

FOHS WILL HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FRIDAY ON UPCOMING PROJECT

Fohs Hall will be hosting a press conference and community announcement at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9. The event will be live streamed at The Press YouTube and Facebook pages. The community center's leadership will share information about a project that will be soon coming to fruition. The plans could have "tremendous potential for our community," Fohs Hall said in a news brief issued ahead of this week's announcement. Friends of Fohs Hall, community leaders and media are invited to the event. Light refreshments will be provided by Brunch of Sandwiches.



CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

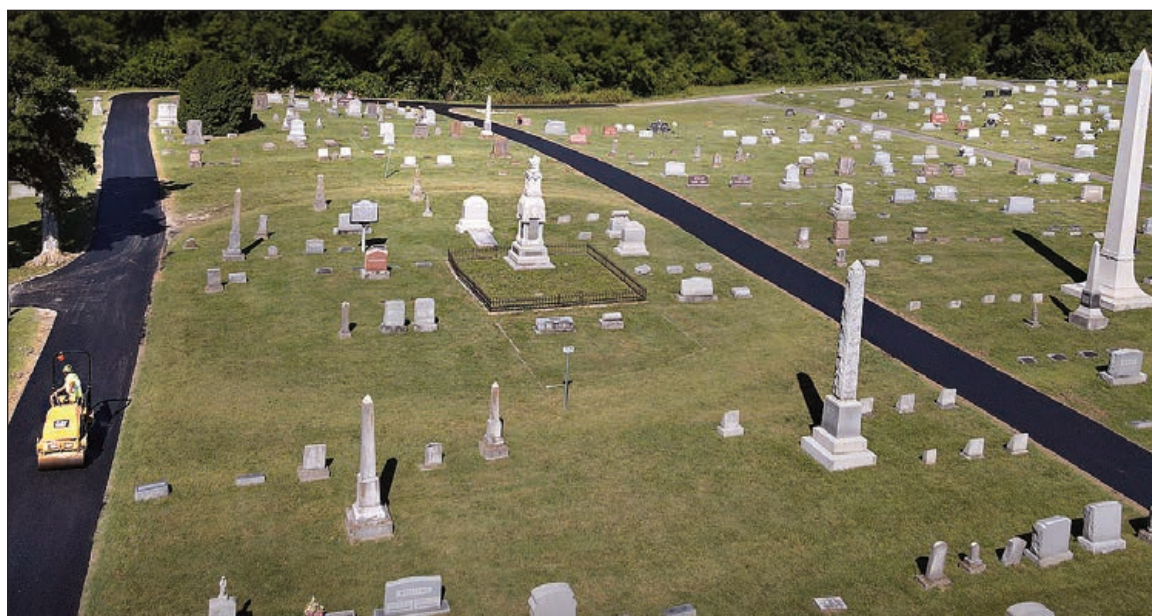
Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is spearheading a Night at the Museum after-hours event from 5-6 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 13 which will begin with light appetizers at the Edward Jones office. The event will finish up across Bellville Street at the Crittenden County Historical Museum. The chamber is billing this as a "fast-paced, face-to-face event where you can meet and talk with multiple people from many local businesses."

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet for its regular monthly meeting at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9 in the basement of the courthouse.
- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 12 at Livingston Central High School.
- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Marion City Hall.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will have a working session at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13 at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden Fiscal Court will meet in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 15 at the courthouse.
- Marion City Council will meet in regular session at 5 p.m., Monday, Sept. 19 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 19 at city hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

GAS PRICE PACING DOWN

Average gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen another 4.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.41 per gallon. Prices in Kentucky are 27.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 50.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The U.S. average for diesel has declined two cents in the last week and stands at \$5.02. It's \$4.99 here.



Rogers Group was contracted to pave Maplevue Cemetery. Crews were working on improvements to the road system inside the city's largest public cemetery late last week.

Paving lanes

STAFF REPORT

The generosity of numerous people with ties to Crittenden County has funded a paving project in Marion's largest cemetery. Last week, Rogers Group laid 590 tons of asphalt inside the Maplevue Cemetery, accounting for about three-quarters of a mile of new surface along the roads and lanes. Dianne Newcom, presi-

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At right is a poignant sign erected in a Knott County neighborhood washed away along with the lives of some of its residents. Above is an antique Hindman Fire Department truck wedged under an overpass after being swept from the parking lot outside the firehouse.



PHOTOS BY DARYL TABOR

Baptists adding relief in flood counties

BY ALEXA TABOR
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

Massive flooding in eastern Kentucky in late July could only be what many described as beyond devastating, with over three dozen dead, homes washed away, communities destroyed and residents forced to relocate. Such a disaster left those affected feeling hopeless, some losing everything – homes that had been in their families for generations, possessions, and some losing their closest loved ones. Gov. Andy Beshear unlocked emergency resources,

activating the National Guard and declaring it a state of emergency in Floyd, Breathitt, Clay, Owsley, Letcher and Pike counties. Many individuals and disaster relief organizations from across the country are standing in solidarity and volunteering to help the victims. The faith-based Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief team has jumped into the destruction headfirst hoping to help the victims rebuild, clean up debris, reclaim their lives and most importantly, restore their hope. Roger

Devine of Livingston County is among the many locals who jumped to eastern Kentucky's aid, having worked with the relief group since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. "I've seen people from as far away as Alaska come out to help us with this," Devine said. "People from all over just showed up and started helping the individuals with their house – anything they



Devine

needed. I was on a team doing something called 'mudout' where if their house had been flooded or if water levels had reached about 2 to 3 feet, we would take out 4 feet of the walls inside – the sheetrock and insulation – so it could dry out. We removed furniture, we removed mold, we helped people sort through what they wanted to keep and what they couldn't. It takes a lot of work, a lot of manpower. Nineteen different states were represented in

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Lake George following its draining last spring.

College professor wants to hear from anglers, kayakers, others Academic study probes Lake George fallout

STAFF REPORT

A Marion native who is an associate professor in South Korea is working on an academic study on the effects the draining of Lake George is having on local fishermen. Dr. Robert John Hart says the study seeks answers to some of the following questions: Were you left high and dry after Lake George was drained this spring? Did you switch fishing spots, or did you decide to hang up your rods and wait for wetter days? Lake George anglers, kayakers and other regular water-based recreationists are being sought for the academic study involving their experiences and emotions following the draining of the lake. Hart, who holds a Ph.D., in English, is a 1984 CCHS graduate, a former Crittenden Press sports editor and reporter, and a current associate professor in the Department of Tourism Management at Kyung Hee University in Seoul. He is looking for frequent Lake George anglers and others to interview about how the current situation has affected their leisure lives. His interviews will be online using Zoom, and should take around 20 minutes. Selected participants will get a gift card for a

16-inch thin crust cheese pizza from Game-day Pizza & Wings in Marion. "This summer both drought and flooding have been major news stories around the world," Hart said. "In addition to the disruption these disasters cause in the regular lives of residents, they create problems for recreationists like anglers and boaters. Lake George is a unique situation, particularly because the loss of the resource happened so suddenly." "I've been fishing there many times," he added. "When I went, I saw families with kids fishing from the bank and friends launching boats. This is an opportunity to see how people cope with a sudden loss of a recreational site as it may happen more often in the future, particularly due to climate change." To be eligible, participants should have fished, kayaked or participated in other water-based recreation at Lake George at least five times between April 2021 and April 2022. All participants will remain anonymous in the study. To participate, email robhart@khu.ac.kr or hart_rob@hotmail.com.

Extension staff reduced by one, opening will last

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Extension office heads into the fall a bit lighter in number following the retirement of Janeen Tramble, who had been serving as family and consumer sciences agent. Tramble retired a few weeks ago after a 33-year career in Extension, which included a number of years in Lyon and Trigg counties prior to her coming to Marion in 2018. The Extension program is a cooperative through the University of Kentucky that provides trustworthy, practical education for people in agriculture and business, and helps communities solve problems, develop skills and build toward a better future. Extension operates through the nationwide land-grant university system and is a partnership among the federal government, primarily USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and state and local governments. Historically, Extension has played an active role in Crittenden County. Dee Heimgartner, the county agent for agriculture and natural resources, says it

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Deaths

Hamilton

Rita Denise (Riordan) Hamilton, 70, of Marion, died Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Vanderbilt Medical Center surrounded by her family.

She was a business teacher at Union County High School for almost 20 years and retired as a teacher at Crittenden County High School. She was active in the family business, Superior Trophies, Screen Printing, & Embroidery, from its beginning and enjoyed working on embroidery projects. She was a member of Marion United Methodist Church and loved her church family dearly.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Mike; son, Joshua (William) Hamilton of Honolulu, Hawaii; two daughters Heather (Tony) Belt of Marion and Ashley Hamilton of Evansville; a granddaughter, Taylor (Jacob) Berry of Marion; a grandson, Brady Belt; and great-grandson, Jett.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Eula Patmor; her father, Herschel Riordan; and her younger sister, Kimberly.

Services were Saturday, Sept. 3 at Gilbert Funeral Home

with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Polk, 100

Georgia Nell Polk, 100, of Marion, died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022 at Crittenden Community Hospital. She worked in nursing for over 40 years.

Surviving are her sister, Linda Perryman and brother, Doyle G. Polk, Jr. both of Marion; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Doyle G. Polk, Sr. and Ina Polk; and two sisters, Margaret Jean Riley and Billie G. York.

Services were Sunday, Sept. 4 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Frances Cemetery.

Berry

James Harold “Red” Berry, age 79, of Marion, died Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022 at Crittenden Health & Rehab in Marion.

He grew up working with his father a n d brother on their farm in Union County. After graduating in 1961 from Sturgis High School, where he was a key



member of the school’s football team, he spent more than 50 years working in the coal mines. The vast majority of those years (July 1968 - February 2016) were spent working at Webster County Coal (Dotiki) in Clay. After working long hours each day in the coal mines, he came home and worked with the cattle on his farm near Mattoon. In the few hours of spare time that he had, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, riding horses and boating.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Margaret Berry, a sister Peggy Eigel, and his birth mother, Wanda Stimson Overby.

Surviving are two children, Lisa (Tod) Wallace of Fishers, Ind., and Wade (Krista) Berry of Marion; three grandchildren, Dalton Wallace of Indianapolis, Hannah Berry of Murray and Lauren Berry Turner of Marion; his former wife, Ruth “Sissy” Markham Berry of Marion; a brother, Carroll Berry of Salem; and Amy Doucet of Carrsville, a longtime family friend whom he considered to be a daughter.

Funeral services are at 3 p.m., Sunday,

Sept. 11 at Whitsell Funeral Home in Sturgis. Visitation is from noon until service time at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Pythian Ridge Cemetery in Sturgis,

Sunderland

Delores Lyn Sunderland, 70, died Monday, Sept. 5, 2022 at Landmark of Kuttawa.

She is survived by two children, Jennifer Sunderland of Marion and Michael Sunderland of Indianapolis; two brothers, Bruce (Suzanne) Brown of Marion and Wayne (Joyce) Brown of Eddyville; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Deon Sunderland; and her parents, John and Thelma Brown.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time.



Guess 50th anniversary

Robert A. “Bob” and Brenda Walker Guess of Marion, will celebrate their 50th anniversary Sept. 9.

They were married Sept. 9, 1972 at Madisonville First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Robert L. Thomas officiating.

Maid of honor was Belinda Wells Fox of Madisonville and best man was Steve Ledbetter, currently residing in Lexington.

Bob and Brenda have two sons, Dr. Bryan (Denise) Guess of Louisville, and, Bradley (Lisa) Guess of Lexington.

Bob is retired from the banking industry and a field grade officer with U.S. Army Reserves. Brenda is retired as a Senior Clerk with Kentucky Utilities Co.

They will celebrae their anniversary with family and the wedding party at Kentucky Lake.

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dent of the Marion Cemetery Association which is charged with maintaining the grounds, said thanks to the donations from many, the cemetery board was able to pay for the work, using very little cash reserves on the project.

“We wish to thank everyone who contributed to the project,” Newcom said. “We hesitate to name all of the donors for fear of leaving someone

out.

“This is a project that was greatly needed to maintain the quality of the grounds within Mapleview Cemetery and we’re thrilled to see it to fruition.”

The cemetery will further benefit in the form of a beautification project at the entrance to the cemetery.

Nearby property owners Roger and Sheryl Watson recently purchased property west of the cemetery entrance and plan some clearing

and improvements at the site.

One anonymous donor who grew up in Crittenden County gave \$50,000 toward the cemetery paving project and challenged others to help match the contribution.

Other donations received by Marion Cemetery Association helped make up the \$72,743 cost of drainage repairs and paving of nearly all of the drives inside the cemetery.

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will continue to do all it can despite being short staffed. She said the opening will not be immediately filled.

Heimgartner and Leslea Barnes, the 4-H and youth development agent, will be the group’s only Extension agents for the foreseeable future. The Extension program also has Vicki Belt, a SNAP nutrition education specialist, and Kristi Harris, an office assis-

tant. Shorter staffed, Heimgartner explains that there could be fewer programs offered, but hopefully there will be only very little effect on the community. There may be greater limits on the number of craft and food classes offered by Extension.

“We will still do all we can,” Heimgartner said, “and we have specialists at the state level than answer any questions we have for family and consumer sciences.”

Tramble had been the

first full-time family and consumer sciences agent since Nancy Hunt retired in 2015 after a long career in Extension. A temporary agent worked here for a time after Hunt retired, but it was only for about a year. Agent salaries are paid through local taxes and from the University of Kentucky. A local six-person board works in cooperation with state-level administrators when it comes to filling vacant positions.

Extension events

The forslowing is a list of upcoming events offered by the Crittenden County Extension Service.

- “Eat Better for Less” will be presented at 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m., Sept. 12 and Sept. 26. This program counts towards Community Christmas credit. Get new recipes, money saving tips and learn how to prepare great tasting foods for your family. Register by calling (270) 965-5236.
- Heimgartner will have a Leaf Cast class at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 12 at the Extension Park, located at 2264 KY 91 North. Participants will learn how to make a concrete leaf casting to use in decorating. Call to register, (270) 965-5236.
- The Hooks & Needles Crafter’s Corner Club will meet from 1-3 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the Extension Office. Bring your projects to work on.
- Challengers will meet at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 14 at the Extension Annex.
- Quilt Club will meet 1-3 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Extension Annex.
- After Hours will meet on at 5 p.m., Monday,

Sept. 19 at the Extension Office.

- Cooking Club will meet at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22 at the Extension Annex.
- Dee Heimgartner will present a Garden Soil Sample class at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Extension Annex. This class will count towards Community Christmas. Please call the Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.
- The Leader Lesson “Emergency Preparedness” will be presented by Zoom at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 28 at the Extension Office. This class will help better prepare participants for disasters.

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Marion native among Legacy Expedition group working to raise \$7M for veterans

Legacy Expeditions, a veteran-owned extreme expedition company, is raising awareness and inspiring action to support the Folds of Honor Foundation through its upcoming global expedition, Triple, in January 2023

The seven-day, record-breaking skydiving adventure includes seven skydives across seven continents to raise \$7 million for educational scholarships for military families.

Marion native Jim Wigginton is among the founders of the Legacy Expeditions firm. Wigginton, 73, grew up on a farm in the Piney Fork area and is a successful private equity executive who lives in Michigan. He was selected as a Crittenden County Distinguished Alumnus in 2021.

The expedition, supported by Complete Parachute Solutions, begins at the bottom of the world at Union Glacier Camp, Antarctica. Then travels to Punta Arenas, Chile; Cape Town, South Africa; Perth, Australia; the United Arab Emirates, Barcelona, Spain; ending in Tampa, Florida, home of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). Through this arduous journey, Dr. Kirk Parsley, Navy SEAL and Navy Doctor (ret.), will be monitoring the skydivers to assess



Jim Wigginton

the impact on the performance and physiology for future research on the body's wellbeing under extreme conditions.

Legacy Expeditions, sponsors, and partners believe in the concept called Post-Traumatic Growth – “that combat made us more respectful, kind and empathetic to our fellow man” and fueled Global War on Terrorism veterans to live life to the fullest.

Triple 7 will attempt to raise \$7 million in donations and awareness for Folds of Honor, plus highlight the incredible accomplishments of U.S. combat veterans and elevate the sponsors' commitment to the nation's veterans and their families. Current corporate sponsors for Triple 7 Expedition are Frog Fuel, Black Rifle Coffee Company, Men's Journal, Complete Parachute Solutions, Ventus Respiratory, Resco Instruments,

Talent War Group, Salomon, and Fieldcraft Survival.

“It is exciting to watch my brothers and sisters in arms come home and influence positive change in our nation that reflects and honors the memory of those we lost on the battlefield. Actions speak louder than words, and Legacy Expeditions will tighten those bonds through extreme experiences for veterans who need a physical, mental, and spiritual recharge while raising money for great causes,” said Mike Sarraille, Founder of Legacy Expeditions.

“We are grateful to Legacy Expeditions for undertaking the momentous task to raise awareness and funds for academic scholarships for military dependents,” said Lt. Col. Dan Rooney, Founder, and CEO of Folds of Honor. “They clearly understand the importance of an education and know firsthand how it can benefit the military families we serve.”

In addition to Wigginton, the firm is founded and run by retired Tier One Special Operators, Navy SEAL (ret.), former Recon Marine and CEO of Talent War Group, Mike Sarraille and Navy SEAL (ret.), and former wingsuit world record holder Andy Stumpf.

Wigginton, a former U.S. Marine, is the cur-

rent world record holder of the “7 Continent Tandem Record” that Triple 7 expedition plans to break.

A documentary crew will follow the expedition team led by the famous writer, director, and producer of The Blair Witch Project, Dan Myrick and Kristian Krempel, a film and entertainment industry executive.

Legacy Expeditions is an adventure capital firm founded to bring adrenaline-filled expeditions to life while honoring the memories and legacies of America's fallen and Allied Troops lost during the Global War on Terrorism. Additionally, to learn about previous and future expeditions visit legacyexpeditions.net.

Home bedding is being sold to buy pet supplies

Home bed sheets are being sold to help raise funds for local animals.

Crittenden County Animal Shelter is hosting an online fundraiser to help buy pet supplies for animals housed at the facility.

The local dog and cat shelter, which is located behind the county maintenance garage, takes in hundreds of animals yearly

and works to find them homes as opposed to euthanizing them.

LolaBird bed sheets are being sold at www.lolabird.com/fundraise/r/crittenden. The bed sheets will be shipped directly to individuals placing orders. The shelter gets a portion of proceeds from the sale of sheets.

Homecoming parade on Main St. Oct. 13

Crittenden County High School's 2022 Homecoming Parade will be Thursday, Oct. 13 at 5 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Marion.

Traffic will need to temporarily reroute during the event, except for large trucks which are not allowed on side streets.

Organizations planning to enter the parade should contact Michaela West at the high school 270-965-2248 or by email michaela.west@crittenden.kyschools.us. Deadline to enter is Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. All drivers must be 18, and no golf carts or ATVs will be allowed.

Rainfall eases stress on Marion's water problems

More than a half inch of rainfall was measured at the Marion Water Plant next to Old City Lake over the Labor Day weekend.

Plant Supervisor Jeff Black said water in the old lake was barely seeping over the spillway, signaling a completely full reservoir.

Rainfall the past few weeks has eased the drought situation across all of Kentucky, so there are now only a handful of counties in the far west which are either in the Abnormally Dry or Moderate Drought categories. Part of Crittenden was in the moderate drought area for a time earlier this summer, which created big problems for the town that has been involved in a drinking water shortage.

With more water being held in the Lake George basin, the immediate threat of Marion running out of water has eased. City officials continue to meet with nearby third-party water suppliers and explore the possibility of repairing Lake George's levee as part of defining long-term strategies for solving the water crisis.

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Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp

58.1

Wed, Aug 31

Warmest Temp

91.7

Sun, Aug 28

Wettest Day

2.55

Mon, Aug 1

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	76.1	77.1	83.6	85.4	
Coldest Temp	58.1	58.3	57.0	55.4	
Hottest Temp	91.7	91.9	90.5	91.9	
Precipitation	4.7	5.9	2.8	3.0	
Wettest Day	2.55	2.42	0.5	1.1	

■ Fortunately for residents of Marion, August saw above average rainfall, which helped keep the city's raw water lake near full amid a drinking water crisis. There were nine days of measurable rainfall during the month with more than a tenth of an inch falling on seven days. There were three days with rainfall of a half inch or greater. The average temperature provided the coolest August in the past seven years.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kirk extends support to Evan Head

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to publicly support my friend Evan Head for sheriff. This election cycle is one that will bring new people and new ideas for Crittenden County in many of our county and city elected positions. This is never a bad thing. I know Evan Head is someone that will work hard for the citizens of Crittenden County because I have talked to him personally about his ideas and his plans for the sheriff's office. Evan is a talented law enforcement officer who has worked hard at the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department, but desires to come home and put his experience to work for us in Crittenden County.

The entire time he has worked in Caldwell County, he has maintained his residence in Crittenden, which added many

hours each week to his work schedule, but to Evan that did not matter. Evan takes pride in being a public servant for the people where he works. I know Evan's faith is important to him and so is family, and that is the type of person we all should be voting for in the times.

Evan's opponent did not have to run a primary race, but Evan had to run against many qualified Republicans candidates in the primary. Evan ran a good clean race and won. No one now should be able to come in and file as a write-in candidate and challenge either of the two candidates in the general election. If someone wanted to be sheriff, they should have filed when everyone else did. This election is too important for Crittenden County. My vote and my family's votes go to Evan Head, a man of good moral character and ethics that will run the sheriff's office both professionally and responsibly. Please support Evan Head for sheriff.

Robert Kirk
Marion, Ky.

Letters

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GOD LICENSE PLATE AND OTHERS SEE PRICE INCREASE

The price to obtain or retain a personalized standard or In God We Trust Kentucky license plate for automobiles and motorcycles has increased.

The bump in price was effective Aug. 1 because of legislation passed in the 2022 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. House Bill 498 takes the price of the initial personalization (application) fee for a either standard plate and the annual personalization renewal fee from \$25 to \$43. Registration fees and taxes are additional.

Personalization fee for special plates remains \$25 for the initial application and annual renewals. Registration, mandatory fund fees and taxes are additional.

The first step to personalizing a license plate must be made online at drive.ky.gov by hovering over the Vehicle Services tab and selecting License Plates. Once the plate is approved, you can complete the order process in the county clerk's office.

For further information, call the Crittenden

County Clerk at 270-965-3403.

MARION LANDMARK FOR SALE ONLINE

A Marion bed and breakfast is listed for sale online. Known recently as the Iris Inn the 3,117-square-foot, two-story home near the corner of Depot and College streets also includes an unattached cottage that is available for rent or lease. The home is currently owned by Brad and Theresa Peek. Prior to their ownership, James and Merle Myers first operated it as a bed and breakfast called the Myers Bed and Breakfast. They sold it in 2014.

MCGOWAN TOUTS NEW PLAN FOR MSU CURRIS CENTER

As part of Murray State University's 2020-26 Capital Plan approved by the Board of Regents, the institution has embarked on a series of projects to enhance its campus, one of which is for renovations to the Curris Center. The project, estimated at \$5.5 million, will further modernize a facility that is used daily for student life, prospective students and families, alumni and a variety of campus programs and activities.

Plans for the Curris Center renovation project include relocation of the Student Govern-

ment Association and Student Activities offices to a more accessible location on the second floor; a transformation of the first floor front entrance into a welcome center; the addition of a new Esports space for students; and updated branding to all three levels of the building to feature the Racer Spirit of blue and gold.

Preliminary planning for the project began in 2020 and included constituency groups; specifically student groups such as SGA as well as staff within the Curris Center, to provide feedback and input.

"Serving as a Freshman Senator for SGA in 2020, I had the opportunity to serve alongside multiple other students on the Curris Center Refresh Committee," said SGA President Ellie McGowan, who is a Crittenden County High School graduate. "As the years and the project have progressed, SGA has remained committed to reflecting the ideas and desires of the entire student body in hopes of making our student center an inclusive and captivating place for all of our campus community. SGA is incredibly thankful to have played a role in this project's development and we are so excited to see the long standing Murray State pride of the Curris Center remain, with new touches of innovation, character and accessibility for all stu-

dents."

The Curris Center was built in 1981 to serve as the new student center on campus and was designed specifically as the central hub for students to gather, lounge, recreate and eat. Among other resources and areas, the Curris Center houses the University Store.

INDEPENDENTS GET BOOST FROM 'FLUX'

Secretary of State Michael Adams says Kentucky voter registration as Independent or under other political affiliations is outpacing registration in the two major parties. In July, "Other" registration grew at more than double the rate of Republican or Democrat registration.

"Political allegiances are in flux," said Adams.

Overall, Kentucky voter registration increased by 5,995 voters in July. Republican registrants account for 45.2 percent of the electorate, with 1.61 million voters. Republican registration increased by 3,118 voters. Democratic registrants account for 45 percent of the electorate, with 1.6 million voters. Democratic registration decreased by 2,726 voters. Kentuckians registered under other political affiliations account for 9.7 percent of the electorate. Other registration increased by 1,807 voters.

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the four-county area and we worked as far out as 20-25 miles from where we had set up."

Baptist Relief initially launched a response center in the area, utilizing trailers, trucks, heavy equipment and over 100 volunteers have branched out in the devastated areas to assist flood victims. Whether that be through protocol-driven cleanup measures, financial aid, provisions, providing shelter or essentials, the organization aims to help in any capacity it's needed. Though volunteers are acquainted with going to disaster zones caused by flooding, tornados or hurricanes across the country, eastern Kentucky is an unusual location to see such wide-scale destruction.

Though it has been more than a month, the community will be rebuilding for years to come, Devine said. Along the way, those working for the foundation have been sharing the gospel, understanding that hope and faith are required to move forward and believing spiritual relief is just as important as physical help. While removing debris, helping residents rebuild or doing mold remediation, every volunteer emphasizes on providing everyone they encounter with a glimmer of positivity.

"We tried to leave the homeowner with some hope," said Devine, 71, who always takes his tractor on relief missions. "These people have experienced something that's tremendous, and what we saw was hopelessness there at first. We tried to leave them with help, healing and hope and encourage them after we've listened to their stories. We leave them with something that will help them go forward."

Devine said having a tractor can help with debris removal and other parts of cleanup.

"Hydraulics make a big difference," he said.

A local within the region, Vada Rogers, was

just one of many victims devastated by the flood. After narrowly escaping, she came back to find her cedar chest had been submerged in water. Within it were both her veteran father's and brother's American flags completely drenched in floodwater. They had been presented to her mother after their deaths, her father died in 1969 and her brother in 1975. She had stored the flags with various other mementos in the cedar chest for safekeeping. Jeff Free, who worked alongside Devine with the Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief, teamed up with others and cleaned the flags the best that they were able to, restoring Rogers' hope in the process.

"Jeff just happened to be in the room when she opened up her cedar chest," Devine said. "Ed and Vada Rogers had gotten about three feet of water in their home. When they opened it up, there laid Vada's flags. With their permission, we tried our best to clean the flags and then presented it back to them. That's just one of many stories we have of helping locals."

Not only did the team restore the flags, but they held a small ceremony in front of the house for both Ed and Vada Rogers, both flags folded in the ceremonial style. They saluted the flags and offered prayers to the couple.

"We try to leave them all in a much better circumstance they can rebuild from and give them a starting point," Devine said. "We encourage anyone and everyone to help however they can."

Area churches or individuals can help right now are by donating gift cards to Lowe's, Tractor Supply and Walmart, and also by writing notes of encouragement to the Disaster Relief volunteers who will be serving diligently in affected areas.

You can send both to the Kentucky Baptist Convention, attention Disaster Relief, at 13420 Eastpoint Centre Dr, Louisville, KY 40223 or by going online to www.ky-baptist.org.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY BID NOTICE

The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids and design plans to repair bridge number 028C00025N located on Chapel Hill Rd. (CR 1214), 1.2 miles west of U.S. Hwy. 641 spanning Crooked Creed Details of the project may be obtained by contacting the County Judge Executive's office at 270-965-5251, M-F 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All bids must be submitted to the county Judge Executive's office, 107 S. Main St. Ste. 208 Marion KY 42064 or email at jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org by 7:30 a.m. September 15, 2022. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court September 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. Bidders must show proof of liability insurance. If you have any questions regarding this bid notice, contact the office of the Judge Executive at 270-965-5251. The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS 45-A.

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10 YEARS AGO

September 13, 2012

■ A Crittenden County grand jury heard the case of Cindy L. Hutchinson, 51, who was charged with capital murder, robbery, burglary, tampering with evidence and receiving stolen property in connection with the death of 89-year-old Jim Roberts at his home in Marion.

■ Marion City Council approved a compensating tax rate of 23.8 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The council also approved rates of 29.4 cents on personal property and 22.0 cents on vehicles and watercraft.

■ Crittenden County 4-H was well represented at the Kentucky State Fair by having multiple members receive blue ribbons for excellence. Among the winners were Adam Beavers, Lauren Beavers, Taylor Belt, Jessi Brewer, Danielle Byarley, Maggie Collins, Mauri Collins, Anzie Gobin, Nate Haire,



Emily Hendrix, Matt Papineau, Pate Robinson, Anna Schnittker and Megan Sherrell.

■ The Crittenden County Rockets' football team was virtually mistake-free in its 35-6 shellacking of Union County after having their game postponed for 24 hours due to lightning and storms. The 7-member offensive line was named Pizza Hut Players of the Game.

25 YEARS AGO

September 18, 1997

■ The Marion City Council raised property taxes slightly to 24.6 cents per \$100 of assessment for real property and 33.8 cents for personal property.

■ The city of Salem approved its first real and

personal property taxes in the city's history. The Salem City Council approved a 14.2 cent real estate tax and a 19.1 cent personal property tax. Both rates were based on \$100 of property value assessment.

■ Wade Berry received a promotion to senior loan officer at Farmers Bank and Trust Co.

■ Perry Newcom of Crittenden Farm Supply was honored with an All-Pro Award for marketing expertise and sales excellence from Novartis Seeds, Inc.

50 YEARS AGO

September 14, 1972

■ Over 500 citizens from Crittenden County gathered with the local school board to discuss the drug problem in the county.

■ Roy Boisture and Dave Winders won the golf league championship at the Marion County Club. The pair ended the season by topping Nicky Winders and James "Doc" Fritts for the title. Zeb Ricketts and Jack Easley finished in third place as they edged Dick Moore and Charles Aldridge who took the fourth position.

■ The Crittenden County Rockets' football team fell to Mayfield 28-6. The Rockets' lone score came late in the fourth period when Mike Sutton connected with Mike Tosh for 42 yards. Nicky Porter ran the final 6 yards around the right end for a touchdown.

■ William E. Arlack of Marion won the Champion Fox Trotter class at the Kentucky Fox Trotting Horseman's Association Labor Day show held in Cadiz with his horse, Black Messenger.

■ Gene's IGA advertised a 49-ounce box of Tide Detergent for 69 cents and a 2-pound can of Folgers Coffee for \$1.39.

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Pay your debt and help those in need

There are times when two principles I hold conflict with each other. It happens every time someone whom I know has made a poor decision, refuses to make changes, then asks for help. On the one side I believe that people should be allowed to experience the consequences of their actions. On the other, I believe that I should help those who are in need. My responses are fickle and inconsistent. I do think I err on the side of helping. Hopefully without falling into the trap of enabling continued bad behavior.

This is how I feel about the student loan forgiveness that has grabbed headlines lately. There is no doubt a cynical political



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist

Guest Columnist

game is being played with money – nothing new there. It is also true that to forgive such a huge amount of debt is the same as printing that much money. From an economics perspective it just seems like the wrong time to do it. I am a theological thinker, not an economist, but loan forgiveness is inflationary and will likely add to the many things that are leading us to a recession.

I also believe that congress has had a huge roll in creating this crisis in the first place. NPR addressed this all the back in 2014 (How The Cost Of College Went From Affordable To Sky-High: NPR). More has been written since. I still recall Rep. Maxine Waters, as the chair of the House Finan-

cial Services Committee, questioning Jamie Dimon, CEO of J.P. Morgan concerning what they were doing about the predatory loans sold to students in April of 2019. His response followed two other CEO's, "When the government took over student lending in 2010 or so, we stopped all student lending."

Truth is, no one pays for their own college or university degrees anymore. Even vocational training comes with stipends, companies footing the bill, or grants. The problem is that whether one is going into social work, teaching, engineering or medicine, the cost of an undergraduate degree is about the same. We don't value those who choose the first two professions enough to pay for the degrees we require. This problem is not going away any time soon.

I know of a few people who have been paying on loans set according to their salary. Some have been paying for over a decade

without missing a payment yet still owe more than they borrowed. That is a soul-crushing burden to bear.

Now for some theological thinking about this. It is worth remembering that no one who calls themselves a Christian, pays what they owe – ever. Being convinced of the truth of this is what draws us to faith. We can't because most of us never appreciate what we have been given or what is on offer if we change our hearts. I do not know the best solution. It is sometimes difficult to balance allowing consequences and showing mercy.

There is a parable in Matthew 20:1-15 that I believe addresses an attitude we should discourage. It is about payment for work rather than forgiving debt, but I think it is relevant. After a landowner hired people to work in his vineyard, he told them he would pay them a day's wage. Over the course of the day, he hired others. At the end of

the day those who worked for only an hour got the same wages. This angered those who worked all day. It is the response to this anger and perceived unfairness that is important here. Jesus says, "Is your eye evil because I am generous?" In other words – why do you envy the good that I did?

You may be thinking, "Well, he didn't ask the other workers to pay off debts." You are right, but the perceived unfairness may have to do with feeling slighted – especially if you've paid your debts. There seems to be something amiss when we believe that others must suffer as we did for life to be fair. Today we have an opportunity (ok, the government will make us) to relieve the debt from our fellow citizens.

Student loan forgiveness looks to me to be a cynical play for votes. I think it is bad public policy in our current economic situation. However, I must re-

member that I owed a debt I could not pay, and it cost more than I could imagine. There are people who need help, and it appears we are going to help them at some cost to all of us. This is what it means to live in a nation with a conscience.

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Jesus is always present with us through the Spirit's in dwelling presence

Question: As a child, I attended church with my parents. In high school and college, I no longer practiced my religious beliefs. I'm married now and my wife and I want to get closer to God. How can I have assurance that I know God personally?

Answer: I'm pleased you are concerned about your relationship to God, for it has eternal consequences. The time is now to make sure of your personal rela-

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

tionship with God.

The reason people don't have a personal relationship with God is sin in their lives (Rom. 3:23, 6:23). Our efforts to bridge the gap be-

tween sinful man and holy God never work. God has provided the only way. Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave and made it possible for us to

have a personal relationship with Him (1 Tim. 2:5). Each person must turn from sins (repent) and make a choice to trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. One receives Him into one's heart through prayer.

If you have sincerely asked Jesus to come into your life, God has saved you and He has welcomed you into His family. Don't base your assurance of your relationship with God

on your emotional feelings. They vary greatly depending what's going on in your life. Base your assurance on the clear teachings of God's Word—the Bible. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13). The moment you ask Jesus Christ to come into your heart, He does so and gives you eternal life.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Marion Baptist Church

WELCOME

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

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Monday thru Friday

Walking Track Gymnasium

Community Events & News

- Virgil Jones VFW Post 12022 will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8 at the VFW Building, 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.
- Crittenden County Class of 1968 will have its class reunion Sept. 10, picnic starting at 1 p.m., at the Crittenden County Lions Club Building. Call Sheila Truitt (270) 965-2490 and (270) 704-3620 for more information.
- The VFW in Marion will be

- having Bingo starting at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at 412 N. College St., Marion.
- Marion Show and Shine will be the fourth Thursday every month through October, weather permitting. Cars, trucks and motorcycles permitted at Crittenden County Courthouse, 107 S. Main St., Marion. Sponsored by City of Marion Tourism. City of Marion Police Dept. authorized.
- The Clothes Closet of the

- First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. 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 1 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.

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Wednesday, Sept. 21, Bro. Trae Gandee

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Father John Okoro
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Marion, Ky.
(270) 965-2477

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Pastor: Tim Burdon
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Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.
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Freedom General Baptist Church

Pastor: Ross Atwell
87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion
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Worship 10:45 p.m. South College St.

Frances Community Church

Bro. Butch Gray
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Sunday school: 10 a.m.
Worship service: 11 a.m.

Hurricane Church

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

Unity General Baptist Church

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Early homes, business shape Marion

In the early days when towns and communities were first being settled, the first town was not built with the expectation of any great number of permanent residents, but only as a center or gathering place for the people living in the area for miles around. Public buildings were built in these towns to house all agencies of the government of the surrounding territory.

Markets of all types would quickly spring up around these public buildings to take advantage of the community gathering place. So it was with the town of Marion during her first year and a half. The town had been established only for the purpose of a county seat or as a centralized location for the erection of public buildings to house the government and public records of the new Crittenden County.

Its rapid growth into a mercantile and residential community was not planned nor even visualized by most of the early town fathers, many of whom were also the early county officials.

Marion's first residence

The first county officials did not reside in or near Marion, but would commute to and from their homes on horseback when court was in session.

Harvey W. Bigham, our first County Court Clerk, must have soon found the rapidly increasing records of the county becoming too bulky for daily carrying in his saddlebags. He soon determined to build a permanent residence in Marion on land which he had purchased from Dr. John S. Gilliam, so it would be less difficult to get himself and the records to the courthouse.

At this time there were only a few log and frame cabins scattered throughout what is now downtown Marion and along the Fords Ferry Road (now North Main Street) and the Centerville Road (now Moore Street) which

were within one-half mile of the public square.

Bigham's two-story brick mansion was built in 1846, and was no doubt the first residence built for a permanent home. The residence was later owned and occupied by Robert W. Wilson and was known as the Wilsonia. Later owed by S. M. Jenkins family, next Mr. J. N. Boston, and in 1926 it was razed to build



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

the two homes that are there today, at the time they were built for Mr. J. N. Boston (now owed by Dickey family) and the home of his son, Mr. T. N. Cochran, sets facing East Deboe St.)

The Old Brick Church

When it became a certainty in 1842 that Dr. John S. Gilliam's donation of the site of Marion would be accepted as the location of the new county seat, the members of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, who had been sharing their 40-year-old log building with the newly organized Crooked Creek Baptist Church, decided to sell the old meeting house near Cross Keys to the Baptists and build a larger brick church in a more centralized location nearer Marion.

The Presbyterians found a tract of unclaimed land about one-half mile from the southwest corner of the town of Marion, and started procedures to acquire a Kentucky Land Grant which would include as its northeast corner, the low hill (which is now the site of the old Marion Cemetery on Moore St. and West Gum St.). The congregation built a rectangular-shaped meeting house of the northern side of this hill, known as the Old Brick Church. It was taken down in later years by the construction of U.S. 60's entrance into Marion on West Gum St.

Local Government

The justices of the



This large two-story house was Marion's first permanent residence built by Harvey W. Bigham in 1842. Later the home was bought by R. W. Wilson and named the Wilsonian.



During one of Marion's County Court Days the traveling medicine man entertained a large crowd then sold his cure-all medicine. The building in the background is what we remember at the Western Auto Store.

county courts in Kentucky of the 1840s had the responsibility of total governmental administration to all parts of the counties not incorporated, thus Marion in the year and half of its formative stage, was under the supervision of the Crittenden County Court.

The Kentucky Constitution of 1850 provided for a county court made up of a county judge and two associates to conduct the business of the county, and it also established a court of claims in each county, composed of the County Judge and the Justices of the Peace.

In 1890 the Court of Claims was abolished and the county governing body was then titled the "Fiscal Court" with the justices of the peace being our magistrates with the County Judge presiding Judge of said Court.

There were no county judges in Marion until 1850. The County Court was held by the magistrates, and the oldest magistrate would preside and sign the court orders.

County Court Day

County Court Day owed its importance not only to the fact that it was then that some of the business of the county were attended to and that accused law breakers were called before the bar of justice to give account of their alleged misdemeanors and judged innocent or have their sentence pronounced upon them. It was also a time when lawyers, court officials and many other people from surrounding counties came into Marion.

County Court Day evolved into a monthly event during which farmers met near the court-

house to swap or sell horses, mules and other livestock. People came to town on horseback and in their horse-drawn wagons, which they parked in vacant lots around the court square.

This day was also greatly enjoyed in a social way by the people of the rural communities, when great numbers of them gathered at the county seat and enjoyed meetings with their friends and kinsfolk from other communities.

From the archives of The Crittenden Press let's re-visit one of these popular County Court Days of yesteryear.

Feb. 17, 1910

The day dawned bright and clear, and with the exception of a strong wind from the south, the day was all anyone could wish. From sun up until noon the people seemed to pour into town from every quarter.

Early in the morning the people began to come into town from every direction, on horseback, in buggies, two- and four-horse wagons, afoot and by train until the town was full of men, women and children.

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

Much fine stock was exhibited on the street all around the Court Square, which made it look like a county fair. Early in the day, the jockey lot began

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

Just across from the Courthouse, a traveling salesman selling his headache medicine was alternately entertaining a large crowd and selling his medicine. He had the crowd and sold the medicine.

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

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

Thus ends another chapter in our county's exciting past history.

(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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FRIDAY
Football at Caldwell County

SATURDAY
Cross Country at McCracken County
Girls Golf at State All A Classic, Richmond

SUNDAY
Boys Golf at State All A Classic, Richmond

MONDAY
Golf at Marion vs Livingston Central

TUESDAY
MS football hosts South Hopkins
Soccer hosts Trigg County

FOOTBALL

Boone on MSU travel squad

Redshirt freshman linebacker Tyler Boone of Marion has earned a spot on the Murray State University football team's travel squad and was with the Racers last weekend when they lost 63-10 at Texas Tech in a game televised on ESPN Plus.

MS Rockets wins first

Crittenden County Middle School beat Union County 22-20 last week for the young Rockets' first win in three games this season. Gaige Markham ran for all three CCMS touchdowns. On defense, Davis Perryman had an interception and Logan Nolan and Eli Lovell each forced fumbles. The team plays at Webster County Thursday.

Junior Pro Football

Crittenden County's Junior Pro football teams opened the season this week at home against Caldwell County. Following is the full fall schedule:
Sept 6 Caldwell County, 6 p.m.
Sept 17 Webster County, 11:30 a.m.
Sept 24 Trigg County, 11:30 a.m.
Oct 1 at Webster County, 1 a.m.
Oct 11 at Caldwell County, 6 p.m.
Oct 15 Union County, 10 a.m.
Oct 22 at Trigg County, 10 a.m.
Oct 29 at Union County, 10 a.m.
Nov 5-6 Jamboree

GOLF

Upcoming Marion events

The Heritage Golf Course at Marion Golf & Pool will host a 2-Person Glow Ball Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 10. Nine holes will be played before dark and nine after dark. Call or text 270-969-4376 to enter or get more information. Additionally, the golf course will host the annual First United Bank 2-Person Tournament on Sept. 24. The 18-hole event will begin at 10 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Crittenden County High School golf team.

Foster wins at Deer Lakes

Jeremiah Foster, a CCHS junior, shot an 8-under 64 Sunday to win the Labor Day One-Person Scramble at Deer Lakes Golf Course in Salem. Chris Martin of Salem was second with a 67. More than 30 golfers participated in the event.

Foster also paces CCHS

Jeremiah Foster shot a 35 Friday as Crittenden County won a golf match at Calvert City. The Rockets shot 172 was a team to beat Christian Fellowship School by eight strokes. Avery Belt had a 42 for CCHS while Jaxon Duncan shot 45, Parker Kayse 47 and Turner Sharp 48. Foster was also medalist in a match Tuesday at Pennyrile State Park and Addie Hatfield was medalist for the Lady Rocket golfers. Complete results from that match were not available at press time this week.

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Rockets Marooned in second half

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's football team already thin due to afflictions in key positions, was by the second half Friday against Madisonville reeling from fatigue, hobbled by additional injuries and force-fed a steady dose of the Maroons' potent rushing attack in a 48-21 loss.

It was the Rockets' home opener and CCHS played with considerable energy in the first half. Yet after trailing by a touchdown late in the third quarter, Crittenden was vanquished when Madisonville scored three unanswered TDs in the final 15 minutes. By game's end, the Rockets were down to their third-team center, two backups at linebacker and a patchwork of reserve linemen on either side of the ball.

"I thought we came out ready to play. I thought we fought early and played well at times, but there are things we obviously need to fix," coach Gaige Courtney said. (Madisonville) is a fast, physical team and injuries kind of piled up on us toward the end. We're just running out of guys.

"Hopefully we can get healthy," he continued. "There were a lot of things tonight that we can build on. There was a lot of adversity out there tonight."

Absolutely, Crittenden was in the game in the second half until its makeshift offensive line, worn a bit by Madisonville's size advantage, was unable to protect quarterback Micah Newcom. He was sacked three times the second half, flushed from the pocket often and forced to throw a handful of balls intentionally out of bounds instead of taking further losses.

Newcom rushed or 39 yards and threw for 103 in the first half. He ran for one touchdown and threw for two more in the game, but struggled to find time and rhythm in the pocket late. He finished with 182 passing and seven net-rushing yards.

Meantime, Madisonville went to an I-formation in the second half and pounded the ball right at the Rockets. Its running back, Markezz Hightower rushed for 147 yards, and 114 came after the break on 13 carries.

CCHS center Hurst Miniard was injured in the first half and a freshman filled in. Linebacker Briley Berry suffered a shoulder injury and running back/defensive back Levi Piper left the



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Rockets senior lineman Zach Counts makes a tackle on the Madisonville quarterback during last week's loss to the Maroons.

game, too, both in the second half. CCHS was already down two linemen – a place the team was lacking depth to start with – because of previous injuries.

The Rockets play at Caldwell County this week. The Tigers are 0-3 this year.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Madisonville	6	15	20	7
Crittenden County	7	7	7	0

SCORING PLAYS

C-Micah Newcom 32 run (Preston Morgeson kick) 10:28, 1st

M-Javion Martin 15 pass from Anias Mitchell (kick blocked) 5:35, 1st

M-Tremaine Lovan 72 pass from Mitchell (pass completed) 11:06, 2nd

M-Evan Robinson 62 interception return (Ivan Juarez kick) 11:06, 2nd

C-Casey Cates 14 pass from Newcom (Morgeson kick) :38, 2nd

M-Mitchell 2 run (Juarez kick) 6:07, 3rd

C-Morgeson 13 pass from Newcom (Morgeson kick) 3:40, 3rd

M-Lovan 88 kickoff return (Chris Hughes kick) 3:25, 3rd

M-Markezz Hightower 44 pass from Mitchell (kick blocked) :37, 3rd

M-Hightower 33 run (Juarez kick) 1:23, 4th

TEAM TOTALS

First Downs: CCHS 9, MHS 13

Penalties: CCHS 3-20, MHS 8-80

Rushing: CCHS 22-39, MHS 38-212

Passing: CCHS 14-25-1, 182; MHS 9-14-1, 208

Total Yards: CCHS 221, MHS 420

Fumbles/Lost: CCHS 1-1, MHS 2-2

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing

CCHS: Gattin Travis 2-4, Tyler Belt 2-4, Morgeson 1-21, Levi Piper 2-4, Sammy Impastato 1-(-1), Newcom 14-7. MHS: Hightower 19-147, Ricky Bowles 3-15, Logan 1-0, Kirk LaGrange 1-4, Ty Wheeler 3-20.

Passing

CCHS: Newcom 14-25-1,182. MHS: Mitchell 9-14-1, 208.

Receiving

CCHS: Morgeson 6-77, Rowen Perkins 3-21, Kaleb Nesbitt 2-51, T.Belt 1-23, Cates 1-14, Caden Howard 1-(-4). MHS: Trey Segwick 2-22, Martin 2-25, Wheeler 1-18, Logan 3-99, Hightower 1-44.

Defense

Sammy Impastato 8 solos, 4 assists; Case Gobin 6 solos, 4 assists, sack, blocked kick; Kaleb Nesbitt 4 solos; Briley Berry 12 solos, 3 assists; Preston Morgeson 3 solos, 2 assists; Seth Guess 3 solos, 3 assists, blocked kick; Zach Counts 2 solos, sack; Evan Belt solo, assist; Levi Piper 3 solos; Gattin Travis 6 solos, 3 assists, sack, caused fumble; Tyler Belt solo, interception; Grayson James 2 assists; Keelyn Gobin solo, fumble recovery; Caden Howard 2 solos, caused fumble, fumble recovery.

Players of the Game Offense Preston Morgeson, Defense Briley Berry, Lineman Lane West, Special Teams Seth Guess.

Records: CCHS 1-2, MHS 2-1

Soccer girls battle Caldwell to tie

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Rockets may not have won, but tying Caldwell County Tuesday night broke a streak of 29 straight losses to the Lady Tigers. The match at Marion ended in a 2-2 stalemat after Caldwell scored on a corner kick in the final minute. Taylor Guess and Lizzie Campbell scored a goal apiece for the Lady Rockets. Hannah Long had 17 saves at keeper.

Crittenden had lost 7-0 to Caldwell just over a week earlier in the All A Classic title match.

Crittenden beat McLean County by the mercy rule on the road last Thursday.

The game was called after just one half as CCHS piled up 10 goals in the first period. Campbell and Ella Geary each

scored a hat trick and Guess punched in two goals. Bailey Williams and Koltar Green each had one. Guess had three assists, Raven Hayes had four and Hannah Long and Mollie Blazina each had an assist.

The CCHS defense was stellar, keeping the Lady Cougars away from the goal. Long had just one save at keeper.

At the midway point of the season, Guess leads the team with 15 goals. She had 45 career scores going into this week's action. Senior Lizzie Campbell also has 15 this season, giving her 39 career goals. Geary, a freshman, has 11 goals this season. Haye is the season leader in assists with 10. Guess has nine. Long has recorded 69 saves this season while allowing only 19 goals.



Joslyn Silcox wins the ball at midfield in a recent match.

Lady Rockets take 2-0 lead in 5th district race

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's volleyball girls improved to 7-7 overall and 2-0 in Fifth District action by beating Trigg County in straight sets Tuesday at Rocket Arena.

The CCHS girls have won three straight matches, winning 9 of 10 sets in those outings. The win Tuesday was Crittenden's second over Trigg this season, but the first one was not a district match because it was played in the Owensboro Apollo Tournament.

Crittenden County picked

up a couple of wins last week, knocking off Webster County 3-0 last Tuesday on the road then beating St. Mary 3-1 at home last Thursday.

Through the first 9 games this season, CCHS was led in kills by Carly Porter with 44. Katie Perryman was leading the team blocks with three and Riley Smith was the assist leader with 139, far outpacing the rest of the squad. Jaylee Champion had the most digs with 65 and service leader was Smith with 17.



PHOTO BY GREG PERRYMAN

Brooke Winstead returns a shot during the Lady Rockets' home win last week against St. Mary.

GIRLS STATE FINALISTS

Addie Hatfield and Brylee Conyer

BOYS STATE FINALISTS

Jeremiah Foster was regional runnerup. Others qualifying: Grayson Davidson, Avery Belt, Parker Kayse and Jaxon Hatfield.



Kentucky State Championship

- **GIRLS:** Saturday, Sept. 10 at Arlington Golf Club, Richmond
- **BOYS:** Sunday, Sept. 11 at Gibson Bay Golf Course, Richmond

Smallmouth common in rivers east of Tradewater

Editor's note: This is the first installment of a series of articles by KDFWR's Lee McClellan titled "Fall Fishing Festival" profiling the productive fishing on Kentucky's lakes, rivers and streams in fall.

Kentucky's topography is laced with flowing, rock-bottomed streams that hold smallmouth bass. Most of the state east of the Tradewater River basin has streams that hold smallies.

The lower flows of early fall make it the best time to fly fish for smallmouth bass. The shallow water and gentle current allow the big and bulky flies needed for smallmouth bass to get down into the strike zone a little easier.

Fly fishing conjures images of tweediness and anglers holding wooden landing nets and casting pricey rods. None of these are necessary for stream smallmouth bass. A 5- to 7-weight forgiving moderate action rod with an old-school click and pawl reel is all you need. This is the most affordable fly fishing set up.

Getting your gear correct for stream smallmouth fly fishing requires ignoring many axioms related to fly fishing for trout. You don't need tapered leaders and tippets. A 7- to 9-foot length of normal fluorocarbon line makes a great leader for fishing sinking flies. The cheaper fluorocarbon lines make better leader material as their stiffness helps turn over the bigger flies needed for smallmouth bass. An equal length of monofilament line makes good leader material for fishing topwater flies.

A regular weight-forward floating line works well for most situations, but deeper waters may require a sink-tip line to get the fly down to the smallmouths.

Many of the tenets of fly fishing for trout hold no quarter for stream smallmouth bass. You are not presenting tiny dry flies to smart wild trout in Yellowstone National Park. Some anglers call stream fishing for smallmouth, "bass



combat." You are presenting big flies to aggressive fish with tough mouths.

You can fill out a medium-sized fly box with enough flies for stream smallmouths. A few size 2 to 6 white or grey clouser minnows, with as heavy a dumbell weight as possible, along with some Near Nuff Crayfish flies in size 4 to 8 work well. An overlooked but deadly fly is a gold bead head lime green woolly bugger in size 4 or 6. Black is also a productive woolly bugger color. The tungsten bead versions of the woolly bugger help get the fly down to the smallmouth bass more quickly but cost more.

The previously mentioned flies designed for trout that work for smallmouth bass often employ a longer shank, J-style hook. These hooks work great for trout, but their narrow gape (gap) from the hook point to the shank often gives smallmouth bass a good chance to throw the fly on the jump. The narrow gape hooks stick a smallmouth in the toughest part of their mouths, leading to their escape.

Find flies with a wider gape hook. Fly anglers who enjoy tying their flies can tie their own wooly buggers, clouser minnows or crayfish imitators with a hook more suitable for smallmouths.

Choosing productive water is vitally important when stream fishing for smallmouth with fly equipment. You need flowing, rocky water in early fall; the areas just upstream and just below stream drops hold the majority of the fish. The flowing, mid-depth shoals that held fish in May grow barren in September. An old rule of thumb is an area that

has foam and bubbles on the surface from turbulence is a good place to fish.

Casting wind resistant, heavy flies requires a different approach than those fly anglers accustomed to trout. Pull off enough line to shoot it a distance. Once a heavy Near Nuff Crayfish gets moving forward, it pulls out a good amount of line. Just one or two false casts and a hard stop on the follow through gets it started and momentum will take care of the rest. It is basically a "chunk and dunk" presentation.

Allow sinking flies to get down as deep as possible for stream smallmouth bass, they should strike bottom occasionally. Trout anglers tend to over strip their lines on the retrieve when fishing for stream smallmouth, pull in just enough line to keep a bag from forming in your line. You want the most "dead" presentation, keeping the line taut and following the progression of the fly with you rod tip in a low, strike ready position.

This rod position allows for a stout hook set, a must for stream smallmouth, as they leap often with an uncanny ability to throw a fly.

September presents the best topwater fishing for stream smallmouth of the year.

Topwater presentations work well and provide incredible fun. This fishing will hook you on using a fly rod for stream smallmouth.

Longtime viewers of "Kentucky Afield" television remember former host Tim Farmer catch fat stream smallmouth on plain old cork poppers on fly gear. He used an inexpensive fly combo with an automatic reel and presented his cork poppers subtly, letting the current do the work. He caught many beauties as a result. The medium-sized cork poppers, not the small ones for bluegill or the larger ones for largemouth bass, work the best for stream smallmouth bass. S

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

Bullfrog	May 21 - Oct. 31
Fall Squirrel	Aug. 20 - Nov. 11
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 26
Crow	Sept. 1 - Nov. 7
Deer Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Turkey Archery	Sept. 3 - Jan. 16
Canada Goose	Sept. 16 - Sept. 30
Deer Crossbow	Sept. 17 - Jan. 16
Wood ducks	Sept. 17 - 21
Teal	Sept. 17 - 25
Turkey Crossbow	Oct. 1-16
Raccoon Hunting	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28
Deer Youth	Oct. 8-9
Deer Muzzleloader	Oct. 15-16
Turkey Shotgun	Oct. 22-28
Deer Gun	Nov. 12 - Nov. 27
Turkey Crossbow	Nov. 12 - Dec. 31
Fall Squirrel	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Raccoon Trapping	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28
Quail, Rabbit	Nov. 14 - Feb. 10
Bobcat	Nov. 19 - Feb. 28
Duck	Nov 24 - Nov. 27
Canada Goose	Nov. 24 - Feb. 15
Dove	Nov. 24 - Dec. 2
Turkey Shotgun	Dec. 3-9
Duck	Dec. 7 - Jan. 31
Deer Muzzleloader	Dec. 10-18
Dove	Dec. 24 - Jan. 15
Deer Free Youth	Dec. 31 - Jan. 1
Furbearers Free Youth	Dec. 31- Jan. 6
Crow	Jan. 4 - Feb. 28
Snow Goose	Feb. 16 - March 31
Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round



Bowhunting accelerated by cool temps

Cooler temperatures have created an early fall-like opportunity for archery deer hunters who have been afield for almost a week.

Through Tuesday, bowhunters had harvested 24 whitetails in Crittenden County, including 13 bucks. In Livingston, hunters have taken a half dozen deer.

During late summer hunting, bucks still have what's known as velvet on their

antlers. The photograph at left depicts a nine-point buck in velvet. The buck was taken last weekend by Scott McIntosh, a Georgia hunter who has been coming to Crittenden County for 15 years. The buck scored in the mid 150s, had a 19-inch inside spread and 5.5-inch bases, holding much of it mass over 25-inch beams.

Hunters have reported good deer movement thanks to autumn-like days.

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Comparing 2021 to 2022 | Marion and Crittenden County Tax Levies

	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022
Tax Type	Real Estate	Tangible Personal	Merchant Inventory	Documented Boats	Personal Aircraft	Inventory in Transit	Real Estate	Tangible Personal	Merchant Inventory	Documented Boats	Personal Aircraft	Inventory in Transit
TAXING DISTRICT	4.0000	5.3600	5.3600	5.3600	5.3600	5.3600	4.1000	5.0400	5.0400	5.0400	5.0400	5.0400
EXTENSION SERVICE	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000	3.0000
COUNTY HEALTH	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000	5.0000
COUNTY LIBRARY	11.6000	12.4000	12.4000	12.4000	0.0000	0.0000	11.6000	12.4000	12.4000	12.4000	0.0000	0.0000
COUNTY FISCAL COURT	48.9000	48.9000	48.9000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	49.0000	49.0000	49.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
CRITTENDEN SCHOOLS	33.7000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	32.4000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
TRADEWATER FLOODPLAIN	22.2000	27.8100	27.8100	27.8100	27.8100	0.0000	22.4000	27.8100	27.8100	27.810	27.8100	0.0000
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■ Tax rates are expressed in cents per \$100 of assessed property value. For instance, calculating the City of Marion property tax rate on a \$50,000 home would go like this: \$50,000 divided by 100, multiplied by .224, equals \$112.

City bumps up tax rate; bills in the mail this week

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council, which had originally presented its proposed real property tax rate for 2022 as slightly lower than last year, pushed the figure upward on final passage.

At its regular August meeting, the council discussed setting its real property rate at 22.1 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The proposed rate was down from 22.2 in 2021, however, it would have generated roughly the same amount of tax revenue.

At a special meeting late in August, the council voted by a 3-2 margin to amend the original plan and raise the tax to 22.4, which would generate four percent more revenue than a year ago. That is the most increase allowed without being subject to taxpayer recall. The entire council eventually supported the plan after the amendment was approved.

Based on the new rate, the difference from last year for a homeowner with a \$50,000 house will be \$1.50 for 2022. Taxes on that home were \$110.50. This year, they will be \$112.

The Marion real property tax rate was 21.9 cents in 2020, which was lower than the two previous years in 2019 and 2018. The rate in 2018 was almost two cents higher than the new rate approved for 2022.

City of Marion property tax bills were mailed this week. They are due by Nov. 1. A 25-percent penalty is charged on taxes paid after that date.

County tax bills will also go out soon. County taxes can be paid by Nov. 1 for a discount. Afterwards, face value of the tax bill will be due through the end of the year. Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, a penalty of five percent will be added to the total if taxes are paid before February. Afterward, the penalty increases to 10 percent plus an additional fee. If not paid by April, the tax bill will be considered delinquent.

Road crews from area help flood victims

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) District 1 sent a second crew to assist with flood recovery efforts in Perry, Letcher and Pike counties of eastern Kentucky last week.

The 12-member crew made up of personnel from Crittenden, Livingston and Lyon counties, as well as three from the Smithland Section office engineering staff, headed out on Aug. 29.

Oddly, the crew was not repairing highways. The team was mainly focused on installing water and wastewater lines at Whitesburg and Hazard.

Following the tornado that devastated parts of western Kentucky in December, District 1 crews initially jumped in to clear debris from roadways. They then transitioned into constructing pads for campers to provide emergency housing for displaced families. As a result, District 1 crews honed some skills that could be put to work in the restoration of flood-ravaged areas in eastern Kentucky.

The crew rolled out of the District 1 Lyon County facility in trucks loaded with supplies for what would be about an eight-hour caravan to Pikeville. The crew spent the week helping with flood recovery efforts before returning home late on Friday, Sept. 2.

On a trip to eastern Kentucky earlier in August, another KYTC District 1 team constructed water lines and gravel pads to establish a camper community to provide housing for displaced families in Whitesburg, Hazard and Jenkins.

Rather than send a full crew from one county, KYTC District 1 chose to form teams with members from various counties and support staff to allow enough personnel in each county to continue maintenance and emergency response operations at home.

KYTC District 1 still has personnel assisting with tornado response efforts in Dawson Springs and Mayfield.



Pictured are crew members, listed with their home county of operation, who have been working flood relief on the other side of the state. They are (from left) Chase Dempsey, Lyon; Justin O'Neal and Corey Rowley of Crittenden; Caleb Marshall, Lyon; Jason Oates, Smithland Section; Andrew Hankins, Paducah repair mechanic; Isaac Wring and Sammy Watkins of Livingston; Tristyn Perkins, Smithland Section; Donnie Young and Chris Doom of Livingston. Not present was Austin Hart, Smithland Section engineer.



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