

Deaths

Millikan

Loretta Millikan, 86, died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was a nurse but spent much of her career working as a bookkeeper. She was a member of Victory Assembly of God Worship Center. She enjoyed dancing, gospel singing, attending church, and spending time with her beloved dog and cat. Above all, she cherished her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought great joy to her life.

Surviving are her special boyfriend, Randall Edwards; a brother, Ben Harris of Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Tyler Hunter of Salem and Tyanna (Cody) Peek of Fredonia; three great-grandchildren, Payzli, Josiah, and Gracelynn; a niece; and a nephew.



She was preceded in death by a daughter, Tammy (Calvin “Tiny”) Hunter; her parents, Glynn “Shorty” and Thelma Shuecraft Harris; and her husband, Robert Millikan.

Funeral services were Sunday, Oct. 4 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. Gary DeRossett officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Small

Shirley S. Small, 90, of Marion, died Friday, Oct. 2, 2026 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah. She was a member of Marion Baptist Church and enjoyed working in her yard, watching UK basketball games, golf and NFL games on TV.

Surviving are a daughter, Julie (Scott) Mellecker of Buckeye, Arizona.; a daughter-in-law, Lois Manley of Dunedin, Fla.; three grandchildren,



Jill Mellecker of Seattle, Wash., Matt Mellecker of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Robin Carr of Largo, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Small of Marion; parents, Robert and Ruth Hughes of Marion; a son, Stuart Manley of Dunedin, Fla.; two brothers, Charles Hughes and Robert Hughes; four sisters, Anna Mair of Evansville, Mary Stalion of Marion, Mickey Hughes of Huntsville, Ala., and Jerry Beavers of Marion.

Services were Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home with entombment in Mapleview Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Crittenden County Historical Society and Museum; the Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter or the Crittenden County Animal Shelter.

Griffin

William Bennette “Ben” Griffin, 52, of Dycusburg, died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026 at his home. He was born Oct. 16,

1973 to the late William David and Barbara Ray Griffin. He attended Dycusburg Methodist Church. He had a heart of gold and was known to be generous, especially for children during Christmas time. He never knew a stranger. He loved to chat with everyone and had a way of making everyone feel like they had a friend in him. He also cherished his baby girl, Naudia.

Surviving are two sisters, Sherri (Bill) Peek of Fredonia and Lori (David) Kinnes of Salem; adored nephews, Adam (Nicole) Kinnes of Symsonia and Seth Peek of Fredonia.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mutt and Mary Lou Griffin.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 10 at Dycusburg Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Dycusburg Cemetery Fund, c/o Hannah Stinnett, 1050 State Route 902, Fredonia, KY 42411.

Paid obituary

Crittenden County Animal Clinic

SURGICAL PROCEDURES

Crittenden County Animal Clinic performs surgical procedures including spays, neuters, a variety of small animal surgeries castrations, enucleations, lacerations, dentals and extractions.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Maddux • Dr. Michelle Hughes
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Crittenden County Homemakers

ANNUAL

Twilight Walk

Kickoff to KEHA Week!

October 11-17

KENTUCKY EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS ASSOCIATION WEEK

Join the Crittenden County Homemakers for their annual Twilight Walk on

Monday, October 12,

from 4-6 p.m.

at the City/County Park.

This year's walk will feature a special

fall soup sampling

Inspired by the Homemaker Leader Lesson, "Thrifty and Healthy Holiday Meals."

Enjoy a variety of delicious soups while gathering ideas for affordable, healthy meals to enjoy throughout the fall and holiday season.

Monday, October 12 | **4-6 p.m.** | **City/County Park**

Come enjoy a beautiful fall afternoon, connect with friends and neighbors, and help the Crittenden County Homemakers celebrate KEHA Week!

Good Food • Healthy Choices
Stronger Communities

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider

Everyone is Welcome!

The Twilight Walk is open to all community members—you do not have to be a Homemaker member to participate.

Come for the walk, the soup, the fellowship, or simply to learn more about Crittenden County Homemakers!

- Thursday, Oct. 8**

 - The Virgil Jones VFW in Marion will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW building located at 412 N. College St. Refreshments will be served.
 - Line dancing begins at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Center.
 - New Era begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Crittenden County Extension Office.
- Monday, Oct. 12**

 - Fall Garden Class begins 4:30 p.m. at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.
 - Life Skills 101 begins at 6 p.m. at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.
- Tuesday, Oct. 13**

 - Hooks and Needles begins at noon at Crittenden County Public Library.
 - After Hours begin at 5 p.m. at the Crittenden County Extension Office.
 - There will be a CEC meeting at 5 p.m at the Crittenden County Lions Club.
- Wednesday, Oct. 14**

Challengers Homemakers Club will meet from noon-1 p.m. at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.
- Thursday, Oct. 15**

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

den County Extension Annex.

- WITS Workout begins at noon at the Crittenden Co. Senior Center.
- There will be a regular City Council Meeting starting at 5 p.m. at Marion City Hall.

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CURRENT

A Descendant's Journey for Truth

(A SCREENING OF THE DOCUMENTARY ROUGH CUT)

Whether enslaved or free, African Americans were at the center of western migration.

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026
10-11:30 am

CRITTENDEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Featuring local residents!
currentfilm2024@gmail.com

HOSTED BY THE CRITTENDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CURRENTFILM.ORG

Follow the life of an enslaved girl named **Matilda (Lewis) Threlkeld** who was fathered by Thomas Jefferson's nephew and forced west to Kentucky in 1807.

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-14 AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR OF 2026

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at its special called meeting held on September 17, 2026, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a regular called meeting of the City Council held on August 17, 2026, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance levies an ad valorem tax on each One Hundred Dollar of Fair Cash value of the below listed property in the City of Marion, Kentucky:

\$.2270 per One Hundred Dollar	Real Property
\$.2900 per One Hundred Dollar	Personal Property
\$.2270 per One Hundred Dollar	Public Utilities
\$.2270 per One Hundred Dollar	Motor Vehicles
\$.2270 per One Hundred Dollar	Motor Boats

These assessments are due by November 1, 2026. If paid after a 25% penalty will be assessed. and shall bear interest at the rate of ten per cent (10%) per annum.

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

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