



Judge appoints interim jailer, county attorney following resignations

Jailer Elect–Robbie Kirk and County Attorney Elect–Chad Nelson were sworn to office on Wednesday by Crittenden County Judge–Executive Perry Newcom. Both are being appointed early to fill unexpired terms following resignations by Jailer Athena Hayes and County Attorney Bart Frazer. Kirk and Nelson had captured Republican primary victories over Hayes and Frazer, respectively, last May. The two will serve in interim roles fulfilling the unexpired terms of their predecessors before beginning full four–year terms of their own starting in January.

Measles found in nearby counties

KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS
In the past week, 29 more measles cases were confirmed in Kentucky. As of Sept. 28, the state’s measles dashboard reported 78 cases in the current outbreak, up from 49 a week ago. The dashboard is updated daily Monday through Friday, except on state holidays. Those cases are in Barren (5 cases); Caldwell (2); Carroll (5); Christian (36); Lewis (2); Owen (2); Todd (1); Trigg (19); Trimble (1); and Washington (5) counties. Seven people in this outbreak have been hospitalized. No new counties were added to the list last week, but there were big jumps in a few counties: Carroll added four new cases, Christian added 16 new cases and Trigg added nine new cases. Except for two cases, all of the confirmed cases, including four in Jessamine County earlier this year that are not part of the



current outbreak, are in individuals who are either unvaccinated or whose vaccination status is unknown, according to the dashboard. The dashboard reports that one of the individuals had received one dose of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, and one had received the recommended two–dose series of the vaccine. Measles is a highly contagious respiratory virus that can cause serious health complications, especially in young children. Measles is spread through the air, where it can remain suspended for up to two hours. One infected person can infect nine in 10 unprotected people around them. Early symptoms of measles begin seven to 14 days after exposure and include high fever, cough, runny nose, and red/watery eyes. The characteristic measles rash can appear three to five days after symptoms begin, usually on the face before spreading down to the rest of the body. A two–dose MMR vaccine is 97% effective against measles, and people of any age can get it. The measles vaccination series is typically given to children at 12 to 15 months and then at 4 to 6 years old. Anyone who is concerned about being exposed to measles is asked to call their provider or local health department to seek guidance on how to proceed. Anyone who has measles should talk to their healthcare provider from home and stay away from other people until their symptoms are resolved.

Shelter takes in 32 dogs during August

Crittenden County Animal Shelter took in 32 dogs during August and ended the month with 46 dogs at the shelter and another 10 in foster care, according to its monthly intake

and discharge report. During August, 17 dogs were adopted, nine were transferred to rescue organizations and three were reclaimed by their owners. Two dogs were euthanized, one for behavioral reasons and one for medical reasons. One dog in foster care died after being struck by a vehicle, and another escaped and could not be relocated. The shelter reported \$1,866 in receipts for the month, including \$1,220 from pet adoptions, \$566 in donations, \$75 in reclaim fees and \$5 in dog license fees. **Riverview Park has 80 Aug. camp nights** Riverview Park recorded 80 camping nights during August, continuing steady summer use of the county–operated campground at the former Dam 50 site along the Ohio River. The park reported 77 RV nights and three tent nights during the month. Riverview has seven full–hookup RV pads, with water, sewer and electric service, as well as areas for primitive tent camping. RV sites are \$30 per night, while tent camping is \$5. Financial records show \$1,800 in RV site revenue during the month.

Highway 60 Yard Sale

Western Kentucky’s Highway 60 Yard Sale will be held starting today through Sunday along a 200–mile route through eight counties. The event stretches through Meade, Breckinridge, Hancock, Daviess, Henderson, Union, Crittenden and Livingston counties. Indoor and outdoor sales will generally be open from dawn to dusk. **KY forest fire season** Kentucky’s fall forest fire hazard season begins on Thursday, Oct. 1 and runs through Dec. 15, during which state law strictly prohibits open burning within 150 feet of any woodland or brushland between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. *Between Printed Editions Tune in to The Press Online for breaking news.*



THROWBACK THURSDAY: In 2016, Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander presented keys to the city to Ethel Tucker, left, Margaret June Johnson, center, and Judy Winn during the Woman’s Club of Marion’s 96th anniversary celebration. The club honored the three as members of more than 50 years.

50 YEARS AGO October 1, 1976

■ Sale of the Crittenden Hotel brought a bigger crowd to the old business than it had seen in several days. The building was bought by Robert Brantley and Dr. Byron Jay. It was to be remodeled to accommodate Dr. Jay’s office when he moved back here. ■ A mass swine flu immunization clinic was set for November to administer the vaccine to all county residents 18 and older who wanted it. The federal inoculation program was to be administered locally through the Crittenden County Health Department. Nurse Frances Teer and county health official Don Robertson explained that several types of swine flu vaccine will be available — for children ages 3 to 17 with chronic illnesses, for those ages 18 to 55 with no health problems, and for adults 55 and older and those with chronic health problems. The shot was free if given at a public health agency. While doctors also gave the shots, they did charge for the vaccine, only for the office visit. ■ The Junior Beta Club at Crittenden County Middle School met Sept. 16 to elect officers for this school year and discuss plans for the initiation of new members. Elected as officers were Dianne Frazer, president; Cindy Hendrix, vice president; Rhonda Shouse, secretary; Angie James, treasurer; and Carol Baird, reporter–historian. New members to be initiated are Sandy Buntin, Lisa Phelps and Pam Roberts. The Junior Beta Club sponsor was Mrs. Gareth Hardin, middle school librarian. ■ The Crittenden County Little League Football Booster Club met and elected the following officers: Geri McKinney, president; J. Fred Mills, vice president; Mrs. Nancy Brewer, secretary; and Charles F. Talley, treasurer. There were 25 parents present from every school district in the county. Enthusiasm was high, and it was decided to prepare the students to participate in a football program that the county could be proud of. The CCLLF believed the students were capable of meeting competition if they were properly trained. It took \$1,000 to outfit the entire team.

10 YEARS AGO September 29, 2016

■ Crittenden County High School Class of 1956 members gathered for their 60–year reunion at The Heritage at Marion Country Club in August 2016. Pictured were Martha (Cook) Kirk, Patricia (Presley) Villines, Sam Hodge, Donald Martin, Paul Crowell, Paul Belt, Wendell Ordway, C.W. Stevens, Wayne Sigler, Rachel (Linn) Kirby, Sarah (Alexander) Ford, Wanda (Hodge) Jennings, Tommy (Wring), Jane (Newcom) Syers, Roberta (Drury) Shewmaker, Joyce (Winters) Claghorn, Brendyth (Easley) Boone, Nancy (Hopkins) Riesling, Doris Gremmel (Hodge) Lynn, Emerly Dewitt, Samuel Brandon and Bobby R. Fox. Junior Williams and Elvis James were also present but not pictured. The photo was courtesy of Sheila Truitt. ■ In another reunion photograph was the Crittenden County High School Class of 1952, which had gathered for its 64–year reunion at Fredonia Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Class members traveled from Kentucky, Florida, Missouri, Indiana and Maryland for the gathering. Pictured were Jo Ann (Kemp) Asbridge, Barbara (Yandell) Moss, Jerri (Yandell) Westerfield, Bernice (Sutton) Owens, Mary (Boyd) Stiegemeier, Dorothy (Stone) Boone, Faye (Rednour) Conner, Sharon Ferguson, Frances (Fowler) Moore, Frances (Slaton) Herrin, Ernestine (Brandon) Shores and Blanton (Osborne) Croft.

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Crittenden County Public Library

This week’s new selections at the Crittenden County Public Library range from major new fiction and mysteries to romance, cookbooks, graphic novels and books for younger readers. Leading the week’s additions is Hollow Bones by Jodi Picoult. The novel centers on Molly Fitzgerald, who was just 2 months old on Sept. 11, 2001, when her mother went to an appointment at the World Trade Center and never returned. Raised by a loving father and stepmother, Molly nevertheless grows up with a deep fear of disaster and the knowledge that life can change without warning. Picoult uses that background to explore the risks people take to protect those they love. Mystery readers can turn to Richard Osman’s *We Chase Shadows*, available as downloadable audio. The latest installment in his *We Solve Murders* series sends Amy, Rosie and Steve into their first major case after a body is discovered on the steps of a private villa in the Italian hills. A threatening note left with the victim sets the trio off on another globe–trotting investigation. There is a supernatural twist to B.K. Borison’s *Grim Tidings*. Darcy Moore is a Grim Reaper who has grown tired of death and decides that instead of taking her next assigned soul to the underworld, she is going to save him. Her rebellion brings her into conflict with a skeptical Guardian and forces the pair into an unlikely partnership in a story mixing romance, fantasy and the afterlife. For readers who prefer psychological suspense, Sarah Pekkanen’s *Gone Tonight* examines the complicated relationship between a mother and daughter. Ruth Sterling has spent years keeping secrets about her past while frequently moving with her daughter, Catherine. When Catherine begins questioning the life her mother has constructed, the two become caught in a web of deception as danger from Ruth’s past moves closer. Young adult suspense is represented by Natalie D. Richards’ *Two Perfect Lies*. Clara has spent two years trying to escape an incident that left her with a criminal record and made her an outcast. Her friendship with popular classmate Lily Dalton appears to have given her a second chance, but one lie made Lily a hero and another threatens to frame Clara for murder. Another thriller is Elizabeth Goddard’s *When the Silence Breaks*, available in large print. Intelligence analyst Sarah Ellison learns that her grandfather made a deathbed confession connected to her brother’s murder. Her investigation points toward



a decades–old government secret hidden in the Cascade Mountains, leading her to seek help from former Navy SEAL Ryder Goodwin, who knows the rugged terrain. Romance readers have Laurie Gilmore’s *The Strawberry Patch* Pancake House. Archer is a renowned chef and single father who never expected to move to a small town or run a pancake restaurant.

SECTION 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for “Zone Meter and Commercial Meter Installations” for the City of Marion will be received by the City of Marion, 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 until 11:00 a.m. (local time) on October 21, 2026, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

The scope of work includes the installation of approximately 110 zone and commercial AMI water meters which have been pre-purchased by the city of Marion. The work shall include the removal of the old meters and proper installation of the new meters. Work required will vary and will include complete new meter boxes/services, removing concrete and replacing, removing dirt/mud from boxes to access meters, etc. Zone meter installations shall include excavation, purchase and installation of pre-cast vaults, and piping, valves, and meter installation.

The Bid Form and Specification may be examined at the following:

Eclipse Engineers, PLLC 113 West Mt. Vernon Street Somerset, KY 42501 42064 (606) 451-0959	City of Marion 217 South Main Street Marion, Kentucky (270) 965-2266
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Copies of the BID Package may be obtained by contacting Eclipse Engineers listed above. Partial sets of documents will not be provided.

The OWNER reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

No BIDDER may withdraw Bid within ninety (90) consecutive calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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