varsity	9-12 All Levels	9-12 Varsity
Archery	185	185	185	185	2,609	2,587	2,264	2,264
Baseball	261	260	261	260	7,131	5,516	6,081	5,036
Basketball	274	274	274	274	6,739	4,656	6,187	4,404
Bass Fishing	121	121	121	121	1,406	1,402	1,113	1,113
Bowling	112	112	111	111	1,301	1,300	1,154	1,154
Cheer	0	0	0	0	167	166	163	162
Cross Country	253	253	248	248	2,740	2,604	2,276	2,178
Dance	10	10	10	10	13	13	13	13
Esports	126	126	126	126	1,468	1,462	1,364	1,358
Field Hockey	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3
Football	223	223	223	223	13,203	11,954	13,122	11,947
Golf	242	241	240	239	2,177	2,017	1,836	1,721
Lacrosse	35	34	35	34	1,051	837	1,045	837
Soccer	202	199	202	199	6,793	4,624	5,811	4,592
Softball	0	0	0	0	11	9	8	8
Swim/Dive	140	140	139	139	1,463	1,452	1,126	1,122
Tennis	221	221	221	221	2,243	2,114	1,916	1,815
Track & Field	264	263	262	262	6,807	6,768	6,130	6,101
Unified Bowling	39	39	37	37	181	181	163	163
Unified Track	34	34	33	33	139	139	132	132
Volleyball	0	0	0	0	15	8	14	8
Wrestling	129	129	129	129	2,569	2,447	2,266	2,169
TOTAL Individuals	281	280	280	280	44,188	38,739	38,997	35,296
SUM OF ALL ROSTERS					60,229	52,259	54,187	48,300

FEMALE NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PARTICIPATION

Sport	All Grades All Levels	All Grades Varsity	9-12 All Levels	2-12 Varsity	All Grades All Levels	All Grades Varsity	9-12 All Levels	9-12 Varsity
Archery	187	187	185	185	2,729	2,721	2,401	2,401
Baseball	0	0	0	0	16	13	14	13
Basketball	267	265	267	265	5,084	4,156	3,746	3,342
Bass Fishing	57	57	48	48	97	97	72	72
Bowling	105	105	103	103	846	846	735	735
Cheer	244	244	244	244	4,957	4,736	4,584	4,387
Cross Country	249	249	242	242	2,451	2,271	2,020	1,860
Dance	103	103	103	103	1,336	1,335	1,212	1,211
Esports	78	78	77	77	198	198	178	178
Field Hockey	19	19	19	19	636	437	608	425
Football	0	0	0	0	58	57	58	57
Golf	221	221	217	217	1,228	1,189	1,008	980
Lacrosse	32	32	32	32	1,007	739	931	707
Soccer	202	202	202	202	5,927	4,542	4,972	4,475
Softball	256	256	256	256	5,310	4,796	4,075	3,847
Swim/Dive	143	143	140	140	1,867	1,834	1,443	1,431
Tennis	223	223	221	221	2,806	2,644	2,461	2,337
Track & Field	263	262	261	261	5,507	5,452	4,739	4,690
Unified Bowling	24	24	24	24	82	82	78	78
Unified Track	22	22	21	21	70	70	68	68
Volleyball	272	272	272	272	6,997	4,531	6,096	4,232
Wrestling	0	0	0	0	378	372	319	316
TOTAL Individuals	282	280	281	280	37,820	33,142	31,441	28,716
SUM OF ALL ROSTERS					49,587	43,118	41,818	37,842

Study shows strength in school sports

While participation in interscholastic sports waned a bit nationwide during the pandemic, locally there was no noticable dropoff.

Crittendnen County High School Athletic Director Bryan Qualls said local numbers for student-athletes has been consistently strong for decades. With addition of middle school softball this fall, even more student-athletes are engaged in scholastic sports.

“If you look at the numbers for Crittenden County participation for pre-COVID, during COVID and post-COVID, the participation rates have remained the same. We have not seen a drop off in participation. Our students have remained hungry for that team dynamic that sports and extracurricular activities provide for them,” Qualls said.

Nationwide, participation in high school sports eclipsed 7.8 million in the 2022-23 school year, reflecting a sharp increase from the previous year as the NFHS completed its High School Athletics Participation Survey for a second time after the pandemic interrupted collection of data.

A total of 7,857,969 participants competed in high school sports in 2022-23, an increase of nearly 240,000 and up more than three percent from the 2021-22 totals. The total includes 4,529,789 boys and 3,328,180 girls, according to figures obtained from the 51 NFHS member state associations, which includes the District of Columbia.

This year’s total marks the first upward movement in participation data since the all-time record of 7,980,886 in 2017-18, which was followed by the first decline in 30 years in 2018-19 and the two-year halt in data collection related to the pandemic.

The top 10 sports remained the same for both boys and girls, with boys tennis leapfrogging boys golf as the eighth-most popular sport, and girls basketball and girls competitive cheer each moving up a spot on the girls side. On the boys side, eight of the top ten sports registered increases in



CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Scholastic Sports Participation

Figures below are from the 2022-2023 year.

Total Participation	
Female Student-Athletes	173
Male Student-Athletes	183
Total Student-Athletes	356

Participation by Sport

Boys Baseball	30
Boys Football	53
Boys Golf	11
Boys Basketball	18
Boys Track and Field	36
Boys Cross Country	9
Girls Basketball	17
Cheerleading	25
Girls Softball	26
Girls Golf	5
Girls Volleyball	15
Girls Track and Field	27

participation, while nine of the top ten sports on the girls side added participants.

One of the biggest increases in participation for boys and girls was in the sport of wrestling. Boys wrestling jumped 10 percent, adding nearly 25,000 participants, to more than 256,000 – the largest total since 258,208 in 2014-15.

Amazingly, the increase in girls wrestling was even larger with 17,473 additional participants – a massive 55-percent increase from 2021-22 – to reach a record total of 49,127. Just 10 years ago, there were fewer than 10,000 girls in high school wrestling. In addition, 36 states now offer separate state wrestling championships for girls.

Eleven-player football remained the most popular boys sport with the total climbing back over one million participants. The total of 1,028,761 participants marks an increase of 54,969 and 5.6 percent from the previous year. Not only did 11-player football top the one million mark, this year’s increase was the first in the sport since 2013 and only the second increase since the all-time high of 1,112,303 in 2008-09. There also was a slight

NATIONWIDE

BOYS
Most Popular
Number of Schools
Participating

1. Basketball
2. Track and Field
3. Baseball
4. Cross Country
5. Football
6. Golf
7. Soccer
8. Wrestling
9. Tennis
10. Swimming

Most Popular
Number of Individuals
Participating

1. Football
2. Track and Field
3. Basketball
4. Baseball
5. Soccer
6. Wrestling
7. Cross Country
8. Tennis
9. Golf
10. Swimming

GIRLS
Most Popular
Number of Schools
Participating

1. Basketball
2. Track and Field
3. Volleyball
4. Cross Country
5. Softball
6. Soccer
7. Golf
8. Tennis
9. Swimming
10. Cheer

Most Popular
Number of Individuals
Participating

1. Track and Field
2. Volleyball
3. Basketball
4. Soccer
6. Softball
7. Cross Country
7. Cheer
9. Swimming
10. Lacrosse

gain (34,935 to 35,301) in the number of boys in 6-, 8- and 9-player football.

The number of girls playing football – particularly flag football – continued to climb as well. A total of 20,875 girls participated in flag football in 2022-23 – an increase of 32 percent. Seven states now sponsor a state championship in girls flag and more are in the planning stages. The number of girls in 11-player football increased 18 percent with 3,654 participants.

MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of August 2023 to the same month in 2022. The chart also includes the previous month’s totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year’s monthly average.

CATEGORY	AUGUST 2023	AUGUST 2022	JULY 2023	2023 YR TO DATE	2022 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	1,874	3,884	2,033	17,565	3,320.3
Criminal investigations	13	15	11	93	12.2
Domestics	8	7	6	47	6.2
Felony Arrests	10	5	6	42	5.2
Misdemeanor arrests	7	1	12	69	8.3
Non-criminal arrests	9	1	9	68	10.1
DUI arrests	1	1	1	6	0.5
Criminal summons served	12	1	2	36	2.6
Traffic citations	10	7	26	138	16.8
Other citations	38	21	32	222	27.7
Traffic warnings	3	3	3	39	2.6
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	8	6	5	43	5.6
Security checks/alarms	61	47	58	488	39.8
Calls for service	227	181	200	1,646	176.6



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Plunger pitching found its way into mainstream community competition last weekend during a sales event at H&H Home and Hardware to celebrate National Beard Day. Traffic in the store was heavy and patrons enjoyed some fun and games, including plunger flipping. Here Landon Belt, 12, and Asher Belt, 7, got in their best shots at sticking the plungers.

Schools meant the world to small communities

Education. It is a huge part of our culture. Just ask Chris Evans at The Press. He told me one day in an email that “our schools are the centerpiece of the community.” His comment got me to thinking.

One thing I have noted among vibrant, progressive communities is that they put a high priority on education. There were many communities in Crittenden and Livingston counties 100 years ago which no longer exist today, or perhaps they are just an empty shell of their former glory. When we begin to look for reasons, we often see the closing of the local school as the turning point of the entire spirit of the community. The school was the one place where the community rallied together during good times and bad. Many personal sacrifices were made for the greater good of education.

While there are several Crittenden County examples of this, let’s look at two Livingston County examples, since I’m originally from that area and know more about its history.

According to the 2020 census, the population of Carrsville is 48. However, it was once a thriving community bustling with activity before transportation opportunities transitioned from the rivers to the never-ending network of roadways in the early half of the 20th Century. I’ve read that Carrsville’s population during its heyday was in the 700 range. Incorporated in 1850, it boasted many of the businesses found in larger communities today.

Carrsville also had fine schools. Like many counties in Kentucky, schools under local control merged with county-based school districts as the mode of education changed, driven by ever-increasing regulations

from the State Department of Education. As in other areas of Kentucky, buildings aged and were abandoned, sending students to other schools with more “modern” buildings. Carrsville Elementary School was one

such example. I think it happened in 1965 when I was a third-grade student at Salem Elementary School. That’s when the Carrsville kids came to our school, with some of them coming to my classroom. Our crew eventually graduated together from Livingston Central in 1975.

Once the Carrsville school closed permanently, it took a great deal of the heart and spirit right out of that little community. Several years later, the same thing happened in my hometown of Salem. As aging buildings required increasingly more financial resources in the way of repairs and maintenance, the once-modern elementary schools of Salem, Lola, Hampton, Smithland, Ledbetter, and Grand Rivers consolidated into two elementary schools – North Elementary (near Burna) and South Elementary (located on the “Cut-off Road” about 6 miles south of Smithland. In one fell swoop, Salem and each of these other five communities suffered the same fate which befell Carrsville many years earlier. Each of these communities struggled with community identity following the closure of their school – the main source of community heart and spirit. Smithland is the lone exception here since it is home to the “new” Livingston Central High School.

Many years prior to this, the smaller high schools, including Salem High School where my mother taught, merged to form the county district’s then-new Livingston Central High School

(near Burna). I believe the year was 1958.

With few exceptions, folks like me, who are part of the Baby Boomer generation or younger, have never known anything about attending a school that was not part of a county-wide school district. Back in the day, each community was responsible for its own educational opportunities. People often chose where they would live based on who had the strongest school. Few cities – especially small communities – have the financial resources to continue the tradition of a locally-controlled city school system. Dawson Springs is an example of a small town which continues this tradition. This is an arrangement typically reserved for larger cities like Paducah, Murray, Mayfield, Hopkinsville, Owensboro, Bowling Green, etc.

Life is forever changed once the local school is removed from the community. Just ask the folks in Repton, Frances, Tolu, and the many other little communities where small schools of the one-room variety were once scattered throughout Crittenden County.

Marion will never have to worry about suffering this same tragedy as those other communities since it is the county seat and the location of all county schools. It is very exciting to read in The Press about future building plans of the Crittenden County Board of Education as it continues to build on the heritage and decisions of Marion city fathers many years ago to provide a solid, well-rounded education for the young students of the Marion area. After all, one day some of today’s students will fill the major leadership positions for the county!

Special thanks to all in this area who have committed their lives to education!

Author Chris Clarke grew up in Livingston and Crittenden counties and enjoys sharing his memories. His Happy Trails Ministry regularly conducts Cowboy Church in the area.



Riverview Park has heavy month, fall spots available

A monthly report from July shows that overnight stays at Riverview Park were strong during July.

Located on the Ohio River in northern Crittenden County, Riverview Park has full-service camp sites and primitive camping available. There is also a seasonal boat dock there. This is the former Dam 50 site.

In July, there were 134 RV camping nights and one tent camping night. Revenue for the month was \$1,687.

Cost to rent an RV site complete with water, sewer and power is \$20 per night, plus applicable taxes. Tent camping is \$10.

Chamber seeks nominees for awards that will be presented during Gala

Tickets are available for the 2023 Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala. The event is Saturday, Oct. 28, with tickets ranging from \$35 for individuals to \$250 for an 8-person table. This will be the first time the Chamber has hosted its annual awards banquet in two years. Presented during the gala will be the following awards: Volunteer of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, Young Tradesperson of the Year, Top Woman in Business, Crittenden County Schools' Person of the Year, Up and Coming Business of the Year, Business of the year, Community Spirit Award, Excellence in Corporate Social Responsibility, Legacy Award.

Nominations can still be made for



Campsites for Labor Day were booked solid over the past weekend, but there are plenty of opportunities to rent a full-service site this fall. Go online to Crittenden-CountyKy.org to book your next trip to Riverview Park.

individuals or groups in any of these categories by contacting Chamber president Shanna West or members Shelly Davidson, Kelsey Berry, Wynne Wallace, Steve Watson, Charlie Day or Kayla Maxfield.

Another tax rate finalized, here's an idea of what you will pay for 2023 property

Crittenden County Health District has set its tax rate for 2023. The rate will be the same as last year, three cents per \$100 of assessed value for real property, tangible personal property (including aircraft and documented boats) and in-transit inventory.

Revenue from the tax supports operation of the Crittenden County Health Department and its programs.

The tax rate for real estate will cost \$30 for a taxpayer with a \$100,000 home.

As part of the county's broader tax collection, the health tax will be included on Crittenden County tax bills which will be mailed in late October.

Although the school district has yet to finalize its rate, based on proposals of any pending rate adjustments, the affective tax rate for Marion residents will be 98.2 cents

per \$100 of assessed value. That is up from 95.1 in 2022. The 2023 rate for county residents outside the city limits will be 75.7, up from 72.7 a year ago.

The local tax a homeowner will pay for a \$100,000 house in 2023 will be \$982 inside the city and \$757 in the county. This does not include state tax or other small taxing districts, including the Lower Tradewater River Conservancy.

FFA is hosting car show Saturday at fairgrounds

Crittenden County FFA will host a Car Show Saturday, Sept. 9 at the fairgrounds' Lions Club Agriculture Building. There will be trophies for Best of Show, Kid's Choice, Best Paint and Best Motorcycle. Categories are 1949 and earlier, 50s and 60s, 70s through 90s and 2000 to present. Registration is \$10. Preregister by contacting the high school's FFA coordinator Jessica.abercrobie@crittenden.kyschools.us. The event will be from 10 a.m., to 2 p.m.

Black Patch Festival will be this weekend in Princeton

Princeton will host its annual Black Patch Festival this weekend starting with the downtown Black Patch Heritage Parade at 5 p.m., Friday. John and Melissa Earnest will be grand marshals of the parade.

There will be a full schedule of activities on Saturday, most of it downtown as part of the street festival. There will be a book sale at the Coon Library, foosball tournament, petting zoo, FFA pedal tractor pull, cake walk, cruise in car show, music and an alumni soccer game.

Still very high, but gasoline prices fall 2 straight weeks

For the second straight week, the nation's average price of gasoline has declined, falling 1.2 cents from a week ago to \$3.77 per gallon yesterday according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million individual price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country. The national average is down 4.4 cents from a month ago but 2.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"The national average fell to its lowest level since July ahead of Labor Day, even as oil prices rose last week to the highest level since last November," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"In addition, Hurricane Idalia steered well clear of significant energy infrastructure, leading to zero impact on gas prices. With the switch back to winter gasoline less than two weeks away, we could eventually see more downward pressure on gas prices. However, any disturbances that threaten the Gulf could delay any decline between now and then, creating a bit of a bumpy ride for the next

week or two before more relief arrives toward late September."

The price of oil last week closed at its highest level since November on expectations that the Saudis would extend their production cut yet another month, into October, putting upward pressure on Brent and West Texas Intermediate prices, as global inventories continue to decline amidst the cut. In early Tuesday trade, a barrel of WTI crude was down 14 cents to \$85.41 per barrel, a nearly \$5 gain from last Monday's \$80.79 per barrel print. Brent crude oil was down 51 cents in early Tuesday trade to \$88.49 per barrel, but also up over \$3 from last Monday's \$85.15 per barrel fetch.

Nationwide run has race in nearby Madisonville

One of the nation's leading veteran service organizations, Travis Manion Foundation, will host the Madisonville 9/11 Heroes Run 5K and 1 mile race this weekend. The annual race series unites the nation to remember the lives lost on September 11, 2001 and in the wars since, while honoring veterans, military, and first responders who serve our country and our communities.

This race will be held starting at 8 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 9 in downtown Madisonville. Now in its 16th year, 9/11 Heroes Runs will take place in more than 90 locations, both in-person and virtually, and are expected to draw over 60,000 participants worldwide.

Class of 1988 planning reunion this weekend

Crittenden County High School Class of 1988 will host a reunion weekend starting with a tour of the school and tailgating prior to Friday night's home football game against Hopkins Central.

There will be a reunion event at 5 p.m., Saturday at Mulligan's Bar and Grill at The Heritage.

For more information, contact Rose Dempsey at 270-704-0313.

Voter letter confusing

Kentucky Board of Elections has issued a notice that some voters could be receiving potentially confusing correspondence through the mail from Voter Participation Center and Center for Voter Information.

Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor says the letter being sent through the U.S. Mail can be confusing to voters who are already registered. If you are currently registered, he says, there is no need to respond to the letter.

Tabor said that if residents want to check the status of their voter registration, they may call the clerk's office at 270-965-3403 or go online to GoVote.ky.gov.



50 YEARS AGO

September 6, 1973

■ Students and teachers returning to Crittenden County High School found several improvements had been made in the school facilities during summer break. Included was repair of the drive and parking lot, installation of a new drainage system to drain water from the roof of the building, repair of the visitors' dressing room, refinishing of the gymnasium floor and general improvements to the football field.

■ It appears that even should grocery store shelves become bare, county residents will still be able to find a bite to eat at local restaurants.... that is if they can afford it. Local restaurant managers said they were experiencing no great difficulty in getting food for their businesses. But they were paying dearly for it, almost double on some items. Some cafes in town had to drop items from their menus because they refused to pay "black market prices" and charge loyal customers outrageously.

■ Marilyn Phyllis Belt was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1973, according to Ms. Pandora Bemis, director for the national awards program. She was further considered for exceptional state and national awards.

25 YEARS AGO

September 3, 1998

■ Mission work has always been a huge part of Norma Hunt's life. She became a missionary after graduating from high school and continued her work for God ever since. Hunt went to Cimplung, Romania, a city of about 60,000 people in eastern Europe where she worked at an orphanage for 100 boys ages 6-18. She anticipated staying until Christmas.

■ For the third year in a row, Crittenden County's land judging team earned high praise during the Kentucky State Fair Land Judging Contest. Seven 4-H youths competed in the contest during the Kentucky State Fair. They placed third in the state behind Rockcastle and Jackson counties. The senior team qualified as one of Kentucky's representatives at the national land pasture and range judging contest in Oklahoma the following spring. Patrick Holloman was the reserve grand

champion in the competition.

■ More than 47,000 Kentucky students were offered College Access Program Grants and Kentucky Tuition Grants by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to attend college. The number of awards represents a 31-percent increase over the previous year and 16.8 million more in total dollars. Disbursements to students who accepted the offers and use the awards were expected to total 44 million.

■ Tolu School held its annual reunion, and the crowd was filled with old friends coming home to reminisce on the "good old days." The day was filled with telling stories, sharing pictures, and catching up with old friends. Members of the Tolu school were quoted as saying "Tolu schools will never close, they will always live on in our hearts."

10 YEARS AGO

September 5, 2013

■ Perry Brookshire, an accomplished horse trainer and rider, was inducted into the Kentucky Quarter Horse Association Hall of Fame. Brookshire was a two-time past KQHA winner. He was the national director of the Kentucky High School Rodeo Association and an active member of local riding and roping clubs, while winning titles at both Kentucky and Illinois state fairs.

■ Rocket Oil convenience store opened in Marion. Dan Eveland, district manager for Madisonville-based company, said the newest Ideal convenience store on Sturgis Road is the "crown jewel" in its chain of 14 such outlets. It was the first Ideal to offer full-service fueling and a convenience store.

■ Members of the Rocket golf team were headed to the Class A State Championships. Qualifiers included Cameron McDaniel, Devin Belt, Aaron Owen, Colby Watson, Cole Foster, and Lady Rocket Golfer Kayla Davis.

■ Extension Homemakers celebrated 65 years "winning ways in Extension Homemakers" complete with refreshments, and a video honoring their accomplishments. Officer elections were held and club awards presented.

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

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Work and “good works”

In an economic system such as ours, there will always be some tension between those who make things and those who own the businesses that make things. Occasionally it simmers up to a strike and in times past (I hope it stays there) into violence. We are fortunate to live in a society where these things happen and are, for the most part, orderly. Even if they are unnecessarily painful for those attempting to get a better wage. Love them or hate them, labor movements have made the lives of millions better over the last two centuries.

It has made it possible for people to have better housing. Until recently, it made it possible for the following generations to afford higher education if it was desired. Recreation for hourly or day-wage workers is more possible now. All of which has strengthened our economy. As with everything, we still have a way to go yet.



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

We all know that there is more to work than getting paid. Finding joy and satisfaction in a job well done can change jobs into a vocation. Learning a skill and getting good enough to teach others is one of the definitions of biblical wisdom. Paul encourages the Ephesians to work with their hands so that they will have enough to give to others.

The Bible consistently expects us to find joy in our work. It is a blessing which we are to enjoy. We are to do whatever we do as though we are serving God. This attitude helps us because it is much easier to serve the One who gives us everything. Ecclesiastes 3:22 tells us, “So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should enjoy his work, for that is his lot; who can bring him to see what will be after him?” This is not a cynical view. It is a recognition that life is better when we can learn to enjoy our work.

Work also should have

its limits. Recall that Jesus said that “The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.” The view of creation in Genesis tells us that God has given us this world to care for and work in. In those opening chapters we also read that God rested on the seventh day and that man was to rest one day a week as well. Work without boundaries is not good for us.

Work, whatever it is, is an extension of our thinking about God. For believers this means that the work we do is done in honor of the one who gives us life. For those who are blessed enough to be able to earn more than we need there is constant reminder that we are to be generous with those who do not have that privilege. For all the good of the economic system we have, there is still a massive amount of inequity. There are still many who are not paid what they are worth.

We are encouraged to do whatever we do as though we are serving God. When we have this attitude, our work becomes service to God. There is, biblically speaking, no distinction between “church” and “business.” If there is, then either one or both is being

misunderstood. Our work is part of our “good works.”

In chapter three of his “Treatise on Good Works,” Martin Luther warns against limiting our good works to the things we do that are associated with “church.”

“If you ask further, whether they count it also a good work when they work at their trade, walk, stand, eat, drink, sleep, and do all kinds of works for the nourishment of the body or for the common welfare, and whether they believe that God takes pleasure in them because of such works, you will find that they say, “No”; and they define good works so narrowly that they are made to consist only of praying in church, fasting, and almsgiving. Other works they consider to be in vain, and think that God cares nothing for them. So through their damnable unbelief they curtail and lessen the service of God, Who is served by all things whatsoever that are done, spoken or thought in faith.”

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Community Events & News

- Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14 in the library.
- Frances Cemetery is accepting donations for mowing and upkeep. Contributions may emailed to: Joe Ann Asbridge, 117 Lafayette Heights, Marion, KY 42064 or deposited in the Frances Cemetery account at Peoples Bank. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.
- 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 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 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- 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.

Marion Baptist Church

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Jesus is the only bridge available between sinful man and holy God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, which means He didn't inherit the sinful nature passed down from Adam, which made Him fit to be our Savior. Furthermore, He lived a perfectly sinless life. Thus, He makes God's grace available to all. "There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5).


To become right with God, we must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and receive Him by personal invitation. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by

works, so that no one can boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9). We are saved by God's grace through trusting in Christ; and a changed life is the natural response to God's goodness.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison



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CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.



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Pastor: Tim Burdon
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.
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Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.



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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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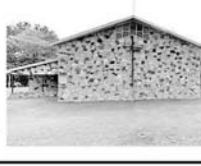
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Mrs. Stella Simpkins spent most adult years in education

This is another of my Crittenden County Folks articles. They are about special folks that are true Crittenden Countains and have an interesting and unusual story to share. This one is about Mrs. Stella Simpkins, principal of the Frances Elementary School back in 1956 and some of the hardships in the earlier school days. It originally appeared in The Paducah Sun Democrat, May 1956.

Mrs. Stella Simpkins, Teacher

Spending more than 35 years of your life in that very challenging and dedicated profession – teaching – would be quite an accomplishment, even though it were done under the most ideal, comfortable conditions.

Mrs. Stella Simpkins of Crittenden County has spent those 35 years – all her adult life – as a schoolteacher, but not by the wildest stretch of the imagination can the surroundings in which she taught be termed perfect.

Now principal of Frances School in Crittenden County, Mrs. Simpkins has some rather formidable handicaps to overcome even now, although things have improved immeasurable since a bright-eyed young girl, newly equipped with a college degree, began her teaching back around the close of World War I.

For instance, at Frances, which has 162 students in eight grades, there is no ultra-modern system of heating, no furnace of any kind. Instead the youngsters fire the round coal stoves in each room much as their father and grandfathers did.

There is running water in the school, furnished from a well operated by electric pump. The pressure goes down frequently, however, so often the school mothers who help in the cafeteria have to bring water from other places and heat it to wash the lunch dishes.

They Use An Old Coal Range

Heating the water on the stove doesn't mean simply turning on electric or gas burners, however. The water heating, like the cooking, is done on a coal range. On that same coal range, the cafeteria workers prepare food for more than a hundred youngsters every day.

When lunch is over, the remains and debris of the food is carried in buckets by schoolboys across a field for dumping.

Such down-to-earth problems, as well as plenty of administrative paperwork and meetings to attend, could well take up a principal's school day.

Like the rest of her teachers, Mrs. Simpkins carries a full classroom load, teaching the eighth grade and part of the seventh.

The perky diminutive educator is genuinely surprised, however, if anybody suggests that

what she is doing is at all unusual. Over and over Mrs. Simpkins said, "I haven't done a thing that all these other teachers haven't done. I really don't know why you want to talk to me."

There can certainly be no quarrel with Mrs. Simpkins' appraisal of her fellow teachers, for they too have chosen to work where they feel they can do the most good.

For instance, Mrs. Edna Hodge, third and fourth grade Frances teacher, is retiring this year after 16 years. Add to the fact of those 16 teaching years, the rearing of 11 children, and the sum is a lifetime of devotion to her own offspring and

to those of other people. At one time six of Mrs. Hodge's nice sons were in service simultaneously.

One special fact points up the sacrifice Mrs. Simpkins made in choosing to teach in her native Crittenden County.

At the time she began teaching, she was a rarity in

that she held an A. B. Degree from Western State Teachers College in Bowling Green.

Joseph Trower, who is student minister at the Frances Presbyterian Church and a good friend of Mrs. Simpkins, points out the significance of that degree by saying, "Mrs. Simpkins, as the possessor of a college degree 35 years ago, could have taught in the finest and most-up-to-date schools in the state. Instead she preferred to return here where there was so great a shortage."

Mrs. Simpkins, who was born in the Emmaus community not far from Frances, says that she wanted to be among home folks when she began her career, but if pressed, will reluctantly admit that the need of qualified teachers in Crittenden influenced her strongly.

She and her husband, H. E. Simpkins, have two daughters, both of whom entered the teaching field, Mrs. Austin Brasher teaches at Boaz in Crittenden County, and the other daughter, Mrs. Everett Crider of Mexico, also in Crittenden, used to teach.

A Lifetime In Crittenden County

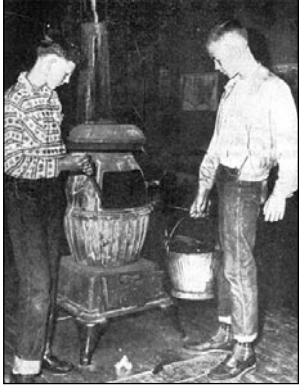
Not all of Mrs. Simpkins' teaching career has been at Frances, but it has all been in Crittenden County. She also taught for a while at Dycusburg and Pleasant Hill. During one period, from 1941 to 1946, she served as attendance officer in the county.

She has been at Frances this last time for nine years, and has been principal since 1950, when the high school pupils at Frances were moved into the new consolidated Crittenden County High School near Marion.

Some of the basketball trophies which the school won when it still had high school students are proudly displayed in Mrs.



Mrs. Stella Simpkins, teacher and principal at Frances Elementary School in 1956, had her hands full with teaching the students and also being principal.



A never-ending job for the youngsters attending Frances School was the firing of the coal stoves to keep the classrooms warm in the winter months. Here Jerry Hobby and James Thurman are adding coal to the stove in their classroom.

Simpkins' homeroom, along with the school 4-H charter.

Perhaps the best-known alumnus of Frances School is Forrest Carlisle Pogue, now professor of history at Murray State College, and renowned historian of the Second World War.

Mrs. Simpkins recalls many other of her bright students, too, and mentions Johnny Rushing, now a Crittenden County junior, and Michael McClure, a Crittenden County graduate, as two whom she feels have a promising future.

Nineteen more students are leaving Frances via graduation this year, and their principal is just as proud of them as of the ones who have already made their mark in the world.

Besides Mrs. Simpkins and Mrs. Hodge, other teachers at Frances are Mrs. Gustava Cruce, Mrs. Rudelle McKinney

and Mrs. Dorothy Fritts.

Mrs. Imogene Winstead, elementary music supervisor for the 18 schools in Crittenden County, also comes to Frances for her music classes. The music studies, incidentally, which have been in the curriculum for about five years, are mentioned by Mrs. Simpkins as one of the noteworthy innovations which have come into the schools during her teaching career.

Reluctant to discuss herself or her own career, Ms. Simpkins, along with her teachers, is eager to try to show young men and women what rewards, at least spiritual ones, can come to those who enter teaching.

Seated among the badly battered desks bearing deep-carved initials and crooked hearts carved by long gone youthful artists, the Frances teachers and their principal agree that above any physical need in the schools is the vital necessity of adding young blood to the faculties.

They are anxious, of course, to have improvements within the school too, and have great hopes for the implementation of the long-discussed Minimum Foundation Program. But primarily they want someone to follow in their footsteps.

Mrs. Simpkins, who loves to do some gardening and devotes what time she can to her church work, says that the main part of her life is bound up in school work, which she views realistically.

"Sometimes you get so tired that you think you really can't go on teaching another day," she says. "But then morning comes and there's lots to be done, so you go ahead and do it."

Mrs. Stella (Polk) Simpkins passed away in 1987 and is buried next to her husband in the Frances Cemetery.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).

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Notice is hereby given that the Fiscal Court of Crittenden County Kentucky, at a special called meeting held on August 24, 2023, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Ordinances of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the Fiscal Court held on July 20, 2023, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

(G) The failure of any real property owner to pay the 911 service fee as set forth in this chapter shall be punishable as a Violation. Further, effective January 1, 2024, nonpayment of the 911 service fee by its due date each year shall result in an assessment equal to the service fee then owing to reimburse the county for the additional expense of collection.

The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the County Clerk in the County Courthouse, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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Cal’s ESPN appearance demonstrates confidence

Football Cats’ commit does it all very well

Kentucky coach John Calipari made a rare August appearance on ESPN SportsCenter to promote his team to a national audience and left no doubt that he believes the Cats could be special this season.

“My best teams have been young players, talented, with veterans who were also talented. And you mix them together. We have that this year,” the UK coach said. “We got good young players, good young guards, two seven-footers — they’ll tell you they’re 7-2. So we’ve got some size.”

“I’m liking what I’m seeing. And more importantly, they’re really getting along together. So you’ve got a young group, but they’re really excited and it should be fun.”

Kentucky has won just one NCAA Tournament game in the last three years and not been to the

Final Four since 2015. Big Blue Nation expects a Final Four run but Calipari warned even with the nation’s No. 1 recruiting class it is not easy to do that.

“Our league is way better, so we’re gonna be prepared to go into March. You’ve got to be healthy. And again, the talent where you have a couple guys that can just take over a game, where you have great rim protection, those have been my Final Four teams,” Calipari said.

“So I’m looking at this group and our whole thing is, ‘Let’s just get better every day. We showed this summer what we can do. Now let’s get stronger, let’s get more consistent shooting the ball, skill-wise.’”

“Young players are not



Larry Vaught
UK Sports Columnist
Vaught's Views

sturdy enough to be really consistent. That’s why it’s really important, the summer and when they return to campus in the fall. This is a good group in that way. I mean, they love being in the gym. I go into my office, and I look out there, four guys are in there playing. And they play a lot of pickup, which is really important too.”

Elijah Groves likes to stay busy – and productive – on the football field. The 6-4, 220-pound Kentucky commit from Cross Plains, Tenn., will play punter, receiver, outside linebacker, safety and special teams. He had 59 tackles, including four for loss, and two interceptions in 2022 and ran for 209 yards and four touchdowns to help his team reach the third round of the playoffs.

In his team’s 20-7 win last week over Monterey, he caught three passes for 82 yards and one touchdown, ran once for 10 yards and intercepted a pass.

“I hate watching. I want

to be on the field,” said Groves. “Kentucky is recruiting me as an outside linebacker, kind of a Josh Allen type player. I know I will need to put on some more weight and more than likely will have a redshirt year to let me get bigger and stronger.”

Groves said he connected quickly with UK defensive coordinator Brad White, wanted to play in the Southeastern Conference and wanted to be close to home (he lives about 30 minutes from Nashville) so his parents could see him play in college.

“My family and friends knew it was going to be Kentucky after I made my visit,” Groves said. “They were all telling me blue looked the best on me.”

His other two finalists were Purdue and North Carolina State but the four-star linebacker had 15 offers.

He says football runs in his family (his father played football while his mother played basketball and soccer). His cousin, Taylor Groves, plays at Mississippi. Groves’ younger brothers Isaiah (6-0, 185 pounds) and Zach (6-4, 225 pounds) also have offers from Kentucky. Isaiah is a running back and Zach a

defensive end at East Robertson High School. All three brothers plan to be at Kroger Field for games this season.

“We all push each other. Isaiah is a really good running back and I have to hit him every day in practice. Zach is a big defensive lineman and helps me get off blocks,” Elijah said. “Me and Isaiah share the ball. He gets about 70 percent of the carries and does not play D (defense). Me and Zach have similar styles in that we both like to get to the ball and make something happen.”

Zach has offers from Tennessee, Purdue and NC State along with Kentucky. Isaiah also has a NC State offer to go with the one from Kentucky and is a top 20 player in Tennessee. He ran for 201 yards in East Robertson’s win last week.

“I just leave him (Isaiah) alone and will let him go into his senior year and see what he does,” Elijah said.

Elijah makes a lot happen in basketball and track, too. He averaged 19.2 points, 6.6 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game in basketball last year and went over the 1,000-point career mark. His team won state

when he was a sophomore and lost in the first round of the state last year.

“Because I play basketball some people think I won’t be physical on the football field but I am. I love to hit,” he said.

He has personal-best times of 11.84 and 23.90 seconds in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, respectively, and cleared 5 feet, 8 inches in the high jump.

Elijah admits he was a Tennessee fan growing up and did not know much about Kentucky football.

“One day one of our coaches told me one of the Kentucky coaches was watching practice. I had a good practice, they talked to me and compared me to Josh Allen. Late that night they called and made an offer,” he said.

“I knew Josh Allen played for the (Jacksonville) Jaguars but I didn’t know he went to Kentucky. I did not know he was (national defensive) player of the year until I researched him. But I like having expectations like that on me. That’s how it has always been and makes me the player I am.”

Juveniles suspected in park damage



Park restrooms were significantly damaged late Sunday afternoon.

STAFF REPORT

Four Marion juveniles, all females, have been identified as suspects in a police investigation into major damage to the restroom at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

The juveniles, aged 10 to 14, were observed just before dark Sunday on park closed circuit security cameras damaging the restroom with large limestone rocks they are seen taking from a nearby waterway. The rip-rap rock is used to prevent erosion in ditches. The stones are large and heavy and were used to smash three urinals in the men’s restroom and a toilet in the women’s restroom.

Rocks were also thrown onto the roof of the restroom where glass skylights were damaged.

Police say the juveniles are also suspected in an alleged assault of a 12-year-old girl at the park during the same time frame that the vandalism took place.

Damage to the park restrooms is estimated at more than \$3,000.

Park officials say the men’s restroom is so significantly damaged that it may have to be closed until repairs are made. Closing it will create a great inconvenience to park users because the fall is a very busy period at the facility.

SICK

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cent last Thursday and the middle school rate was 93.5.

“Our community, among others, is experiencing increasing rates of illness, including COVID,” the school district said in electronic correspondence to parents. “As the virus continues to evolve, it should be regarded in the same manner as conditions like strep, flu or even the common cold. If your student is experiencing symptoms and has fever, he or she should stay home until fever-free for at least 24-hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.”

Attendance rates were a bit better early this week thanks to a long holiday break. On Tuesday districtwide attendance was 93 percent with the high school having the lowest figures at 91 percent. The elementary school and middle school were both right at 94 percent.

There are no quarantine requirements for COVID patients or families like there were during the height of the pandemic. However, there are some precautions recommended by the school district to help corral the virus and other infections that are keeping kids home.

“Nobody in your home must quarantine, but care should be used to reduce exposure. Our custodial team is diligently working to disinfect door knobs, desks, water fountains and other surface areas to further reduce the spread,” the district’s response said. “Hopefully, we’ll see a reduction in sickness soon.”

Dr. Nicholas Van Sickels, an infectious disease physician and the interim director for UK HealthCare Infection Prevention and Control, says this recent uptick in COVID cases is largely

driven by the newer variant.

“With schools starting back, seeing an increase in COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses isn’t unusual. As we move into the colder season and people begin spending more time indoors, we would also anticipate seeing additional increases in the prevalence of these viruses,” he told Kentucky Health News’ editor Melissa Patrick.

Kentucky has seen a statewide uptick in COVID-19 cases, and local outbreaks, along with other illnesses, have shut down several school districts. This has also been reflected in hospital admissions, which is considered one of the most reliable indicators for tracking the virus since the end of the public-health emergency on

May 11.

In the first two full calendar weeks of August, the latest period for which figures are available, Kentucky saw a 110% increase in daily COVID hospital admissions, with an average of 28 patients per day, according to the COVID-19 tracker of The New York Times, which uses Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

During that two-week period, Kentucky had 20 hospital admissions per 100,000 people, which was 25 percent higher than the national rate of 15 per 100,000, Kentucky Health News reported early this week. More recently, several of the larger hospitals in Kentucky said the uptick has continued, while noting that the increases have been small.

STURGIS

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valorem taxes on the assessed value of real estate, personal property and vehicles. Last week, Sturgis set its property tax rate at 49.8 cents per \$100 of assessed value. By comparison, Marion’s 2023 rate is 22.5 cents. Sturgis has about 1,000 water system customers.

According to recent reports in the Sturgis newspaper, the city owes the IRS more than \$16,000 in taxes and penalties from 2020.

Local attorney Rebecca Johnson serves as counsel for the City of Sturgis.

She said there is no current criminal investigation into the financial situation at Sturgis. She believes much of the problem is due to a lack of continuity in leadership and personnel at city hall over the past several years.

The Kentucky Attorney General’s office opened an investigation into financial issues and a former mayor in 2020 after a whistleblower notified authorities of some suspicious activity involving a flood wall grant account. The investigation uncovered questionable transactions involving money from the grant ac-

count going into former mayor Douglas Rodgers’ personal account. However, Rodgers told investigators it was a mistake and the investigation ceased with no charges being filed.

Sturgis has hired an accountant to help get its financial records into a presentable condition so the bankruptcy attorney can determine whether the incorporated city should look at reorganization under federal bankruptcy protection. Chapter 9 bankruptcy is very rare for incorporated municipalities in Kentucky.



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Volleyball at Henderson County
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FRIDAY
Football hosts Hopkins Central
SATURDAY
Cross country at McCracken County
Golf at All A State, Richmond
MS Softball at Trigg County
Jr Pro Football hosts Trigg County
MONDAY
Soccer at Paducah Tilghman
Fresh Volleyball at Paducah
JV Football hosts Mayfield
MS softball hosts Trigg County
TUESDAY
Soccer at Trigg County
Volleyball at Madisonville
MS Football at South Hopkins

GOLF
Upcoming events
•Saturday, Sept. 9 Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department will host the 18-hole Zach Latham Memorial Fundraising Golf Tournament at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem.
•Saturday, Sept. 30 4-Person Scramble to benefit Crittenden County High School baseball team will be held at Deer Lakes Golf Course. Register at the pro shop or call 270-704-3034.

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

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

See more dates at fw.ky.gov

BASKETBALL
No UHA girls' hoops
University Heights Academy in Hopkinsville will not play a varsity girls' basketball schedule this school year, according to a report filed late last week by WHOP Radio. The report said UHA Athletic Director Taylor Sparks confirmed that low numbers have forced the school to rule out playing during the 2023-24 season. He told the Hopkinsville radio station that a few girls had already transferred to Hopkinsville High School. Last season, the Lady Blazers played a varsity schedule only because of low numbers. The team had just seven players on its roster last year when it went 5-23.

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Close game might have been closer

STAFF REPORT
Laboring, yet punching well above its weight, Crittenden County was arguably successful for much of last week's football contest, but a yellow flag nearly 60 yards behind the ball late in the game left the Rockets mighty blue in a 44-22 loss to McCracken County in a rare Thursday night encounter.
Special teams breakdowns were costly for both sides, but it was an unsportsmanlike offsetting penalty well away from the action with 3:30 to play that stuck in the Rockets' craw. That double infraction reset the play, wiping out what had ended with CCHS recovering a McCracken County punt snap that was retrieved and taken for a would-be touchdown by Crittenden's Tyler Belt. That would have made it a one-possession game in the closing minutes, but the flag erased the home team's hope.
Sure, it's doubtful CCHS could have turned the tables on the Mustangs in the last three minutes and pulled off an upset against the 6A opponent. But, the sting of that play drew a frame of reference for third-year Rocket skipper Gaige Courtney to lament. It punctuated other mistakes that might have changed the outcome.
Four fumbles, including two on mishandled punts; an inability to run the ball and some other damaging penalties created a myriad of despair for the Rockets. Otherwise, Coach Courtney believed his team played well enough to win.
"We just made too many mistakes... enough to go around and they all end up on me," he said, shouldering the responsibility for correcting it. "We just have to get better and fix it. From this week to last week it was night and day. We played much better."
Although the 2-1 Mustangs doubled Crittenden (1-2) on the scoreboard, it had the feel of a more palatable loss than the 36-0 thrashing Courtney's boys took a few days earlier at Union County.
Up front, McCracken probably outweighed Crittenden 2-to-1. And despite CCHS quarterback Micah Newcom



Rocket quarterback Micah Newcom settles into a nice pocket created by his offensnive line as he looks down field for an open receiver during last week's loss to McCracken County. The Rockets will be at home against this week to face an improved Hopkins Central team. The Storm is 2-1 on the season after victories over Fort Campbell and Caldwell County. CCHS is 1-2 this fall.

being sacked six times, he was still able to orchestrate some successful drives, completing 15-of-23 passes, including three touchdown strikes. The running game was bottled up; however, as the Rockets managed fewer than 30 yards on the ground for the second straight week. In three games, they have averaged only 43 yards rushing.
Special teams play cost the Mustangs six points to start the game when a snap sailed over the punter's head and Crittenden recovered the ball at the McCracken seven, scoring the game's first points two plays later. That punt team paralysis spilled over onto Crittenden's sideline and allowed the 'Stangs to score twice on short fields set up by two CCHS mishandled punts.
"We had a chance to win this football game," Courtney said. "If a call goes our way, a ball bounces our way a couple of times, then we're right in it at the end. It just happened to slip away."
The coach believes his team can limit mistakes and improve as the season progresses. He's had an extra day to get the Rockets ready for this week's home opponent, Hopkins Central, on Friday night.

SCORE BY QUARTERS
McCracken 9 21 7 7
Crittenden 8 14 0 0

SCORING PLAYS
C-Caden Howard 4 pass from Micah Newcom (Casey Cates run) 10:53, 1st M-Chase Downing 4 run (kick blocked by Tyler Belt) 7:19, 1st M-Brock Wilson 29 field goal 1:59, 1st M-Kelin Thomas 8 pass from Maddox O'Neal (Wilson kick) 9:38, 2nd M-Zeno Cornelius 16 run (Wilson kick) 8:30, 2nd C-Tyler Belt 3 pass from Newcom (pass failed) 4:24, 2nd M-Daivon Dunbar 75 pass from O'Neal (Wilson kick) 3:40, 2nd C-Gattin Travis 13 pass from Newcom (Belt pass from Newcom) 2:55, 2nd M-Dassing 3 run (Wilson kick) 5:25, 3rd M-Cohen Buckhalter 1 run (Wilson kick) 1:12, 4th

TEAM TOTALS
First Downs: CCHS 9, MCHS 17
Penalties: CCHS 9-75, MCHS 15-122
Rushing: CCHS 19-27, MCHS 33-113
Passing: CCHS 15-24-0, 173; MCHS 21-29-0, 256
Total Yards: CCHS 200, MCHS 369
Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 4-4, MCHS 1-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing
CCHS: Gattin Travis 3-22, Jacob Carder 2-5, Tyler Belt 3-2, Levi Piper 1-1, Micah Newcom 10-(-3). MCHS: Brock Wilson 1-(-30), James Barragan 4-33, Zeno Cornelius 18-90,

Dawson Hayden 2-4, Chase Wassing 4-14, Kayden Wahl 1-7, Maddox O'Neal 2-(-6).
Passing
CCHS: Newcom 15-23-0, 173; Caden Howard 0-1-0. MCHS: O'Neal 21-29-0, 256.
Receiving
CCHS: Caden Howard 6-45, Gabe Keller 3-43, Travis 3-20, Belt 2-60, Cam'Ron Belcher 1-5. MCHS: Cooper Falconite 5-56, Tristan Beyer 1-7, Daivon Dunbar 7-137, Quinterious Bailey 3-20, Andrew Farmer 3-15, Kenlin Thomas 1-8, Dawson Hayden 1-13.
Defense
Gabe Keller 2 solos, assist; Levi Piper solo, assist; Gattin Travis 4 solos, assist, 2 TFLs; Bennett McDaniel 7 solos, 5 assists, TFL, caused fumble; Casey Cates 4 solos, 3 assists, TFL, fumble recovery; Travis Blazina solo; Tyler Belt 2 solos, 3 assists; Grayson James 4 solos, assist; Blake French 2 solos, 3 assists; Kaiden Travis 4 solos, 2 assists, 2 TFL, sack; Cam'Ron Belcher 2 solos; Caden Howard 3 solos, 2 assist; Brayden Poindexter 3 solos, 2 assists, TFL; Jacob Carder 3 solo.
Players of the Game Defense Kaiden Travis and Bennett McDaniel, Offense Micah Newcom, Lineman Lane West.
Records: CCHS 1-2, MCHS 2-1

CRITTENDEN COUNTY FALL SPORTS ROUNDUP



Katie Perryman drives a shot into a Trigg County defender during Tuesday's match.

CCHS VOLLEYBALL
The Lady Rockets easily won a Fifth District matchup Tuesday at home, knocking off Trigg County 25-7, 25-11, 25-7, improving to 5-8 on the season and 2-0 in league play.
Crittenden lost at Muhlenberg County last Thursday where the Lady Rockets fell in straight sets 25-17, 25-23, 25-13. Muhlenberg improved to 7-4.

LADY ROCKET SOCCER
The Lady Rockets lost a tight Fifth District showdown at home last Thursday against Trigg County, one of the re-

gion's better teams.
Crittenden led 1-0 at the half, but fell behind 2-1 in the last period before scoring the tying goal in the game's final five minutes.
Tied at the end of regulation, the outcome was decided by a penalty kick shootout. Trigg scored four and Crittenden three. It was the closest CCHS has come to beating Trigg County since 2016. Coach Jessica DeBurgo said it was a painful loss.
In regulation, sophomore Ella Geary and senior captain Lizzie Campbell each scored on assists by Kylie Bloodworth and Geary, respectively. Campbell, Geary and senior Bailey Williams each scored penalty kids. Hannah Long had eight saves.
"During my coaching career these last three years, this was honestly the most hard fought game, on both sides, that I have been a part of," DeBurgo said in a post on the team's social media site.

ROCKET GOLF
Crittenden County's regional champion Class A golf team will be playing in the state tournament at Richmond Saturday, Sept. 9. CCHS won the region a couple of weeks ago, its third team crown since 2020, and senior Jeremiah Foster was regional champion.
Foster was medalist last Thursday at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem where he shot a 39 to help the Rockets beat Union County by 18 strokes in team




CCMS's Azariah Rich makes a tackle during Tuesday's loss to Webster County.

play.
Grayson Davidson shot a 42, Avery Belt 43, Turner Sharp 44 and Jaxon Hatfield 62. Union's top score was posted by Cam Girten at 43 as CCHS won the match 168-185.

MS ROCKET FOOTBALL
Crittenden County lost at home 6-0 Tuesday to Webster County in middle school football action. The Rockets are now 1-2 on the season. Crittenden rallied late, moving into the red zone early in the fourth period, but was intercepted.

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4-H Presents Annual Awards

Beth and Ronnie Drennan, (center) representing Broadbent B&B Foods in Kuttawa, were recognized as the 2022-2023 Outstanding Friends of Crittenden County 4-H at the organization's annual awards celebration last month. Also pictured are (from left) Katrina Scott, Crittenden County 4-H Agent Leslea Barnes, Outstanding first-year 4-Her Russell Vince; Civic Engagement Award recipient Caroline Martin, Phillip Barnes and Cabot Sutton. Other award winners included Marlee Sosh and Lathan Lynch, Outstanding Junior 4-Hers; Taylor Haire, Macie Conger, Aerie Suggs and Josh Marshall, Outstanding Senior 4-Hers; Paige Tinsley, Rising Cloverbud; Gracie Orr, Communication Award; Kailyn Stokes, Leadership Award; and Willa Suggs volunteer of the year.

Special discount for next week's derby

Crittenden County Lions Club will have a makeup Demolition Derby on Saturday, Sept. 16 due to a rainout during the fair last month. Plans are to provide a discount admission for the event because the August derby was barely going when it was washed away by rainfall. Admission will be \$10 a carload or \$5 for single drivers. Due to costs associated with preparing the fairgrounds and hosting the makeup derby, some type of admission is necessary, Lions Club leaders says.

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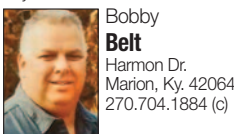
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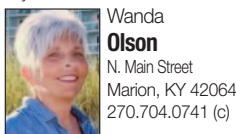
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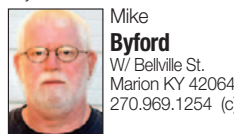
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