

# The Crittenden Press



Rockets, Lady Rockets start hooping « Page 8

10 PAGES / VOLUME 143 / NUMBER 49  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

24/7 BREAKING AND LOCAL NEWS / THE-PRESS.COM AN INDEPENDENTLY-OWNED, LOCAL NEWSPAPER SINCE 1879 ONE DOLLAR

## No Parade Parking Along Main Street

There will be no parking along Main Street in downtown Marion from 3 p.m., until after Saturday's Christmas Parade. Both sides of Main Street from Depot Street to the traffic light at Bellville Street will be coned off starting two hours before the 5 p.m., parade. Local law enforcement cautions parents to be especially attentive to children seeking candy by going into the street as motorized vehicles pass by. Judges and Master of Ceremonies Cutter Singleton will be located on the balcony of Frazer Law Office. The Chamber of Commerce and Partners Insurance are organizing the parade. Judges will select the top three entries in categories of Business, Church and Organization. Shanna West is grand marshal.

## City Leaf Collection will end this week

Leaf collection will end this week as crews work Thursday through the southeast quadrant of Marion and then finish up on Friday with a general pickup day to address any missed areas across the city.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will have a special meeting at 4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9 to meet with its engineer on the district's planned expansion project.
- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9.
- Caldwell County Fiscal Court meets at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the courthouse.
- Crittenden County Board of Education meets at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12 at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department/Emergency Operations Center at 275 Industrial Drive. All interested parties, emergency responders and local emergency planners are encouraged to attend this annual meeting where community preparedness is discussed.
- Marion City Council meets at 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council meets at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16, at city hall.
- Salem City Council meets at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Middle School's monthly Site-Based, Decision-Making Council will meet at 3:45 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18 on campus.

Listen to our morning podcast M-W-F on your drive to work, or anytime for that matter. Stay informed on local news & sports. Find it at The Press Online.

No matter your generation or which platform you prefer, The Press is there bringing you news and sports in a timely fashion. Join us online today!

USPS 138-260 / Marion, Ky.  
04879 08743  
©2024, The Crittenden Press Inc.  
The contents of this newspaper, including stories and advertising, are protected by U.S. copyright laws.



A new 48-unit housing complex inside the city on McMican Road should be done by summer.

## Apps could be accepted in March

### Cole Springs working extra to get ahead

STAFF REPORT  
Development of a housing complex on McMican Road, located near the park and fairgrounds, is making strides toward completion, even spending some of last week's holiday period working to get ahead on the project. Managed by Homeland, Inc., the development is set to provide 48 housing units tailored primarily to seniors

aged 55 and older or disabled residents. Katrina Myers oversees Belleville Manor and the developing Cole Springs properties. Construction crews, she said, are trying to get ahead of schedule so applications can begin being taken in March for at least some of the units. Myers explains that a community center and the property headquarters

will be built on the east side of McMican Road. That will be the first side finished and the first to be occupied, she added. The \$10.5 million project, funded with \$9.8 million in federal tax credits through the Kentucky Housing Corporation, includes a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units. Rental prices for a one-bedroom apartment are expected to start at \$450,

See COLE/page 9

## Trucker accused in shooting on trial this week



Blake

STAFF REPORT  
A Texas man accused of firing a 9mm handgun from his tractor-trailer into another vehicle on Interstate 24 will face trial at 9 a.m. Thursday in Lyon Circuit Court. Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Chad Nelson will prosecute the case. Leland Bernard Blake, 60, of Dallas, was indicted a year ago by a Lyon County Grand Jury on two counts of felony wanton endangerment following an incident in August

2023. According to allegations, Blake fired at least two shots that struck an SUV driven by Laurie Yates of Marion. Yates was traveling home from Nashville with her teenage nephew when the shots were fired along I-24 between Exits 56 and 45, near the Lyon-Trigg county line. Neither Yates nor her nephew were injured in the incident. Blake has been out on bond since shortly after the alleged incident.

## As inflation drives up costs at detention center, inmate census figures trend down

STAFF REPORT  
Over the last few months, local leaders have begun to take notice of cash flow issues developing at Crittenden County Detention Center that Jailer Athena Hayes says are a direct result of statewide efforts to reduce incarceration rates and manage prison populations more effectively, and perhaps even more significant are nearly unbearable cost increases due to inflation. Hayes spoke to magistrates a couple of weeks ago during November's fiscal court meeting. She pointed to a number of factors affecting both sides of the jail's budget. "Honestly, the biggest challenge that we've had is inflation. It's not necessarily the number of inmates that we've got. It's the inflation that we've been dealing with having to pay for the same amount of inmates that we had before," Hayes told The Press following that meeting. "When you almost double food costs, when you almost go 40% on utilities, it's going to cost us more." The jail operates on a fiscal year which begins on July 1. Figures presented in accompanying tables as part of this report represent both fiscal and calendar year summaries.

IN	Receipts   Disbursements		
	In 2024 at County Jail		
OUT	Receipts	Disbursements	
	January	\$328,074.27	\$368,398.33
	February	\$300,029.31	\$300,029.31
	March	\$300,029.31	\$320,641.24
	April	\$291,729.98	\$289,049.36
	May	\$359,549.77	\$285,072.60
	June	\$288,765.43	\$313,367.83
	July	\$307,790.50	\$455,073.94
	August	\$325,610.57	\$304,080.78
	September	\$275,557.82	\$281,724.04
	October	\$291,710.34	\$296,714.08
TOTAL	\$3,068,847.3	\$3,214,151.51	

As for spending outpacing revenue in the current fiscal year, the county has been supplementing the jail from the general fund recently in order for the detention center to make payroll. Over the past six years, the jail has operated in the black, so the county's financial support recently is something unusual. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom says there is still time in the fiscal year for things to straighten out, and the jailer agrees. She says inmate population is already ticking up

the last couple of weeks. The fiscal year ends June 30. The jail's bi-weekly payroll is around \$85,000, which includes benefits and employer matching taxes. During the current fiscal year, the detention center has spent around \$137,000 more than it's taken in. For the calendar year, that figure is even greater, indicating a deeper trend. As of October 2024, a detailed analysis of inmate population trends highlights significant shifts across vari-

See JAIL/page 9



## HOLIDAY Things to Do

- The Living Christmas Tree hosted by the Community Arts Foundation will have the following shows at Fohs Hall.  
**NIGHTTIME SHOWS 7 p.m.**  
Sat., Dec. 7, Fri., Dec. 13, Sat., Dec. 14  
**DAYTIME SHOWS 2 p.m.**  
Sun., Dec. 8, Sun., Dec. 15  
Free Admission  
Donations Accepted  
\*\*\*\*\*
- Fredonia Christmas Parade's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6. Grand marshal is the cast and crew from Feagan's Furniture.
- Marion's Christmas Parade is scheduled for 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7. The parade's theme will be White Nights and Magical Lights. Parade lineup info will be available Thursday.
- Following Marion's parade, the Lions Club will host its free Supper with Santa at the fairgrounds Agriculture Building.
- Eddyville will host Christmas in the Park Friday, Dec. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m., at Eddyville City Park. There will be a parade, ice skating, gingerbread bouncy house, Christmas train and carriage rides. Families can enjoy caroling and savor coffee or treats from a food truck while waiting to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus in person.
- Free on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Fohs Hall is a children's event. It will include a reading of the How The Grinch Stole Christmas, a scavenger hunt, crafts and Santa will be there. The event is from 10 a.m., until noon.
- Main Street in Uniontown, Union County, will come alive on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Local residents will portray scenes inspired by some of the most beloved Christmas movies and stories, bringing cherished holiday memories to life. Visitors are invited to enjoy this festive event from the comfort of their cars in a special drive-through experience.
- Crittenden County Extension is offering classes Dec. 9-11 to make wreaths and evergreen balls. Classes are held at the Extension Annex.
- Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Parade, "Sweet Christmas," is at 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13.
- Deer Creek Church Live Nativity is 6-8 p.m., on Dec. 14, 15, 16 & 17.
- Cumberland River Homes' "Christmas Laugh Out Loud" celebration and fundraising event is Dec. 13 at Salem Baptist Church.
- Sturgis Christmas Parade will be at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14 with a special guest - Santa Claus!

## Deaths

### McKinney

Judy Marie McKinney, 81, of Marion, died Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024 at her home.

The Hobart, Ind., native was an entrepreneur and small business owner.

Surviving are a son, Chris (Faith Ann) McKinney; a sister, Diane Seamans; four grandchildren, Dustin McKinney (Kinsee Watkins), Sierra Subartowicz, Shanelle McKinney and Kristina McKinney; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larry McKinney; her parents, Harold and Freeda David Sinks; a brother; two daughters, Dawn Bernsten and Lisa Subartowicz; and a grandson, Robert McKinney.

A memorial service is planned at a later date.

Myers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Kirk

Kathy Sue Kirk, 66, of Marion, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024 at her home.

Surviving are three sons, James Lewis, Rian Lewis and Billy Kirk; a sister, Judy Calvert; a brother, Ricky Warner; and special friend Tim Pimental.

She was preceded in death by her parents, L.C. and Mary McFall Keller.

There are no services planned at this time. Myers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Cozart

Spencer Lavell Cozart, 62, of Paducah died Monday, Nov. 18, 2024 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital.

He was a member of Ninth Street Church of Christ and was previously employed with the city of Paducah as a sanitation worker.

Surviving are his spouse, Alicia Cozart; four daughters, Jasmine McMackin-Hatcher, Amber Neal, Sydney Cozart, Lechina; four grandchildren; five siblings, Jacqueline Cozart, Stephon Cozart, David Cozart, Angela Cozart and Auriana Tuttle; a stepson, Timothy Neal; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sammy Lee Cozart and Eva Mary Louise Donald Hill; his stepfather, Charles Hill; a brother and a sister.

Services are Saturday, Dec. 7 at Christ Temple Apostolic Church with Rev. Anthony Walton and Rev. David Cozart officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Family and friends may visit Saturday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral hour.

Pettus Rowland Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Jackson

Lucille Emmaline Jackson, 79, of Burna, died Monday, Nov. 25, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She attended Hampton United Methodist Church. She was a certified nursing assistant at several healthcare facilities over the years.

Surviving are four children, Steve Allen (Kimberly) Burchard of Burna, Dwayne Clifford Burchard of Salem, Lisa Marie (Billy) Arflack of Marion and Malana Sue (Brian) Burchard-Dukes of Carrsville; 10 grandchildren, Heather Banning, Dallas Burchard; Emma Burchard, Amber Lockhart, Mitchell Pool, Marietta Burchard, Ashley Nicole Burchard, Amber Necole Nolan, Allison Paige Arflack and Payton Dukes; a sister, Mary Evelyn Jackson of Hampton; 11 great-grandchildren; two nieces, Phyllis Ann Curry Schellenberger and Jonna Jackson; and two nephews, David Lynn (Evelyn) Curry and Bobby Neil Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Barry Allen Burchard; two brothers, Neil Jackson and Walter Carl Jackson; and her parents, George Walter "Stoney" Jackson and Eliza Lucille Barnes Jackson.

Arrangements are incomplete at Boyd Funeral Directors.

### Cunningham

Sherron G. Cunningham, 70 of Symsonia, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024 at Passion & Purpose Homecare in Murray.

She was born in Paducah on May 21, 1954 to the late Billy and Sue Gatlin. She graduated from Reidland High School in 1972 and Murray State University in 1979, where she earned her master's in education and guidance counseling. She taught school in Crittenden County and retired as a guidance counselor from Reidland High School. She was a member of Symsonia Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Cari (Tommy) Thompson of Benton; a brother, Joe (Suzie) Gatlin of Bailey, Colo.; two grandchildren, Kayla Wood of Symsonia and Tori (Audie) Cherry of the Philippines; and two great-grandchildren, Silas and Noah Lynn Cherry.

She was preceded in death by her husband and soulmate of 37 years, Ronnie Cunningham; two brothers,

Tommy Gatlin and Terry Gatlin; a sister, Donna Smith; and her parents.

Services were Saturday, Nov. 30 at Collier Funeral Home with her nephew, Jerry Walker and Keith Osborne officiating. Burial was in Oak Level Cemetery in Benton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hearts 4 Babies, Lone Oak First Baptist Church, 3601 Lone Oak Rd., Paducah, KY 42003.

### Engler

Vanda C. Engler, 85, of Burna, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024 at her home.

She loved her family and her dog Lucy. She enjoyed birds, cooking, Hallmark movies and chocolate. She worked at Siemens for over 30 years and she attended Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are a son, James (Robin) Dickerson of Grand Rivers; five step-children, Johnnie (Susie) Engler, Sue (Vernon) Ellis, Peggy (Lanny) Woods, Nancy Tynes and Alberta Wright; a sister, Mary Lou Girandot; three grandchildren, Whitney (Brian) Slayden, Jourdan Dickerson, Dakota (Becky) Dickerson; and a great-grandchild; River Slayden.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Helen Wolfington, Doris Moffitt and Opal Lee; two brothers, Don Binkley and Jr. Binkley; her first husband, Henry Richard Dickerson, Jr.; her second husband, Johnnie Engler; and her parents, James Corbett and Sally Binkley.

Service were Monday, Dec. 2 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Service. Burial was in Hampton Cemetery.

### Doublin

The lovely Amanda Rose Easley Doublin, 64, of West Paducah, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah. She was a member of Salt and Light Community Church and Milburn Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her husband, Charles Doublin of West Paducah; two daughters, Lynde Doublin of Kevil and Olivia Raisor of West Paducah; her mother, Marianna Easley of Marion; a brother, Anthony Easley of Marion; and a sister, Melinda Dunlap of Chicago.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wilard Easley.

Services were Wednesday,

day, Dec. 4 at Salt and Light Community Church.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Amanda's time with us may have been short-lived, yet the joy and laughter she brought will forever be cherished. She leaves a legacy defined by love, servitude and kindness that will continually brighten the lives of those who were around her. Her memory will endure as a radiant spirit, whose light shone brightly, despite the unfortunate brevity of her time on this earth. In lieu of gifts, we were requesting donations for the headstone, maintenance of the homestead, and funeral expenses. Everyone keep checking in and praying as Mom would do!

Thank y'all so much for being with us during this time of loss. Love Charlie, Lynde, Olivia, Austin, Logan. Paid obituary

## Community Calendar

Call (270) 965-3191 to share your organization's meetings in this free, weekly community calendar.

### Thursday, Dec. 5

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

### Thursday, Dec. 12

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

• Virgil Jones VFW in Marion will meet at 6:30 p.m., at 412 N. College St., in Marion. Refreshments served after meeting.

### Tuesday, Dec. 17

• Crittenden County Elementary School SBDM will meet at 4 p.m., in the school library.

### Wednesday, Dec. 18

• Crittenden County Middle School SBDM will meet at 3:45 p.m., in the principal's office.

### Thursday, Dec. 19

• Crittenden County High School SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., in the school library.

• Crittenden County Public Library board of directors will meet at 5 p.m.

• Friends of the Crittenden County Public Library will meet at 6 p.m.

### Saturday, Dec. 21

• An all-you-can eat breakfast will be held from 7-10 a.m. at Salem Masonic Lodge #81. The lodge is located at 237 W. Main St., Salem. Cost is \$6.

Thinking of you during the holidays...

Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you approach the holiday season in the absence of your loved one.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from Brad and Valerie Gilbert  
and the staff of Gilbert Funeral Home

**Gilbert**  
FUNERAL HOME  
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY SINCE 1976

**YOU WILL SOON NEED VISION SCREENING FOR YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE STARTING JANUARY 1 2025**

FOR YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE  
STARTING JANUARY 1 2025

### SAFE DRIVERS SEE CLEARLY.

Effective January 1, 2025, a new Kentucky law requires vision screening for anyone renewing a driver's license.

In 2025, if you've seen a vision specialist or Transportation Cabinet credentialed medical provider in the last 12 months, simply bring in a completed vision form to any Driver Licensing Regional Office when you renew **OR** get free vision screening at the time of renewal. Renew early in person, online or by mail (up to 6 months before your expiration date).

For more details, visit [drive.ky.gov/visionscreening](https://drive.ky.gov/visionscreening).

Season Greetings.

We know the sense of loss that accompanies the holiday season after losing a loved one. As an expression of remembrance, we will be mailing personalized Christmas ornaments to families who we have served this year. We will mail one per family, but additional ornaments may be purchased, with those proceeds being donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. As always, we truly appreciate the trust you've placed in us, and consider it an honor to serve your family.

Blessings for the holiday season,  
Andy, Brandon, Grace, and James

**Boyd Funeral Directors**  
& CREMATION SERVICES

212 E. Main St. • Salem, Ky. 42078  
[www.boydfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.boydfuneraldirectors.com)



**DRIVER LICENSING REGIONAL OFFICES**

Pictured are (clockwise from left) Head Start's Malorey Gray and Adult Education Coordinator/Instructor Cindy Jenkins; a group of those honored, including Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, Laura Koon, Davidson, Robin Thornton and Adult Education outreach specialist Chrissy Bush; and below right is Crittenden County GED graduate Alicia York.



Community partnerships recognized

# York graduates from WKEC

**STAFF REPORT**  
Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative's (WKEC) Adult Education Department held its 2024 Graduation and Awards Ceremony on Nov. 19 at the Webster County Library in Dixon. This celebratory event recognized hard work and achievements of adult learners as well as the community partners who support their success.

A highlight for Crittenden County was the graduation of Alicia York, who earned her GED. York's accomplishment is a testament to her perseverance and dedication. Growing up in a migrant farming family that was originally from Mexico, York moved frequently as a child, making it difficult to complete a traditional high school education. Now in her 40s and employed at Siemens, York's journey exemplifies the resilience and determination of adult learners in the region, said Cindy Jenkins, Crittenden County Adult Education coordinator and instructor.

The event also cele-

brated other achievements. Notably, Laura Koon, Rita Templeton and Robin Thornton received certifications as Child Development Associates (CDA), which positions them to make meaningful contributions in early childhood education at Chapel Hill Head Start.

Community organizations and partners were honored for their critical role in supporting adult education. Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and representatives from Chapel Hill Head Start, including Malorey Gray and Lynda McCord, received Partner Awards for their contributions to student success.

Judge Newcom and the Crittenden County Fiscal Court were specifically recognized for providing the Adult Education program a headquarters inside the former National Guard Armory.

"We're very grateful for the space provided in the armory," Jenkins said, emphasizing the importance of community part-

nerships in fostering education.

The Adult Education Department continues to expand its reach through workplace enhancement programs, forging new partnerships with local businesses and services. One example is the support provided to Head Start's Child Development program, where the Adult Education team helps candidates prepare extensive application portfolios.

Chrissy Bush, an outreach specialist for WKEC Adult Education, serves as a vital contact for businesses interested

in collaborating on workforce training. These efforts align with WKEC's broader mission to empower learners and strengthen local economies.

Reflecting on the journey of GED recipients like York, Jenkins noted the significant challenges adult learners overcome. "Earning a GED is a challenging process," she said.

York's story, along with the success of others, highlights the power of education and the community's role in making these achievements possible, Jenkins added.



## FBI tips to avoid being scammed

Unfortunately, scammers see the holiday season as an opportunity to exploit generosity and good cheer. The FBI warns that online holiday scams are on the rise, and no one is immune.

It often starts innocently. You're scrolling online and spot a too-good-to-be-true deal on a must-have item. Before you know it, you've handed over your credit card information, only to discover that the item will never arrive. According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), Americans lost over \$309 million to non-delivery and non-payment scams in 2023, with another \$173 million stolen through credit card fraud.

Scammers use tactics like auction fraud, phishing schemes, and fake "authorized dealers" to target victims. They may even impersonate buyers or sellers on legitimate platforms, often insisting on payment through prepaid gift cards or wire transfers - major red flags.

To avoid falling victim, verify who you're dealing with. Research companies, read reviews, and stick to secure websites with "https." Avoid clicking suspicious links or attachments, and never provide sensitive information via email. When paying, use a credit card for its fraud protection and monitor your statements closely.

If you suspect a scam, report it to the FBI's IC3 (ic3.gov) and notify your bank. Sharing these warnings with neighbors or at church can prevent others from being targeted.

The holidays should be about giving, not being taken. The FBI urges everyone to remain vigilant this season.

**Crittenden County Animal Clinic**  
Dr. Elizabeth A. Maddux • Dr. Michelle Hughes

State-of-the-Art Digital Xray Now Offered

Visit our Online Pharmacy at [crittendencountyac.vetsfirstchoice.com](http://crittendencountyac.vetsfirstchoice.com)

3841 US Hwy. 60 West, Marion, KY 42064  
**(270) 965-2257**

**HOLIDAY SPA & BEAUTY SPECIALS!**  
CHRISTMAS GIFT CERTIFICATES TO HELP THEM LOOK & FEEL THEIR BEST!

**Beauty by Megan**

MAKEUP \$45-\$65  
MANICURE OR PEDICURE \$35-\$65

Megan Jackson  
**(270) 969-1111**

**DoubleTake SALON**

Hair • Nails • Tanning  
Spend \$50 on a gift certificate and we'll add \$10 to it!

Heather Dayberry & Harmony Rushing, Owners/Stylists  
Megan Hunt, Stylist • Hannah Stinnett, Nail Technician  
Hanna Tolley, Stylist, Nail Technician, Lash Artist

261 Sturgis Rd. • Marion, KY • Walk-Ins Welcome  
**(270) 965-5872**

**Sole to Soul Reflexology**

Now located at 600 S. Main, Marion

Give the gift of relaxation with a **Reflexology Gift Card!**

Sara Mast  
Certified Reflexology Therapist  
**(270) 969-1743**  
[www.tinyurl.com/ReflexS2S](http://www.tinyurl.com/ReflexS2S)

**THE SKIN CLIQUE**

Offering In-Home Botox Treatments

Rashelle Wydotis, APRN  
Western Kentucky  
**270-513-4240**

**Misty Roberts, PTA, LMT**

Offering  
Therapeutic massage • Cupping  
American Gua Sha (scrapping)  
Manual Lymphatic Drainage  
Myofascial Release (John Barnes MRF1)  
TMJ disorder treatment

Availability in Eddyville, KY at  
Rooted Hair and Body Co.  
Text or Call  
**(270) 704-1698**  
to schedule

**L Cosmetics**

Tanning & Spray Tans • Facials • Color/Cuts  
Manicures & Pedicures • Barbering Services  
Makeup • Full Body Waxing • Eyelash Extensions  
Relax with Lindsay's new service, Hair Play ASMR.

Owner and stylist: Lindsay Sizemore  
Master Barber: Lauren Hall  
Esthetician: Brooke Hall  
Nail Technicians: Megan Jackson and Liv Gammel  
Stylists: Lauren Topp, Emmy Ward, Lexie Hamby, Savannah Brewer

109 Newman Dr.,  
Eddyville, Ky.  
**(270) 388-3908**

**THE EASY PATH TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH COVERAGE.**

Open Enrollment runs through January 15.  
Visit [kynect.ky.gov](http://kynect.ky.gov) to find the right coverage for you.

**kynect**  
Together for a better Kentucky

## Riverview Park posts busy October report

Riverview Park, formerly known as Dam 50, continues to attract outdoor enthusiasts with its blend of modern and rustic camping options alongside a range of recreational amenities. During the month of October, the park saw a total of 123 RV nights reserved and 10 tent nights. The seven concrete RV pads, equipped with power, water, and wastewater hookups, remain a favored choice among campers, while the primitive tent camping area provides a budget-friendly option for those seeking a more traditional outdoor experience.

Financially, the park generated \$1,240 in revenue in October from RV site reservations and \$50 from tent site reservations. All revenue collected goes directly toward maintaining and improving the park's facilities, which include a dock, restrooms, a basketball goal and pavilion.

Riverview Park camping rates are \$5 per night for tents and \$20 for RVs with full amenities. Reservations are made simple through the online platform at CrittendenCountyKy.org, enabling easy access for visitors from near and far.

## County's animal shelter submits monthly report

Crittenden County Animal Shelter began October with 34 dogs in-house and 32 in foster care. Over the course of the month, 55 new dogs were brought into the shelter. Notably, 22 dogs were successfully sent to rescue organizations, six were reclaimed by their owners and seven were adopted into new homes. Unfortunately, two dogs passed away due to medical issues, and none escaped during the reporting period.

At the end of October, the shelter housed 52 dogs, with 32 remaining in foster care.

In its report last month to the fiscal court, the shelter also reported \$925 in revenue, including \$560 from pet adoptions, \$125 from reclaim fees, \$225 in donations and smaller contributions from dog licenses and sponsorships.

## Sprague on Dean's List

Emma Sprague of Henshaw in Union County has been named to the 2024 summer trimester Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's Main Campus in Davenport, Iowa.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, Calif.; and Port Orange, Fla.

## State aims to further lower income tax rate

At the recent Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Preview Conference in Lexington, Republican leaders outlined priorities for the upcoming legislative session. House Speaker David Osborne and Senate President Robert Stivers affirmed plans to quickly advance a bill reducing Kentucky's income tax to 3.5%, continuing a pathway toward elimination, according to reporting by Kentucky Today.

However, local tax reform faces hurdles, requiring constitutional changes. The Kentucky League of Cities seeks to modernize revenue options for municipalities, a proposal supported by the Chamber.

Leaders also discussed Kentucky's housing crisis, education reform and emerging policies on artificial intelligence. Republicans' supermajority ensures their legislative agenda faces minimal opposition.

## Historic KY ferry closing for a time

Valley View Ferry, a historic transportation service carrying cars and light trucks across the Kentucky River between Fayette, Jessamine and Madison counties via KY Highway 169, has suspended operations for essential repairs and recertification. The shutdown is expected to last one



Listen to our morning podcast M-W-F on your drive to work. Stay informed on local news & sports. Find it at The Press Online.

to two months.

Operating under U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) regulations, the ferry's current Certificate of Inspection, mandatory for operation, is nearing expiration. To comply, the ferry barge will be removed from the water and placed in dry dock for its routine five-year inspection.

During this time, USCG inspectors will thoroughly examine the vessel, and the ferry captains and crew, assisted by contractors, will carry out maintenance and repairs. Any issues identified by the USCG will be addressed before the ferry resumes service. Both the Valley View Ferry Authority and the Coast Guard emphasize their commitment to passenger and crew safety.

According to the Valley View Ferry Authority, the dry dock process is projected to last one to two months, although delays caused by weather or unforeseen repairs may extend this timeline. Efforts will be made to return the ferry to service as quickly as possible.

A free service funded by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Madison and Jessamine counties' fiscal courts, and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, the Valley View Ferry is managed by a local authority comprising residents and officials from the three counties it serves.

Recognized as Kentucky's oldest continuously operating business, the Valley View Ferry has a storied history dating back to its founding in 1785.

## Crittenden County's tax discount is over; penalties start Jan. 1

Crittenden County taxpayers who missed the November discount period will now pay face value of their tax bills throughout December. In January, there is a 5% penalty. After Jan. 31, there is a 10% penalty and an additional add-on fee to the sheriff for late collection. If you have not received your tax bill, contact the sheriff's department.

## Bridge restricted on Thursday for repairs

A temporary, daytime lane restriction along U.S. 62 in Livingston County will begin Thursday, Dec. 5. A crew plans to patch a pothole on the U.S. 62 Cumberland River "Eureka Highway" Bridge along U.S. 62 at mile point 2.85 near Lake City, as well as clean drains and gutter line. The work zone is expected to be in place starting at 8 a.m. and ending by 4 p.m.

Appropriate caution is required where equipment, flaggers, and maintenance personnel are along the roadway in close proximity to traffic flow.

The U.S. 62 Cumberland River Bridge, also known as the Blue Bridge, is at the Livingston-Lyon County Line immediately below Barkley Dam at Lake City.

## Apps for leadership program due Friday

Applications for the third class of Leadership West Kentucky are being accepted through Dec. 6.

Crittenden County citizens interested in growing leadership potential and joining an informed network of citizens are encouraged to attend.

Representatives from counties within the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance (WKRCA) will meet six times in various locations January through June and participate in tours, interactive exercises and class discussions throughout the

multi-county WRCA area.

The intent of Leadership West Kentucky is to introduce participants to regional topics such as transportation, education, economic development, quality of life, advocacy, agriculture and tourism.

The outcome of the program is increased skills, knowledge and perspective from a regional network.

TVA is the presenting sponsor of the program, which will welcome 30 people into its third class in January.

Apply or learn more at [wkrcra.org](http://wkrcra.org).

## KSP plans to conduct traffic checks in Dec.

During December, Kentucky State Police (KSP) will be conducting traffic safety checkpoints throughout the Post 2 district. Officers will be checking motorists for compliance with motor vehicle laws including driving under the influence statutes. KSP utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate Kentucky laws.

The intent of a traffic safety checkpoint is to provide for a high visibility, public safety service, focusing on vehicular equipment deficiencies, confirming appropriate registration and insurance of vehicles and the valid licensing of drivers. Violations of law or other public safety issues that arise shall also be addressed.

Drivers encountering a traffic safety checkpoint are requested to have their operator's license, vehicle registration receipt and proof of insurance readily accessible. Drivers with this information in hand, those with no violations of law and minimal roadway congestion can reasonably expect to be delayed for only a brief time period.

Listed below are the supervisory-approved traffic safety checkpoint locations in the Kentucky State Police, Post 2 district.

### CALDWELL COUNTY

- The Intersection Of KY 139 And KY 70
- KY 126 At KY 672
- US 62 at the Lyon County line
- US Highway 62 at Kentucky 672 Intersection

### CRITTENDEN COUNTY

- KY 297 At US 60
- US 641 At Crayne
- US 60 At KY 365
- US 60 Near Livingston line
- US 60 at View Road
- US 60 at Union Co. line

## Learn Wreath making

Crittenden County Extension is offering classes Dec. 9-11 to make wreaths and evergreen balls. Classes are held at the Extension Annex. Wreaths will be the project at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 9 and 10 a.m., Dec. 11. Evergreen balls will be created at 10 a.m., and 5:30 p.m., Dec. 10. Registration is required by calling (270) 965-5236.

## Crittenden Press

USPS 138-260 Copyright 2024

125 E. Bellville St. | P.O. Box 191 | Marion, KY 42064

270.965.3191 | [www.the-press.com](http://www.the-press.com)

The Crittenden Press (USPS 138-260) is published weekly by The Crittenden Press Inc., P.O. Box 191, 125 E. Bellville St., Marion, KY 42064. Periodicals postage paid at Marion, KY and at additional mailing offices. Subscriptions \$38 to \$75 per year. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Crittenden Press, P.O. Box 191, Marion, KY 42064. The Crittenden Press is your primary source of news and information for this community. We're proud to serve our community and we take great pride in bringing you real news, sports reporting and other information that helps you know what's going on in town and across the county. Help ensure that real reporting continues in this community by subscribing today. You can subscribe online to the full version of the newspaper for only \$3.89 a month. Try our new e-Edition newspaper emailed straight to your inbox every Wednesday. Go online to [The-Press.com](http://The-Press.com) for more about how to subscribe electronically.



## 50 YEARS AGO

### December 5, 1974

■ Gareth Hardin, marshal for the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, displayed trophies that six marching bands would be competing for during the Saturday morning parade. More than 45 entries, six bands, floats and antique cars were entered in the parade.

■ November births were recorded at the Crittenden County Hospital and the Salem Community Hospital, including Lisa Helen Underdown, Camilia Gaylene Adams, Billy James Bismore, Charity Ann McCandless, Angela Marie Brown, Alicia Carol Taylor and Shannon Sue Padgett.

■ With everyone watching the goal, Crittenden's Julie Barnes went high into the air for a shot during action at Lyon County. Crittenden had little difficulty beating the hosts by a margin of 65-23.

■ Randy Poindexter, a senior member of the Crittenden County High School football team, was named to the All Western Kentucky Conference Team for his play at linebacker during the season. The announcement came at a WKC meeting for coaches and school officials. Poindexter, who had previously been voted the team's most valuable player, was 6 ft. tall and weighed 190 pounds. He was the only member of the Rocket squad to be selected to the team from the Class A schools in the conference.

## 25 YEARS AGO

### December 9, 1999

■ Judy Winn and Mary Conrad hung greenery on the Living Christmas Tree's wooden and wire frame in preparation for performances for the annual choral concert at Fohs Hall. That year marked the first time artificial greenery was used to decorate the tree. A drought had made it impossible to find sufficient natural cover for the large spiral stage. The cast included Betty Lynn, Pat Guess, Pauline Stegall, Donna Butler, Dorris Brantley, Suzanne Goad, Renee Marian, Renee Wilson, Nancy Robertson, Pipia Orendoff, Linda Owen, Sandra Belt, Shane Waters, Susan Purvis, Barry Gilbert, Larry Maness, Kay Kirby, Kim Pyle, Rhonda Brown, Debbie Wicker, Stephanie Alexander, Charlotte Nesbitt, Judy Connell, Linda Boone, Denise Lynn, Mary Helen Hodges, Gordon Guess, Patty Gilbert, Mick Alexander, Perry Newcom, David Maclin, Tony Travis, Gareth Hardin, Donald Foster, Phillip Maddux, Dulcie Hardin, Chris Clarke, Steve Davidson, Duke Owen, Howard Hodge and Janet Maddux.

■ The Crittenden County High School speech team placed fifth at the Hopkinsville Tiger Invitational. Participants were Dusty Witherspoon, Jackie Cook, Mauri Systo, Martin Schiller and Susan Towery. Witherspoon and Systo made it to the final round of the competition; Schiller placed second in solo acting; Cook second in humorous interpretation; and Schiller and Towery placed third in duo interpretation.

■ Rocket Junior Justin Crider applied defensive pressure at mid court against Lyon County, but it was Crider's offense that had been turning heads. The forward averaged 15 points through three games. Crittenden County's Kyle Hart was pictured driving to the basket during a home victory over district foe Lyon County.

## 10 YEARS AGO

### December 4, 2014

■ Cathy Hunt and Pat Moore, members of Beta Sigma Phi women's societal sorority in Marion, decorated the gazebo at the courthouse, giving it some Christmas dressing ahead of the Christmas parade that would pass along Main Street.

■ Crittenden County's FFA Chapter participated in two regional contests and one regional invitational event. The chapter took six local members to participate. The Agricultural Sales team consisting of Jessi Brewer, Alyssa Curtis, Cali Parish and Alexis Tabor competed against eight other teams in the region and placed first. They were to represent the region the following June at the Kentucky State FFA Convention. Placing second in the Job Interview category was Kasey Herrin. Emalea Barnes participated in the FFA Creed Speaking event. While the students were not ranked, Barnes received positive comments on her presentation from judges.

■ First graders at Crittenden County Elementary School were recipients of FitPro Ball Chairs thanks to a donation made by Ronald McDonald charities. The chairs were to help students with attentiveness, building motor skills, strength and balance. Stephanie Maness, general manager of McDonald's in Marion, and Teresa Copeland, supervisor of the restaurant, presented first-grade teacher Daphne James, along with students Andrea Federico, Jaxon Belt, Brianna Walker, Quinn Summers and Rianna Maness with a \$1,834.71 check to purchase the chairs.

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

**Get The Press on Your Phone!**

**Have Real News in Your Hand**

You Will Receive  
The Press Each Week  
at Noon on Wednesday

**PRINT SUBSCRIBERS CAN CONVERT AND SAVE \$**

SCAN ME

# Haynes & Taylor debuted soda fountain

After the disastrous fire of March 1905, the businessmen of Marion didn't waste any time in rebuilding the burned out store buildings. According to the article in The Crittenden Record Press, all the store buildings on Carlisle Street, then called Bank Street, were burned out.

The newly rebuilt Marion Post Office building would soon be completed. The Haynes and Taylor Drug Store was looking forward to moving into the corner rooms.

From the archives of The Crittenden Record Press, we can read about this exciting time.

**May 12, 1905**

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the change in the R. F. Haynes drug business. Mr. Haynes, who is known all over more than just this county as one of Marion's most popular druggists, and being especially noted locally as the dispenser of the famous drink, Coca Cola, has sold a one-half interest in his business to Creed Taylor.



**Brenda Underdown**  
County Historian

*Forgotten Passages*

When the new Marion is built, this firm will be found occupying one of the finest business houses in the busiest part of the city, and we predict that it will be one of the permanent strong fixtures of the new and better Marion.

**May 26, 1905**

Haynes & Taylor bought of American Soda Fountain Co. of Boston, Mass., Tuesday, a \$2,000 Innovation Soda Fountain. This fountain is the only radical change which has been made is soda fountains for the past 75 years. The innovation is an apparatus combining beauty, sanitation and convenience. The syrup is drawn from the counter out of porcelain jars instead of the old time metal containers of the wall apparatus. Back of the counter appears the mirrors supported by onyx pilasters and oriental lights with leaded glass. The wood top is a beautiful white enameled effect laid in gold which makes a pleasant contrast and stimulates the brain as well as tickles the palate.

The purchase of such a fountain by this firm is in keeping with the progressive spirit of our city. When this fountain is installed, Haynes & Taylor will have an opening and give souvenirs to all ladies in attendance. The American Soda Fountain Co., is the largest manufacturer of fountains in the world and Louisville, Lexington and Covington are the only cities in the state where this type of fountain is installed.

**October 6, 1905 - Grand Opening Day**

Mighty Throng Incribed Their Names at Elaborate Opening of Haynes & Taylor In New Quarters On Bank Street

It was also registration day for the ladies at Haynes & Taylor's beautiful new drug store. This popular firm is ever equal to an emergency and registration day was no exception to the rule for they were "there with the goods" and a ready scheme for the oppressed believers in woman's rights.

Pretty Misses Ellis Gray and Mildred Haynes presided over the registration table where every lady and misses in the city was requested to

come and inscribe their names, after which they would be given a nice box of Freeman's ace powder or a bottle of delicate perfume, especially reserved for them.

At the close of the day, by actual count the books showed a total of over 500 ladies registered. No voter, lady or gentleman can boast of ever having been treated more hospitably at the polls, nor were the polls ever so elaborately or beautifully furnished.

Tuesday was the formal opening day for Messrs Haynes & Taylor and from early morning until late at night a steady stream of visitors flowed in and out inspecting their lovely quarters and partaking of their hospitality.

Souvenirs of powder and perfume were given to every lady who visited the store and drinks and cream were served free of charge.

Curtis Asher presided over the soda fountain with the accommodation and politeness

which marked him as being the master hand in dealing with the ladies.

This store is one of the largest, most commodious and one of the finest locations for a drug store in town. The store runs 60 feet back and has a total of 2,080 square feet of floor space. The immense plate glass window in front measures 150 inches in width, which provides for the largest front show case window space of any store in town or any store of its size in Kentucky. This show case contains an elaborate display of Freeman face powder arranged with a taste and design which give it as especially pretty appearance.

As you enter the large door which opens at the corner of the store you come upon the large floor show case directly in the middle of the room. This case is reserved for toilet articles alone. The other show cases are on each side of the store and extend the full length of the latter. On the left of the cigar case back of which is the perfume, powder and toilet cream case and still further back in a case containing sundries of every description. Just across on the right side is the perfume case, stationery case and notion case.

The wall fixtures are reserved for the drugs. On the left are the patent medicines back of which and to the rear of the



The new post office building, as it was known, was the home of the new Haynes & Taylor Drug Store. It occupied the corner location and had an impressive plate glass window to display wares.

prescription counter are the fluid extracts. On the right is the tincture department and back of the prescription case a large room cabinet for school books.

The glass doors to the wall fixtures and show cases are ball bearing sliding doors, the latest improvement in this line. All the fixtures are of highly polished oak beautifully finished.

In the prescription case is a beautiful plate glass mirror the full length of the case and on either side are diamond shaped ornaments of French bevel glass. The opening in the prescription department on either side are hung with the handsomest of heavy portieres.

The entire floor from front to back is covered with linoleum of a stylish pattern.

And most important of all and that which overlaps everything else in

beauty and grandeur, is the gorgeous new soda fountain.

In addition to the little stools around the fountain there are placed at the rear two little tables arranged to seat four people and are for those who prefer them to staying at the fountain. The tables and chairs are made to match each other and are of oak finish with oxidized brass trimmings. And over all this beauty and loveliness, large electric arc-bursts throw radiance, which is irresistible to the passer-by.

And among other things should be mentioned the exquisite perfume case that will be found just to the left of the fountain and the modern tobacco case along the side of the cigar cases.

In all, the Haynes & Taylor opening was an excellent affair and will be remembered with



The Haynes & Taylor ad that appeared in The Crittenden Press in October 1905 told of its new location and the items and refreshments available for purchase.

pleasure by all who attended.

The Haynes & Taylor Drug Store stayed in business in this location for 22 years, beginning business in the new store in May of 1905. The business must have closed in 1927, for Mr. Haynes sold the building to S. M. Jenkins, and had vacated the store by 1928.

In May 1928 the store rooms of the drug store had been remodeled and redecorated and were getting ready to welcome a new variety store in

this location. The name of the new store would be Pugh's Variety Store. The proprietor of this new store was Charles W. Pugh of Sturgis. He also had a Variety Store in Sturgis and Clay. Mr. J. H. Jones, from Paducah, was named the manager of the new store.

In the near future this variety store would purchase the Ben Franklin franchise and later would move to the former Ben Franklin location on Main Street in 1932.

I have pictures of the old Orme Drug store where Botanicals is today, and the beloved City Drug Store building sitting empty today, but I've never seen any pictures of the inside of the Haynes and Taylor Drug Store. It must have been a beauty in its day and now is part of Marion's forgotten 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).

**We Haul Sand and Rock for:**  
Driveway Construction  
Landscaping

**GARY CRUCE**  
HAULING, INC.  
Marion, Kentucky  
Evan Cruce (270) 704-9838  
Gary Cruce (270) 836-9936

Serving Individuals and Contractors  
**Since 1985**

**LAND AUCTION**

**392.33 AC± | 5 TRACTS**  
**CRITTENDEN CO, KY**

**12/18/24 AT 1 PM**  
**AUCTION HELD AT:**  
**THE VENUE**  
**126 E CARLISLE ST**  
**MARION, KY 42064**

IN COOPERATION WITH WHITETAIL PROPERTIES REAL ESTATE, LLC  
MARK WILLIAMS, AGENT: 270.836.0819  
JUSTIN MASON, AGENT: 270.841.3000

**RANCHANDFARMAUCTIONS.COM**

**Supper with Santa**

**PARADE**  
Saturday,  
Dec. 7  
5 p.m.

Following the Parade  
at the Crittenden County  
Lions Club Building  
at the Fairgrounds

Chili • Hot Dogs • Cookies  
**CHILDREN EAT FREE**  
Adults are welcome to give a donation which will be used to sponsor a child for Christmas

**TAKE PHOTOS WITH SANTA!**

**ATTENTION LAND OWNERS**

KENTUCKY LAND IS IN DEMAND. REALIZE FULL MARKET VALUE IN THE SALE OF YOUR RECREATIONAL PROPERTY. WHITETAIL PROPERTIES OFFERS A DIVERSE PLATFORM OF SELLING OPTIONS INCLUDING CONVENTIONAL LISTINGS AND PROFESSIONAL AUCTION SERVICES. IT'S NO MISTAKE THAT LAND SELLERS ACROSS THE MIDWEST HAVE ENTRUSTED THEIR LAND SALE TO US. WHITETAIL PROPERTIES HAS AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK AND CLIENT BASE THAT REACHES THE ENTIRE NATION AND INCLUDES FARMERS, SPORTSMEN, INVESTORS AND HUNTING PROFESSIONALS.

**FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT**  
**KENTUCKY LAND SPECIALIST,**  
**MARK WILLIAMS (270) 836-0819**

**NEW! Crittenden County, KY - 2.28 Acres - \$244,900**  
This charming 4-bed, 2-bath home in Crittenden County features a partially finished basement, 2-car garage, large deck, and above-ground pool.  
Perfect for southern living with modern comfort!

**NEW! Crittenden County, KY - 37.184 Acres - \$174,500**  
Situated in an area renowned for big bucks, this property offers the perfect habitat for deer and turkey hunting, plus the added convenience of a cozy cabin!

**NEW! Crittenden County, KY - 2.06 Acres - \$69,000**  
Three contiguous lots in the beautiful Hillcrest Estates #2 Subdivision offer the ideal build site!

**NEW! Livingston County, KY - 88 Acres - \$303,600**  
**NEW! Livingston County, KY - 105 Acres - \$375,375**  
**NEW! Livingston County, KY - 159 Acres - \$548,550**  
**NEW! Livingston County, KY - 161 Acres - \$575,575**  
These tracts are part of a trophy-managed hunting community designed for like-minded hunters dedicated to growing and hunting mature deer.

**REDUCED! Crittenden County, KY - 64.3284 Acres - \$241,231.50**  
Nestled in a tranquil rural area, this scenic hunting tract offers a diverse blend of habitat types and topography, making it a perfect retreat for outdoor enthusiasts. Features an ideal build site!

**REDUCED! Crittenden County, KY - 83 Acres - \$259,900**  
Nestled along the picturesque Piney Creek, this diverse hunting tract offers an idyllic setting for outdoor enthusiasts and wildlife aficionados alike.

**Crittenden County, KY - 71.46 Acres - \$232,250**  
Situated in an area renowned for its big bucks, this all-timber hunting tract offers an exceptional opportunity for avid hunters seeking their next trophy.

**Crittenden County, KY - 115.86 Acres - \$446,000**  
Nestled in an area renowned for its big bucks, this diverse hunting tract offers an idyllic setting for both deer and turkey enthusiasts. Includes 31+/- acres of open ground throughout.

**Crittenden & Union Counties, KY - 4,690 Acres - \$23,500,000**  
With various landscapes, fantastic habitat variations, proven history, and multiple lodges with various improvements, this is your chance at a once in a lifetime opportunity!

**PENDING! Crittenden County, KY - 17.3541 Acres - \$169,000**  
Nestled within the embrace of tranquil countryside, this charming 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home offers the perfect retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life. Includes a 32' x 48' metal barn.

**SOLD! Livingston County, KY - 191 Acres - \$800,000**  
Just a half mile from the Cumberland River, this classic tillable and timber blend offers a prime investment and hunting opportunity. Planted in soybeans for the 2024 season.  
Build site potential.

**Subscribe Today!**  
**The Crittenden Press**  
**(270) 965-3191**

**How the Grinch Stole Christmas**  
by Dr. Seuss

**Saturday December 7**  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Fohs Hall \* Marion, Kentucky

**Free Admission**  
for all activities

Reading will take place promptly at 10:15 a.m.

**A fun-filled morning of activities**

- Reading of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by special guest reader
- A visit from Santa
- Hot Cocoa & Cookies
- Free photo station with Santa or the Grinch
- Grinch Defense Training
- Coloring Station
- Craft Stations
- Scavenger Hunt
- Door Prizes

Sponsored by  
caf Community Arts Foundation  
Friends of the CCPL  
FCCLA

For more information call 270-704-1446, visit <https://tinyurl.com/3vcsuz2n> or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.

**WHITETAIL PROPERTIES REAL ESTATE**  
HUNTING | RANCH | FARM | TIMBER

**WWW.WHITETAILPROPERTIES.COM**

TROPHY PROPERTIES REAL ESTATE | DBA WHITETAIL PROPERTIES  
LICENSED IN ILLINOIS, IOWA, KANSAS,  
KENTUCKY, MISSOURI, DAN PEREZ, BROKER  
108 N. MONROE | PITTSFIELD, IL 62363 | 217.285-9000

# Religion The Crittenden Press

CrittendenPress.Blogspot.com



## Being seen is a blessing

The historical marker programs around the world and across our nation are a great gift to us and to future generations. They are a help for those who are interested in learning more about where they are and what their eyes are seeing. They give meaning and life to places and buildings that we might otherwise pass by and never know their importance in the story of their community. This is a concrete example of what it means to have our eyes adjusted in a way that adds depth and understanding to our lives. I know the regret of visiting a place and being impressed but because of lack of preparation I did not feel the full effect.



**Sean NIESTRATH**  
Faith-based columnist

**Guest Columnist**

do good. Second, most people have experienced deep pain at least once in their lives that has left a scar and never quite healed properly. Sometimes that pain gets in the way of life. Often that pain is never given opportunity to heal because a safe place has not been found.

It is a worthy goal for every person to develop eyes to see the pain of others with the goal of being a safe place to heal or relax.

There are a few things that have helped me in my journey toward that goal.

First, understand that we are fully known by God, and he still loves us and will accept us if we have faith in him. Psalm 139 says,

“O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You know out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you already know it.

You are me behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.”

Second, humility is a necessary quality for empathy and understanding. Without humility we cannot see others as our equal. We will not be able to begin to see life from their point of view or to hear what they are saying. A lack of humility stunts our social growth as human beings.

Third, I must be will-

ing to risk sharing parts of myself that I am not proud of. It is always a risk because people can hurt us with that information. It is wise to begin with those things that are less painful and already dealt with in a healthy way. Transparency will connect us more deeply to others far more than being obscure or cagey.

Lastly, we must be trustworthy and loving toward all people; whether we think they deserve it or not. Even if they do not, it may be that over time they will change because of how we approach them. If they do not change, they will get the end they have earned, but we will not have contributed to it.

This is a season of thanksgiving, advent, and remembrance of the birth of the Christ. This is followed quickly by the beginning of a New Year. What a gift the calendar has given us that we have an annual time to reflect and reset if we choose. This is a time for forgiveness and connecting.

We pass by people every day who have the same problems that we do. They are our fellow shoppers. They drive with us on the roads. They work in the shops and restaurants and deliver our packages. We are all around each other. As a word of encouragement, I share this short poem by the children’s author Shel Silverstein (1930-1999).

Masks  
She had blue skin,  
And so did he.  
He kept it hid  
And so did she.  
They searched for blue  
Their whole life  
through,  
Then passed right by-  
And never knew.

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

## When the Bible speaks, God speaks

**Question:** Why aren't the Old Testament books placed in the chronological order they were written in?

**Answer:** The 39 books of the Old Testament were not arranged according to when they were written. If they had been Job would have been placed more toward its beginning. Even though it's time of writing is unknown, it seems Job lived about the time of Abraham. Ezra and Nehemiah were written between 450–400 B. C. Instead of being placed at the end of the Old Testament, they are placed near its center.

Its books were arranged according to what kind of literature that composes them. The first 14 books from Genesis to Esther are books of history. Job to Song of Solomon are books of poetry and the last 17 are books of prophecy. Once in their literary groups, they are arranged according to the historical contents in each one.

No matter what or-



der the books are placed in the Old Testament, they are still inspired by God (2 Tim. 3:16). “The Bible is the Word of God,” taught theologian B.B. Warfield, “in such a way that when the Bible speaks, God speaks.”

I encourage you to read the Bible daily. Both the Old and New Testament are God’s holy Word. It has been said, “This book (the Bible) will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book.” That’s still true today.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

**Have you checked out the hottest consignment shop in Marion?**

Children and Adult Clothing  
We make shopping fun...and oh-so affordable!

**Round 2 Boutique**  
220 S. Main St., Marion, KY

SHOP MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Buying and selling New and Gently Used Clothing at Yard Sale Pricing Everyday!

**DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**

**LIVE NATIVITY**  
Dec. 14, 15, 16 and 17  
6-8 p.m.  
69 Deer Creek Church Rd., Marion, KY  
(270) 965-2220

**ROMMEL ELLINGTON, JR.**

**Ellington DETAILING**

WASH • WAX • UPHOLSTERY STEAM CLEANING

Our Gift Certificates Make A Great Present!  
Pick Yours Up Today!

**FREE PICKUP & DELIVERY**

119 W. Gum St.  
Marion, KY 42064  
270.965.9090

# WORSHIP

with us this week

Visit one of our area churches for worship and fellowship

**EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH**

315 Emmaus Church Rd., Salem, Ky.  
Rodney Phelps, Pastor  
(270) 704-2400  
emmausbaptistsalem@outlook.com  
Follow us on Facebook

**Freedom General Baptist Church** Pastor: Ross Atwell

87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion (about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)

CHURCH TIMES:  
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

**Crooked Creek Baptist Church**

261 Crooked Creek Church Rd., P.O. Box 442, Marion, Ky. • (270) 704-0914  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
“Come and Worship with Us”

**St. William Catholic Church**

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

**Marion Baptist Church** Join us for praise & worship

College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232  
Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children’s & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holeman

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m.  
CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Greg Rushing

**PINEY FORK**

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Bible study 6 p.m.

A new beginning, going forward and looking to the future Ky. 506 | Marion, Ky.

**Mexico Baptist Church**

Minister of Music Mike Crabtree  
Pastor: Morgan Smith  
Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

175 Mexico Rd. (270) 965-4059 MexicoBaptist.org

**SEVEN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**

219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064  
Sunday evening service 5 p.m.  
Wednesday night service 6:30 p.m.

- We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know Christ, and to make Him known to the community around us. - Pastor Justin Miller

**Sugar Grove** Cumberland Presbyterian

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

**DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH** “Whatever It Takes”

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

Bro. Jamie Baker

**Crayne Community Church**

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

**Marion Methodist Church**

We love intensely, believe deeply, and pray zealously

SUN: Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 p.m.

South College St.

**Emmanuel Baptist Church**

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

**FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

**Frances Community Church**

Bro. Butch Gray  
Worship service:..... 11 a.m.  
Children’s Church ages 3 & up... 11 a.m.  
“The little church with a big heart”

**Tolu Methodist Church**

Pastor: David Brown  
We invite you to be our guest  
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

growing in grace 2 Peter 3:18

**PLEASANT GROVE General Baptist Church**

Located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem  
Sunday School 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. | Wed. 7 p.m.

**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.

**Barnett Chapel General Baptist**

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

**Marion Church of God**

334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.  
Morning Service 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.  
“Where salvation makes you a member.”

**Unity General Baptist Church**

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

**Marion Church of Christ**

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

# Classifieds *The Crittenden Press*

**The Press Online**  
CrittendenPress.Blogspot.com



## The Crittenden Press

125 E. Bellville St.,  
P.O. Box 191  
Marion, KY 42064  
(270) 965-3191  
information@the-press.com

Open weekdays  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Advertising deadline is 5 p.m., Monday**

Prepaid ads of 20 words or less are \$6 for one week, with a 10-cent charge for each word over the initial 20. Run the same ad for consecutive issues for only \$4 each week. Now, all regular classified ads are placed on our Web site, www.the-press.com, at no extra charge. You can also reach more than one million readers with one call! Contact the classified department for more information about placing a 25-word classified in 70 newspapers for only \$250. It is the policy of The Crittenden Press Inc., to fully comply with the Fair Housing Act and to never knowingly publish advertisements that discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or family status. If you believe an advertisement published in this newspaper is discriminatory, please contact the publisher immediately at (270) 965-3191. All phone numbers listed for ads on this page are within the 270 area code unless otherwise noted.

### for sale

Highland Brown laying hens for sale, \$6 each. (270) 704-1766 or (910) 674-5455. (5t-51-p)

Classified advertising works! Customers tell us they sell their items faster than they expect by listing in The Crittenden Press! Call (270) 965-3191 to post a

classified ad.

### sales

VFW Post 12022 yard sale, 412 N. College St., Marion, Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m.-? (1t-49-p)

### for rent

2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex \$550 rent, \$550 deposit. (270) 704-3234. (49-tfc) je

1 bedroom efficiency apartment, includes all utilities \$550.00 rent \$550.00 deposit. (270) 704-3234. (49-tfc) je

### services

Need dirt work done or have timber that needs cut? We do it all! Give us a call for ponds, dirt work, food plots and cut timber. Reasonable rates. (270) 213-1968. (4t-49-p)

**CONCRETE WORK:** Parking lots, garages, steel buildings, walls, sidewalks, driveways, room additions, rock driveways, clean ditches. Call for quote (270) 724-4672, Joe Mattingly Concrete Construction. (12t-4-p)

### notice

Advertise your job opening, event, items for sale, auction etc. in this newspaper plus 83 other Kentucky newspapers including The Paducah Sun, Kentucky New Era (Hopkinsville), The Sturgis News, The (Princeton) Times Leader, The (Providence) Journal-Enterprise, The Union County Advocate, The Henderson Gleaner, The Livingston Ledger and The (Madisonville) Messenger and for only \$250. Save time and money by making one call for all! For more information, contact the classified department at (270) 965-3191 or email us at advertising@the-press.com.

### bid notice

The Crittenden County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for the following lots:

Lot 1: Preschool Tech Desk - white and blue (46Lx28Wx30H)

Lot 2: 2 - Preschool Tech Tables - wooden (41Lx-29Wx22H)

Lot 3: 2 - Small preschool chairs

Lot 4: Wooden Toy Dollhouse

Lot 5: Toy Shopping Cart

Lot 6: 3 - Preschool Wooden Tables (47Lx-29Wx21H)

Lot 7: 7 - Preschool Lunch Tables (72Lx-28Wx30H)

Lot 8: Coat Cubby with 5 Hooks (48Wx48H)

Sealed bids must be submitted to CCBOE at 601 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 by Friday, December 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened. Sealed bids must include the lot number(s) for which you are bidding. For more information, contact Brian Kirby at 270-704-1166.

Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. (1t-49-c)

**M & G**

- plumbing
- septic tanks
- dirt work

270-704-0530  
270-994-3143

**BOBBY HOWARD'S GARAGE DOORS**

Sales • Service • Installation

Commercial & Residential  
Salem, KY 42078  
(270) 988-2568  
Cell (270) 508-0043  
Open 6 Days A Week  
INSURED

# LIST WITH US TODAY

## HOMESTEAD AUCTION REALTY

308 N. MAIN ST., MARION, KY 42064 • (270) 965-9999  
PRINCIPAL BROKER Darrin Tabor, (270) 704-0041  
www.homestadauctionrealty.com

### SPRING AUCTION DATES AVAILABLE NOW

### COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: December 5, 2024

Livingston County Fiscal Court  
321 Court St.  
Smithland, KY, 42081  
270.928.2162

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the Livingston County Fiscal Court.

#### TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS: Request for Release of Funds

On or about **December 23, 2024**, the Livingston County Fiscal Court will submit a request to the Department for Local Government for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

#### CLWD - Water Treatment Plant Expansion Clearwell - Phase I

This project includes the construction of an additional clearwell at the Crittenden-Livingston Water District Treatment Plant located at 716 Liv-Critt Water Plant Rd, Salem, KY 42078. (Census Tract: 040100)

#### Finding of No Significant Impact

The Livingston County Fiscal Court has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (PL-91-190) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the within project has been made by the Livingston County Fiscal Court which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the **Pennyriple Area Development District, 300 Hammond Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240** and the **Livingston County Fiscal Court Office of the Judge Executive, Michael Williams, 321 Court Street, Smithland, KY, 42081** and is available for public examination and copying, upon request between the hours of **8:00AM and 4:00PM**. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted.

#### Public Comments

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with the ERR decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Livingston County Fiscal Court to the office of the Judge Executive, Michael Williams, 321 Court Street, Smithland, KY, 42081. Such written comments should be received at the above location on or before **December 23, 2024**. All such comments so received will be considered prior to authorizing submission of a request for a release of funds or taking any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified on the proceeding sentence. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### Environmental Certification

The Livingston County Fiscal Court will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the Department for Local Government under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Livingston County Fiscal Court is certifying to the state that Michael Williams, in his official capacity as Judge Executive consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval Livingston County Fiscal Court may use the Block Grant funds and the state and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

#### Objection to Release of Funds

The state will accept objections to its release of funds and the Livingston County Fiscal Court certification for a period of **fifteen (15) days** following the anticipated submission dates or its actual receipt for the request (whichever is the later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- The certification was not in fact executed by the Livingston County Fiscal Court Certifying Officer.
- The Livingston County Fiscal Court has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to S58.41 or to make the written determination decision required by S578.57, 58.53 or 58.64 for the project, as applicable.
- The Livingston County Fiscal Court has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at Subparts F and G for the preparation and completion of an EA.
- No opportunity was given to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation or its Executive Director to review the effect of the project on a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places or found to be eligible for such listing by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.
- The recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of the release of funds and approval of the Environmental Certification by HUD or the State.
- Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department for Local Government, Office of Federal Grants, 100 Airport Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after **January 8, 2025** will be considered by the state. Potential objectors should contact the Department for Local Government to verify the actual last day of the state Comment period.

Michael Williams, Judge Executive  
Livingston County Fiscal Court  
321 Court Street  
Smithland, KY 42081

When veterinary care is unavailable or unaffordable, ask for Happy Jack® products to treat mane dandruff & allergy itch for dogs & cats.  
Akridge Farm Supply  
(270) 545-3332

### KELLY BROOK APARTMENTS

aka Public Housing Corporation of Sturgis

**Maintenance Free • Serene Settings  
Friendly Neighbors • Community Events**

Affordable HUD Section 8 senior/disabled 1 bedroom apartments

**Kelley Alloway, Management Agent**  
(270) 374-4000  
kellybrook@bellsouth.net

221 S. Holt Drive, P.O. Box 252, Sturgis, Ky. 42459

LUMBER YARD • HARDWARE • TOOLS • WINDOWS • DOORS

## LONE STAR BUILDING SUPPLY

LONESTARKY.COM

- Full Lumber Yard
- Free Quotes
- Delivery Available
- Building Supplies & Hardware

**11319 US HWY 62 WEST  
PRINCETON, KY**

Call for a free estimate!  
**270-365-7881**  
OPEN MON-FRI 7:30-4:30  
CLOSED SAT/SUN

**MUSGOVE OVERHEAD DOOR CO**  
270-365-7206

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL  
INSTALLATION AND SERVICE  
LOCATED INSIDE LONE STAR BUILDING SUPPLY

OFFICIAL DEALER FOR: **GRABER** **ProVia** **C.H.I.**

## Revive old memories!

Restore creased, torn or faded photos

Convert Black & White photos to Color

Starting at **\$20**

**The Crittenden Press**  
125 E. Bellville St., Marion, KY  
(270) 965-3191

# SportsShorts

## BASKETBALL UPCOMING GAMES

### AROUND THE 5TH DISTRICT BOYS

Dec 5 Lyon vs Christian at CFSB  
Dec 6 Crittenden hosts Union County  
Dec 6 Livingston hosts Fort Campbell  
Dec 6 Trigg at Todd County Central  
Dec 10 Livingston at Lyon County  
Dec 10 Lyon hosts Livingston Central  
Dec 10 Trigg hosts Crittenden County

### GIRLS

Dec 5 Lyon at Graves County  
Dec 6 Livingston at Muhlenberg Co.  
Dec 5 Crittenden hosts Union County  
Dec 10 Livingston at Lyon County  
Dec 10 Trigg hosts Crittenden  
Dec 10 Lyon hosts Livingston Central

## FOOTBALL KHSAA Playoffs

### LAST WEEK'S PLAYOFF SCORES

**Class A**  
Raceland 14, Kentucky Country Day 0  
Sayre 35, Campbellsville 14  
**Class 2A**  
Owensboro Catholic 27, Somerset 14  
Beechwood 44, Lexington Christian 24  
**Class 3A**  
Christian Academy 50, Lex. Catholic 14  
Union County 43, Belfry 21  
**Class 4A**  
Paducah Tilghman 31, Corbin 14  
Franklin County 14, Covington Catholic 10  
**Class 5A**  
Bowling Green 31, South Warren 28  
Cooper 61, Highlands 23  
**Class 6A**  
Ryle 35, Great Crossing 7  
Trinity 17, Frederick Douglass 0

### State Championship Games Friday, December 6 at Kroger Field in Lexington all times CST

**Class A**  
Raceland vs. Sayre, 11am  
**Class 2A**  
Owensboro Catholic vs. Beechwood, 3pm  
**Class 4A**  
Franklin Co. vs. Paducah Tilghman, 7pm

**Saturday, December 7**  
**Class 3A**  
Christian Academy vs. Union Co., 11am  
**Class 6A**  
Ryle vs. Louisville Trinity, 3pm  
**Class 5A**  
Cooper vs. Bowling Green, 7pm

## OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

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

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



Hayden Hughes harvested this 7-point buck on the last day of deer rifle season. Next up for whitetail enthusiasts is the blackpowder season, which runs from Dec. 14 through Dec. 22.

## MOTORCYCLING Arenacross at Sturgis

Western Kentucky Arenacross will host an indoor winter race series Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7 at Union County Expo Center in Sturgis.

FOLLOW THE ROCKETS AT THE PRESS ONLINE  
www.The-Press.com Sports Tab  
@CrittendenPress on Twitter  
CrittendenPress/youtube.com

# Girls go low to beat Caldwell in opener

STAFF REPORT

Despite some foul trouble in its first game of the season, Crittenden County dominated Caldwell County 66-41 Monday at Princeton by focusing on its inside game.

Center Bristyn Rushing and guard Anna Boone were whistled for a couple of fouls in the first half, leading to some bench time as a precautionary measure. Meanwhile, the rest of the Lady Rocket crew kicked up some dust and raced out to nearly a 20-point lead by halftime.

The Lady Rockets used their superior size to dominate inside, with backup center Morgan Stewart contributing 12 points. When Rushing returned to the floor, she added 12 of her team-high 19 points in the second half. It was a career-high for the junior, who averaged a half dozen points last season.

CCHS showcased balanced scoring with four players in double figures on a night when its leading scorer, Boone, wasn't one of them due to limited minutes from



Coach Shannon Hodge, starting her 32nd season as the Lady Rocket skipper, had to go to her bench early in the season-opening win at Caldwell County.



Bristyn Rushing drives to the basket for one of her career-high nine field goals in the game.

foul trouble.

Crittenden has now beaten Caldwell six straight times.

The Lady Rockets (1-0) are back in action for a rare Wednesday game at 6:30 p.m. at Marshall County in the prestigious HoopFest Tournament. CCHS will face last year's Fourth Region runner-up Todd Central (1-0), which beat McLean

County 63-44 on Monday.

In another scheduling note, the boys' and girls' double-header scheduled for Friday at home against Union County has been moved to Thursday because of Union's advancement in the state football playoffs.

Crittenden County 19 34 53 66  
Caldwell County 6 17 31 41  
CRITTENDEN - Rushing 19, Stewart

# Rockets search for offense as Trojans rain 3s

STAFF REPORT

It was a tough start for the Rockets as they looked for offense from a lineup that's plenty deep but limited in scoring experience.

Webster County held Crittenden County scoreless in the first quarter, and by halftime, only senior CamRon Belcher and freshman Hudson Stokes had a basket apiece as CCHS trailed 49-14.

Belcher finished with a game-high eight points, and center Chase Conyer added five.

The Trojans used pinpoint shooting, nailing 14 threes to bury the Rockets early. CCHS had no three-pointers in the game.

Crittenden County will host Union County on Thursday. The game was originally set for Friday but has been moved up a day because of Union's advancement to the Class 3A state football championship.

The Rockets will have to find some offense quickly, however, as they open Fifth District play on Tuesday at Trigg County.

Webster County 28 49 59 72  
Crittenden County 0 4 12 18  
WEBSTER - Bardwell 3, Austin 28, Hardison 5, Davis 6, McDyer 11, Phelps 6, Alstadt 12, Hardrick, Messamore 1. 3-pointers 14. FT 4-9.  
CRITTENDEN - LaRue, Belcher 8, Candelario, Poindexter, Conyer 5, Porter 1, Dayberry, Stokes 2, Young 2, Thomas, C.Poindexter, Travis. 3-pointers 0. FT 4-10.



Rocket guard CamRon Belcher drives to the basket during a recent pre-season scrimmage at Rocket Arena.



## Heading to Postseason

Crittenden County Middle School's basketball season will be winding down this month. Pictured above is eighth-grader Sarah Grau (5) operating against a Caldwell County defender during a recent game at Marion. At right is eighth-grade guard Abigail Champion looking inside for an open teammate. The CCMS seventh grade girls open district play Thursday against Trigg County. The tournament is at Livingston County. The CCMS seventh-grade boys open with Lyon. The eighth-grade tournament is next week.



PHOTOS BY ELIOT EVANS

**8th Grade Lady Rockets**  
Crittenden 33, Dawson Springs 4  
Champion 12, Grau, 4, Kemmer 2, Martin 6, O. Mattingly 7, Mela Kate Penn 2.

**Crittenden 35, Livingston 25**  
Champion 5, Rich 5, Grau 8, Kemmer 2, A. Mattingly 7, Martin 8.

**Crittenden 27, Caldwell 26**  
Champion 10, Rich 2, Grau, 6, Kemmer 1, A. Mattingly 2, Martin 7.

**7th Grade Lady Rockets**  
Livingston 21, Crittenden 9  
O. Mattingly 2, Mela Kate Penn 2, Fiona Lowden 5.

**Caldwell 29, Crittenden 17**  
O. Mattingly 6, Nelson 3, Penn 6, Louden 2.

**8th Grade Rockets**  
Crittenden 48, Trigg 10  
Bryant 8, Bumpus 9, Topp 5, Hutchison 5, Myers 14, Champion 4, Collins 1.

**Caldwell 43, Crittenden 23**  
Bryant 12, Bumpus 4, Topp 3, Hutchison 2, Champion 2.

**7th Grade Rockets**  
Crittenden 30, Trigg 22  
Myers 13, Maraman 6, Adamson 3, Brown 7, Merrill 2.

**Caldwell 44, Crittenden 13**  
Myers 6, Maraman 2, Taylor 5.

# Fredonia Valley Bank



fredoniavalleybank.com



Your Independent Bank  
Since 1894

Fredonia 270-545-3301 Eddyville 270-388-2265

LOCAL people • Investments • decisions • commitment

Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Drive-Thru 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-noon, Drive-Thru Only





## BY THE NUMBERS - CRITTENDEN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER HOUSING REVENUE

These figures reflect only revenue from housing and transportation dollars. See Receipts and Disbursements below for complete revenue figures

Calendar Year	State Housing Payments	Federal Housing Payments	Federal Payments	Lyon County Payments	Other County Payments	Weekender Payments	Total Housing Payments	Cost of County Inmates	County Inmate Days	County Inmate Monthly Avg	Avg. Monthly Revenue
2024 (10 months)	\$820,524.12	\$1,186,260.00	\$140,872.23	\$207,288.00	\$15,994.00	\$4,192.00	\$2,375,240.35	\$178,464.00	5,577	18.3	\$237,524.04
2023	\$1,268,458.62	\$1,031,499.00	\$98,947.00	\$178,560.00	\$8,000.00	\$3,552.00	\$2,504,834.79	\$179,840.00	5,620	15.44	\$208,736.23
2022	\$1,065,502.68	\$1,272,245.16	\$92,859.33	\$313,272.00	\$34,272.00	\$5,984.00	\$2,691,275.84	\$158,656.00	4,958	13.64	\$224,272.99
2021	\$931,644.18	\$1,545,204.87	\$108,780.87	\$274,248.00	\$3,584.00	\$7,552.00	\$2,765,233.05	\$137,024.00	4,282	11.73	\$230,436.09
2020	\$1,125,611.96	\$1,300,066.20	\$109,268.20	\$195,380.00	\$7,226.67	\$4,700.00	\$2,608,048.88	\$157,294.00	4,078	13.4	\$217,337.40

DAILY AVG	FY 22	FY23	FY24	July 2024	August 2024	September 2024	October 2024
State Inmates	82.5	95.6	91.89	71.93	74.26	70.13	68.27
Federal Inmates	80	59.5	65.02	66.83	70.1	64.68	64.4
Other County	23.58	18.16	16.9	20.6	21.81	20.03	18.43
Critt Inmates	15.25	19.43	16.7	21.9	16	13.94	16.57
Total avg daily	201.5	1192.8	190.59	181.26	182.17	168.78	167.67

### Crittenden County Detention Center



JAIL CENSUS	Oct 2024 Avg	Sept 2024 Avg	Monthly Average 2023
State Inmates	62.9	68.27	99.25
Federal Inmates	61.9	64.4	57.85
Other County Inmates	19.3	18.43	12.78
Crittenden County Inmates	26	16.57	13.81
<b>TOTAL INMATES</b>	<b>170.1</b>	<b>167.67</b>	<b>183.75</b>
Highest Daily Count	179	181	—
Lowest Daily Count	173	161	—

#### DETENTION CENTER REPORT

November 21, 2024

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count is an average for last month.

- Federal Inmates \$57 Per diem
- State Inmates \$35.34 Per diem
- Lyon County Inmates \$36.00
- Other County Inmates \$32.00

Last Month REVENUE	October 2024	September 2024	Monthly Average 2023
State Housing Payments	\$68,948.34	\$72,376.32	\$105,704.89
Federal Housing Payments	\$109,440.00	\$110,124.00	\$85,958.25
Federal Transport Payments	\$13,829.15	\$14,863.91	\$8,245.58
Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$19,152.00	\$17,784.00	\$14,880.00
Other County Housing Payments	\$1,696.00	\$1,696.00	\$666.67
Weekend/Work Release	\$448.00	\$192.00	\$296.00
<b>TOTAL HOUSING</b>	<b>\$213,513.49</b>	<b>\$217,036.23</b>	<b>\$208,736.23</b>

Last Month ANALYSIS	October 2024	September 2024	Monthly Average 2023
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$25,792.00	\$15,904.00	\$14,986.67
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	806	497	468.33
County Daily Housing Rate	32	32	\$32.00
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	26	16.57	15.44



### JAIL

Continued from page 1  
ous categories, with both declines and modest increases observed in some populations. The accompanying data provide insight into the evolving dynamics of inmate demographics in recent years.

State inmate numbers have dropped since FY22, reflecting a 17.25% fall by October 2024.

Federal inmates figures saw an even sharper decline of 19.5% since FY22. Although the federal inmate population has trended downward, revenue from Uncle Sam has actually gone up in calendar year 2024 because on Jan. 1 housing per diem increased from \$49 to \$57. Additionally, the county jail received this year an increase in the hourly fee the federal government pays for transporting its prisoners to and from court appearances.

Over the past four years, federal inmates have made up between 30 to 40 percent of the jail's population.

Inmates housed for other counties has also dropped over the past two or three years, falling 21.84%.

Meanwhile, the number of local county inmates is steadily increasing, placing a greater financial burden on the county. Unlike inmates held for state, federal, or other county governments – whose cost-plus is reimbursed – those detained for Crittenden County criminal cases represent a 100% net expense to the county.

"I've got 172 beds that I can fill. And if we're filling 34 of them with county inmates that we're not receiving money for, I can't put anybody else in those beds," the jailer said.

When all categories are combined, the detention center's daily population had decreased by 16.79% from FY22 levels to October of this year, but some of the older monthly figures are not actually average census numbers. They reflect a one-day sample, so the comparisons could be a bit skewed based on a change in the

monthly reporting format.

The jailer says the overall decline aligns with broader efforts to reduce incarceration rates statewide and an effort to manage populations more effectively through diversion programs, probation policy and sentencing alternatives.

"State inmates is the biggest deficit that we see," Hayes said. "We're seeing 30 fewer state inmates than what we used to see. And that's across the board, that's all the way across the state. They're trying to do more releases before trial. They're trying to keep people out of jail more."

A review of financial data for January through October of this year reveals a total of \$3,068,847.30 in receipts compared to \$3,214,151.51 in disbursements, leaving a deficit of \$145,304.21 for the 10-month period. Monthly revenues remained relatively steady, ranging from a low of \$275,557.82 in September to a peak of \$359,549.77 in May. Expenditures, however, showed more

fluctuation, with the highest monthly total recorded in July at \$455,073.94.

The jailer said July is when many of the detention center's annual contracts come due with providers for various services. The facility is also aging, she said, built in 2007, costs are increasing to replace aging fixtures and appliances.

While most months saw spending outpacing revenue, April and May were exceptions, with receipts slightly surpassing disbursements.

July's expenses exceeded revenue by \$147,283.44.

Hayes says the political climate since the November election is already indicating that more inmates will be moving through the system in the coming months.

"I do think that the climate is shifting back. I have a feeling by the time they start arresting and doing the deportations, we're going to see an increase, for sure. I don't think it's time to panic. Yes, there are some challenges ahead, and inflation

is the biggest one. Our food costs have doubled and utilities are up 40 percent."

Payroll is also rising. Judge Newcom and Hayes both say that competition for employees is strong in the region because there are three state prisons nearby that compete for corrections officers. Pay has to be competitive, or recruitment and retention of workers is made even more difficult, they say. The jail has 41 employees right now, including the jailer.

Beyond the economic impact of the jail's payroll, of great benefit to the community is the inmate work-release program.

"We've been doing a lot with work crews. We've cleaned up bays for the animal shelter, helped repaint the Senior Center, and assisted with the city's leaf pickup," Hayes said.

Inmates also provide mowing for many publicly owned facilities, including the 40-acre park, and also crews spent a few days this fall cleaning curbs and sidewalks in the city.

### COLE

Continued from page 1  
with utilities included, depending on renters' financial qualifications.

Even without formal advertising, interest in the complex has surged, Myers said.

"We've already got 40 names on our contact list out of 48 units just by word of mouth."

Applications likely will open in early spring, with occupancy beginning once the initial phase is completed. The entire project should be completed by June or July. The contractor, which began work in August, had eight months to finish the project.

Unlike other developments managed by Homeland, this complex has specific income thresholds and is not designed for zero-income households.

"People sometimes confuse this with Belleville Manor, but this is different. There are income and age qualifications because it's a tax credit housing development," Myers explained.

Occupancy guidelines also limit the number of residents per unit, such as two people for a one-bedroom or six for a three-bedroom.

Myers says the project comes at a critical time for Crittenden County, identified as one of Kentucky's most underserved areas for affordable housing during a recent Opportunity360 study. Myers said she routinely gets calls for people looking for housing.

"They are people who are homeless," or living in undesirable environments, she said.

The property was annexed into the city about

a year ago to facilitate utility connections, including sewer and water services. The developer has also committed to fully restoring McMican Road, which has been affected by construction, to its original condition. The contractor has taken additional steps to ensure adequate fire suppression systems in the area, and will be installing privacy fencing for nearby Country Drive residents, said Mayor D'Anna Browning.

The mayor also said those additional sewer connections could potentially help stave off further environmental fees associated with the new

sewer plant; and with the recent completion of the Lake George dam rehabilitation project, water supply is not the concern it was months ago.

Once the project is done, McMican Road will be accepted into the city streets system.

While the housing complex manager has

been taking names to add to a contact list, there have been no applications taken at this time. The application will take a little time once it's open.

"It's a pretty extensive process," Myers said. "It starts with a background check."

## NOVEMBER 2024

### Weather Yearbook

	Coldest Temp	Warmest Temp	Wettest Day
	20.3	78.4	1.42
	Sat., Nov. 30	Sun., Nov. 3	Wed., Nov. 5

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Average Temp	51.7	49.3	47.1	44.6	51.4	41.9
Coldest Temp	20.3	23.9	17.1	20.1	25.8	7.7
Hottest Temp	78.4	79.8	79.5	70	79.1	66.7
Precipitation	4.8	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.66	6.33
Wettest Day	1.42	0.46	0.42	0.44	1.44	1.59

■ November 2024 saw a range of temperatures from almost 80 degrees early in the month to just ahead of the teens by the last of the month. It was a tale of two climates, so to speak, from balmy afternoons of mercury rising into the 70s seven times and daily highs hovering in the mild 60s or higher for more than half of the month. Rain finally started to catch up with the norm in November as the county saw 4.8 inches and 11 days of measurable precipitation.

# Free!

## A Very Merry CHRISTMAS BENEFIT

### SUPPORTING CUMBERLAND RIVER HOMES

December 13 at 6pm

AT SALEM BAPTIST SALEM, KY

HOLIDAY MARKET OPENS AT 5PM

CUMBERLAND RIVER HOMES CHOIR

ACCOMPANIED BY JULIE WEDDING

# Changes coming for custom license plate renewal

If you own any state university, firefighter or other special license plate typically paid in December, next year, it will come due in your birth month. That means you could be paying tax and license twice within a few months.

The statewide change by Kentucky Motor Vehicle Licensing is to align these registrations with a statutory requirement for renewal in the owner's birth month. KRS 186A.035 became official on July 15, 2024.

It's important to remember that customers will still be



paying annual licensing fees just once a year, as always — one time for the 12 months of 2024, once for the 12 months of 2025, etc. But the transition will move the burden of payment closer together from this year to next.

"We understand this stings for many of these drivers, especially those born in the first

few months of the year," said Crittenden County Clerk Daryl K. Tabor. "But it does not cheat the customer of months already paid. You still get 365 days of registration with each payment."

"We will be reminding all those renewing in December of the change so that they can prepare for the change as best as possible."

Customers born in January should get a year's reprieve but can expect to pay all renewal fees in December 2024, December 2025 and January 2026 for the respective years of

registration. If you were born in any other month, you should expect to pay in December 2024 and in 2025 in the month of your birthdate.

If you share a vehicle title with another person whose birth month might be more advantageous by coming later in the year, county clerks can change the designated owner to that individual. However, all notifications related to that vehicle will be addressed to the new designated owner.

If you have questions, please feel free to call Crittenden County Clerk's office at 270-

965-3403.

All plates affected by the change include: Amateur Radio, Congressional, Eastern Kentucky University, Emergency Management, Firefighter, Fraternal Order of Police, Judicial, Kentucky State University, Masonic Order, Morehead State University, Northern Kentucky University, Representative, Representative duplicate, Senator, Senator duplicate, Street Rod, personalize Street Rod, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and Western Kentucky State University.



## Have a cup of coffee with Supt. Driver

Crittenden County School Superintendent Tonya Driver is inviting the community to the next Coffee and Conversations event, continuing her efforts to connect with residents and share updates on the school district. This month's gathering will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 88 Dip.

During these informal morning coffee breaks, Supt. Driver discusses district initiatives, listens to community feedback and answers questions from attendees. As an added treat, the district will be buying coffee for patrons who join the conversation during the event.

The November Coffee and Conversations was held at Candy's Kitchen (pictured above) where Supt. Driver is shown have a discussion with community members, including Shawn Stinnett, about school programs and upcoming projects.

# ROCKET NATION

## WE'VE GOT SPIRIT, HOW ABOUT YOU?

Show your school pride with every purchase and for a limited time, we'll waive the debit card replacement fee.

Visit our Marion Banking Center today to get your Rocket debit card.

---

305 N Main St ● Marion, KY

Member FDIC EQUAL HOUSING LENDER