

Lynch’s 4-H service kept her hopping in August

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County 4-Her Emme Lynch spent much of August in Louisville representing Kentucky youth as she carried out her duties as a state officer during the Kentucky State Fair.

Lynch, who is serving this year as Kentucky 4-H State Reporter, arrived Aug. 10 to join fellow officers in preparing Cloverville, the signature exhibit that showcases hundreds of 4-H projects from across the Commonwealth. The exhibit, a centerpiece of the fair, draws thousands of visitors to see the best work of young people in areas ranging from livestock and crops to clothing, crafts and science.

For the next two weeks, Lynch was a constant presence at the fairgrounds, working nearly every day to support contests, special programs and leadership events. On opening day, she attended the Commodity Breakfast, spoke about civic engagement opportunities, helped hand out awards at the poultry show and later assisted at the 4-H Foundation Ice Cream Social, where she networked with donors who help fund scholarships and opportunities for Kentucky 4-H members.

Her responsibilities continued with the 4-H Foundation breakfast and board meeting the following day, and by Friday afternoon she was helping judges at the rabbit show. Saturday was camp day, when 4-H camp staff from across the state gathered to teach traditional dances and games. Lynch pitched in alongside them, keeping the spirit of community alive.

Sunday brought the Junior Fashion Revue, which gave recognition to younger 4-Hers for their clothing and textile projects. Early the next week she was helping with the horticulture contest, supporting State Teen Council Day, and checking out the small town farmers exhibits and market goat shows.

Midweek, she participated in the Sunshine Show, a special livestock event for youth with special needs, and assisted with Science, Engineering and Technology Day. Thursday featured one of the fair’s marquee events, the Farm Bureau Ham Breakfast. The famed country ham auction reached an unprecedented \$10 million, a highlight Lynch witnessed firsthand before attending the Farm Bureau picnic and the Championship Drive, the capstone of livestock showing where the state’s top exhibitors are honored.

Her final days included helping with agriculture and natural resources exhibits, assisting in Cloverville, and supporting wherever needed before the fair closed. She returned home the next Saturday after helping pack up the massive exhibit.

In addition to her daily assignments, Lynch served as a mentor to younger 4-H members, encouraging them to explore opportunities in civic engagement, leadership, science and technology. Along the way, she met donors, handed out awards, assisted judges and made connections that will carry forward long after the fair ended.

By the close of the event, Lynch had represented Kentucky 4-H in countless ways from leadership breakfasts and board meetings to late nights in Cloverville, and said she was grateful for the opportunity to serve.



Emme Lynch

Friends of Library celebrating big with anniversary contest

The local organization Friends of Crittenden County Public Library is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a book-mark design contest to be held Sept. 10-30. Official entry forms and rules will be available at the library, through the bookmobile librarian and from art teachers and librarians at Crittenden County elementary, middle and high schools.

Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in four age groups: 3-6, 7-12, 13-17 and 18 and older.

Entrants may choose one of two themes: “My Favorite Book” or “Why I Love My Library.” The contest is open to all Crittenden County residents, CCPL cardholders regardless of residence and students of Crittenden County schools, including homeschoolers.

The Friends group is funding the contest. Prizes will be presented at a reception at the library Thursday, Oct. 16. For more information, contact Library Director Regina Merrick at 270-965-3354 or Friends event chair Jenny Zimmer at 513-675-3633.

Exam, audit of clerk & sheriff good

The Office of the State Auditor released an agreed-upon procedures (AUP) engagement for the Crittenden County Clerk’s fee account for calendar year 2024, a review that looks at receipts and disbursements, excess fees, recordkeeping, leases, contracts and liabilities from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2024.

State law requires annual examinations of county clerks and sheriffs. Since 2018, offices with a record of clean audits may apply for an AUP in lieu of a full audit to reduce costs while maintaining accountability. The Crittenden County Clerk’s Office received approval for the 2024 AUP under KRS 43.070(1)(c).

Auditors reported one finding: The clerk’s office prepared 12 monthly delinquent tax reports and made payments on time, but disbursements did not agree to the monthly report for the month tested.

In a response included with the report, the clerk’s office said it inadvertently failed to include \$41 in postage in the May 2024 distribution to the county attorney during a transition of duties tied to a deputy clerk’s pending retirement. After the issue was discovered, the county attorney waived corrective action.

Separately, the state auditor recently released the audit of Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head’s 2023 tax settlement, finding no issues.

The annual review, required by state law, examines the sheriff’s settlement of property taxes and related accounts. Auditors reported that Head’s financial statement fairly presented the taxes charged, credited and paid for the period of Sept. 1, 2023, through Aug. 31, 2024.

The report also noted no matters involving internal control or financial reporting that were considered material weaknesses.

Each year, the auditor issues two reports for every sheriff in Kentucky, one on the tax settlement and another on the office fee account.

The sheriff’s duties include collecting property taxes, providing law enforcement and performing services for fiscal court and local courts of justice. The office is funded through commissions and fees collected in conjunction with those responsibilities.

The audit information for both the clerk and sheriff is available at the state auditor’s website.

MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of August 2025 to the same month in 2024. The chart also includes the previous month’s totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year’s monthly average.

| CATEGORY | August 2025 | July 2025 | August 2024 | 2024 YR TOTALS | 2024 MONTHLY AVERAGE |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Miles driven/patrolled | 3,392 | 1,829 | 1,630 | 23,545 | 1,962.1 |
| Criminal investigations | 6 | 13 | 11 | 150 | 12.5 |
| Domestics | 8 | 6 | 7 | 88 | 7.3 |
| Felony Arrests | 6 | 3 | 3 | 48 | 4.0 |
| Misdemeanor arrests | 5 | 7 | 3 | 81 | 6.8 |
| Non-criminal arrests | 8 | 3 | 9 | 112 | 9.3 |
| DUI arrests | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0.2 |
| Criminal summons served | 1 | 0 | 2 | 51 | 4.3 |
| Traffic citations | 26 | 45 | 19 | 212 | 17.7 |
| Other citations | 14 | 13 | 22 | 285 | 23.8 |
| Traffic warnings | 9 | 4 | 4 | 55 | 4.6 |
| Parking tickets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.1 |
| Traffic accidents | 9 | 8 | 6 | 69 | 5.8 |
| Security checks/alarms | 71 | 61 | 81 | 720 | 60.0 |
| Calls for service | 196 | 229 | 245 | 2,578 | 214.8 |



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HOUSE

Continued from page 1 they said, but taxes, insurance and utilities on such a huge home might be too much for their retirement income.

For now, the couple plans to visit Paducah soon to see the home in person.

“We haven’t decided what to do with it,” Timothy said. “We’re trying to figure it all out.”

Hope agreed. “We are going to take our time and decide,” she said.

Winning has been a lifetime highlight for a couple who have spent their lives on the quiet side of Frances, the small community in western Crittenden County, about an hour’s drive from the new Dream Home they just won in Paducah.

AUGUST 2025

Weather Yearbook



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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Coldest Temp 48.7 | Warmest Temp 96.1 | Wettest Day 1.7 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|

| | Wed., Aug. 27 | Tue., Aug. 19 | | | Tue., Aug. 26 | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|------|---------------|------|
| | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Average Temp | 74.6 | 75.5 | 75 | 76.1 | 77.1 | 83.6 |
| Coldest Temp | 48.7 | 53.5 | 56.3 | 58.1 | 58.3 | 57 |
| Hottest Temp | 96.1 | 96.8 | 95.6 | 91.7 | 91.9 | 90.5 |
| Precipitation | 4.0 | 0.8 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 5.9 | 2.8 |
| Wettest Day | 1.7 | 0.3 | 1.13 | 2.55 | 2.42 | 0.5 |

■ One key data point from from August was Aug. 27 when the mercury dropped to 48.7, which is the coldest Crittenden County August day recorded in more than 10 years. August here brought a mix of late-summer heat and an early taste of fall. The month’s hottest reading came on the 19th when the mercury climbed to 96°, accompanied by a sweltering heat index of 106°. Just over a week later, a cool snap dropped morning lows to 48° on the 27th, the chilliest mark of the month and a reminder that autumn is around the corner.

Rainfall was sparse, with only two measurable events totaling about 4 inches for the month. The heaviest came on August 26 when a soaking 1.7" fell. Otherwise, most days stayed dry, and seven afternoons topped 90°. Overall, August averaged 74.6°, about normal for late summer, with warm days balanced by cooler nights as the month drew to a close.

Trooper assaulted on I-24 in Livingston

A Louisville man was taken into custody Monday afternoon after he assaulted a state trooper on the I-24 Cumberland River Bridge in Livingston County, according to Kentucky State Police Post 1.

Trooper Landon Stewart encountered Ravon Briggs, 28, about 3:26 p.m., Monday while Briggs was walking across the bridge. Pedestrian traffic is prohibited on interstate highways, and Stewart stopped to assist him off the roadway for safety reasons.

Police said Briggs refused to identify himself or follow directions. After verbal commands, Stewart attempted to take him into custody. Briggs then assaulted the trooper, who was able to subdue him with help from a motorist.

Stewart sustained a minor injury during the altercation.

Briggs was arrested and charged with third-degree assault of a police officer, resisting arrest, menacing, third-degree criminal trespassing and parking on a limited access highway. Authorities also discovered three outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Dry conditions promot county burning bans

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and Livingston Judge-Executive Michael Willaims each issued a countywide burn ban early this week, citing dry conditions and an increased risk of wildfires.

The executive orders, effective immediately, prohibits all outdoor burning under authority of KRS 149.401. That statute allows counties to restrict open burning during periods of extraordinary wildfire hazard and provides for misdemeanor penalties if violated.

The bans mean residents and visitors in Crittenden and Livingston counties must refrain from burning yard debris, household waste, campfires, bonfires or other outdoor fires. Even open-pit cooking or grilling could fall under the restriction. The orders will remain in effect until lifted by public notice.

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Both suspects were lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center. Simms was scheduled to be arraigned Sept. His is bond was set at \$50,000 cash. Henderson was also scheduled for arraignment this week and her bond was at \$25,000.

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