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Eclipse draws applause

About a 250 people showed up to the Chamber of Commerce Eclipse Party Monday at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Music, food vendors and fellowship was on tap as many visitors from out of state enjoyed a dynamic full eclipse which was greeted with applause at peek darkness. Tourists from Virginia, Tennessee, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Florida, Michigan and California were documented as being there. The Leech family, pictured above, was on a spring break trip to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., and decided to find a rural setting in west Kentucky to watch the show. Dad is a self-proclaimed astronomy buff.

Blackburn water lines

Crittenden-Livingston Water District will soon be accepting bids on a water line extension project on Blackburn Church Road in rural Crittenden County. Plans are to build around four miles of new water line from the Shady Grove end of Blackburn Church Road back towards Marion. The work should provide water to around 10 customers, which will complete service to all residents along Blackburn Church Road. Years ago, the district ran a service line to residents on the western end of the road. Estimated cost of the project is around \$700,000 and construction should be done this summer or fall.

Tax bill sale set for July

Annual sale of delinquent 2023 Crittenden County property tax bills (certificates of delinquencies) will be Friday, July 26 at 9 a.m., at the county office complex.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, April 15 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, April 15 at city hall.
- Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 16 at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 16 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, April 18 at the county office complex.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 18 at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., the Thursday, April 18 at its office on East Bellville Street.

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Windfall coming in KY highway plan

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Crittenden County's windfall in state highway projects that will be funded over the next couple of fiscal years is much greater than local leaders had expected, and quite likely the largest gain of transportation infrastructure improvements in more than a generation.

Local projects authorized by the General Assembly in its official 2024-2026 Highway Construction Plan amount to right at \$11 million. That's considerably



Sen. Howell



Rep. Gooch

more than what was announced in January as part of Gov. Andy Beshear's 6-Year Road Plan.

In addition to work outlined in the governor's original plan, legislators have now

included replacement of another bridge and added more highway projects, including a plan to rebuild Country Club Drive and Industrial Drive. That project would allow commercial trucks to bypass the problematic US 60 and US 641 traffic light intersection on South Main Street.

The legislature's highway plan also includes \$831,000 annually for Kentucky's half of operating Cave In Rock Ferry. Illinois pays an equal share. The ferry owner has presented his own budget request which is higher than

the state's allotment. Negotiations will continue on that agreement. The current contract expires June 30.

These millions of dollars in road funds come on the heels of \$10 million announced last week for water infrastructure in Crittenden and Livingston counties. Local leaders praised the efforts of Sen. Jason Howell and Rep. Jim Gooch for helping to secure the road funds. Howell was also very instrumental in ensuring the Gen-

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Grand Ole Opry photos by Cailee Nace

Hallowed Ground for Cutter & Cash & KY Grass Rocking the Opry House

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Brennan Cruce is the old man of the group. At 33, he's twice the age of the other four members of Cutter and Cash and The Kentucky Grass.

So when the group stepped onto the Grand Ole Opry stage for the first time Saturday night, performing in front of 4,400 paid country music fans, the moment wasn't lost on the group's senior partner. He's convinced, too, that the rest of the band understands the significance, but decades from now, their appreciation may grow. No one from their home town had ever been featured on that Nashville stage, and their already leg-



endary status around Marion has now reached epic proportions.

"I think they understand," said Cruce, the bass guitar player who does landscaping work around town weekdays during his more humble occupation.

The rest of the group goes to school. Other than Cruce, the performers range in age

from 14 to 17.

"There was a little edge as we were standing next to the stage ready to go out, but once we were out there, nobody was nervous," Cruce recounts.

"Standing in that sacred circle on the Opry stage is the greatest feeling I've ever known," said Cutter Singleton, who is 17 and will soon graduate from Crittenden County High School.

The band started years ago, playing local venues as Classy and Grassy. Brothers Cutter and Cash Singleton formed the group basically in their backyard with help from their parents. One of their first gigs was playing for a

Fohs Hall barbecue fundraising event when they were barely old enough to hold instruments.

Cruce, who grew up across the highway from the Singletons, joined up and their gigs began to grow.

"I just thank the Lord above because that's the only way this has happened. He put us in the right place at the right time for this to happen," said Cutter Singleton.

"They just looked like naturals up there," observed Rob Horak, one of the roughly 400 fans from Marion who were bused to the event by locally-owned Patriot Tours, a

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City approves \$1 million borrowing for Lake George fix

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council on Thursday passed a measure giving the mayor authority to borrow up to \$1 million from a local bank in order to pay what are reimbursable monthly expenses related to repair work at Lake George.

Contractors have been working to shore up the lake's crippled levee for almost six months, and the monthly invoices are growing larger as the project moves toward completion.

The city has already made nearly a

half dozen regular payments to the contractor Marine Solutions Inc., (MSI) of Lexington, the largest being around \$724,000 and the lowest \$16,140. So far, the city has enough cash on hand to make those payments, then await reimbursement from the Kentucky Department of Emergency Management, which is funding the entire project.

With a \$1.4 million payment due later this month, city leaders want to take out a short-term loan at Farmers Bank to cover the expense so it doesn't use all of

its cash reserves.

Mayor D'Anna Browning said the city has cash to pay the bill, but depleting its reserves by that amount wouldn't be prudent. She explains that routine liabilities such as daily operating costs, payroll and other debt payments will have to be met. An unforeseen emergency on top of the huge payment to the contractor, could cause a cash-flow problem and create financial discomfort.

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Deaths

Tabor

Donna Sue Tabor, 69, of Salem, died Monday, April 8, 2024 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Donna Sue liked to crochet, listen to country music, do craft projects, and read her Bible.

Surviving are two sisters, Brenda Tabor (Leo) Zimmerman of Smithland and Betty (Bobby) Brown of Marion; and a brother, Charles Thomas Tabor of Burna.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jeffery Lynn Hopper; a brother, J.C. Tabor; and her parents, Coy Clifton and Mamie Lois (Curnel) Tabor Barnes.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 13 at New Union (Ditney) Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

McDonald

Gary Lee McDonald, 78, of Leoma, Tenn., formerly of Marion, died Monday March 18, 2024 at his residence. He was a retired iron worker.

Surviving are a son, Brian; several grandchildren; and a sister, Judith Eskew of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Evelyn and Johnson McDonald.

Private graveside services were held.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Wiggins

Joe Paul Wiggins, 93, of Salem, died Monday, April 8, 2024 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was a member of Lola Pentecostal Church. He worked at CCMA for over 37 years in the maintenance department. He was a veteran of the Korean war serving in the United States Navy. He loved his family, enjoyed watching his grandkids play sports, working on the farm and raising watermelon's.

Surviving are his wife of 68 years, Myra Lee Wiggins; two sons, Ricky (Carla) Wiggins of Salem, and Michael (Carrie) Wiggins of Eddyville; five grandchildren, Shelly, Josh, Tori, Grant and Cohen; and three great-grandchildren, Lilly, Ally, and Finley.

He was preceded in

death by a daughter, Audrey Beard; two sisters, Eva Lou Head and Robbie Long; a brother, Thomas Wiggins; and his parents, Robert and Edith (Hardin) Wiggins.

Services are at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, April 14, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Bro. Tim Fouts officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from noon until the funeral hour on Sunday, April 14.

Peek

Van Evans Peek, 66, died Friday, April 5, 2024 at Ray & Kay Eckstein Care Center in Paducah.

He enjoyed the outdoors, including fishing, arrowhead hunting, mushroom hunting, gardening and watching westerns. He was a coal miner and logger.

Surviving are daughter, Toni (Kurt) Hansen of Paducah and step-daughter Shellee (David) Fritts of Marion; a stepson, Bradley (Melanie) Loyd of Marion; three sisters, Sandy Fitzgerald of Frances, Janice Tinsley of Frances and Regina Peek; and a brother, Tracy Peek of Frances.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard M. and Nina (Farmer) Peek and a brother, Kenneth Peek.

Services were Tuesday, April 9 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Reed

Tammie Reed, 42, of Kuttawa, died Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a 2000 graduate of Lyon County High school where she played basketball. She was a member of Ohio Valley

Baptist Church where she was baptized several years ago. She was a country girl who loved the outdoors, especially camping, fishing and spending quality time with her family. She had a huge heart for people. She loved helping people when she could at the nursing home.

Surviving are three children, Olivia Montgomery of Kuttawa, Kendra Reed and Jason Reed; her parents, Rickey and Jocille Manhart of Kuttawa; a sister, Sheryl Campbell of Benton; two brothers, Michael Reed of Kuttawa and Jessie Reed of Calvert City; a nephew, Joseph Goforth; two nieces, Mackenzie and Willow Campbell; two great niece and nephew, Sterling Looper-Goforth and Bailey Beach.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Harold Eugene and Lucille Mae (Carter) Reid, Sr.; paternal grandparents, Ralph and Halene Manhart; a brother-in-law, Steve Campbell; maternal uncle, Jacob Slivia; and paternal uncle, Andy Walton.

Services are at 1 p.m., be Friday, April 12 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial will follow in the Edmonds Cemetery near Smithland.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour Friday, April 12.

Herrin

Frances Dean Herrin, 90, of Marion, died Friday, April 5, 2024 at Rivers Bend Retirement Community in Kuttawa.

She was of the Baptist faith and had been employed at the Sturgis Pants Factory and the Marion Coffee Shop.

Surviving are two

daughters, Carolyn (Danny) Belt and Debra (Larry) Hearell, both of Marion; a son, Russell Herrin of Marion; a brother, Donald E. (Ann) Slaton of Madisonville; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifton Pratt and Ruth Frances Drury Slaton; five sisters; and two brothers.

Graveside services are at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 14 at Repton Cemetery.

Friends may visit the family at Myers Funeral Home, between 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Repton Cemetery Association, c/o Donna Starrick, 5109 US Hwy 60 East, Marion, KY 42064.

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Condolences

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Rocket rewards

Students of the month recognized March 26 by the Crittenden County Board of Education are (from left) senior Tessa Potter, fifth-grader Korie Bloodworth, eighth-grader Maddie Hearell and kindergartener Carson Hill. Rockett Way Students of the Month received a \$20 gift certificate and Rocket t-shirt from First Untied Bank, the school district's March Business Partner of the Month.

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Play Ball! It’s that time of year, get your mitt

It’s that time of the year. Move over basketball, it’s baseball season!

Growing up as a kid, baseball was my favorite youth sport in the summer. The ball diamond was located just down the street from our home. It was a leftover from the days of Salem High School when it merged with the other high schools in Livingston County to create Livingston Central High School in January 1959.

Thankfully, the baseball diamond remained behind – a reminder of the once-powerful Salem baseball teams that made multiple trips to the KHSAA State Tournament. According to information on the KHSAA website, the Salem team made 4 straight trips to the state tournament – 1952, 1953, 1954, and 1955. The team won its first game on each of those trips, but never advanced further. My dad drove the bus each year and my mother was a chap-erone before I was born in 1957.

As a kid growing up in Salem, I spent lots of time at the baseball diamond. It was there that I learned to love the game as I began, like so many other boys, playing Little League baseball. There was no such thing as Pee Wee or T-Ball back then. We had coaches who

loved the game, loved the boys and loved teaching the game to us. We learned fundamen-tals and we continued to focus on them all season. In addition to organized baseball, there were sev-eral of us boys around town who loved spending time together and en-joyed playing baseball. So it was almost a daily thing for us to ride around on our bikes and gather up a large enough group to play baseball for an hour or two.

Very few folks had air conditioning back then, so there was no incentive to stay home in a cool house. In fact, we improved rather quickly simply be-cause we were playing baseball several times per week. Our Little League coach drilled us more like a high school team; he pushed us to excel, and we re-sponded. An observation: In watching our grandson’s high school team play last week, it blows my mind to see them continuing to make many of the ele-mentary mistakes which we outgrew way back in Little League.



Chris CLARKE
Press Columnist
Happy Trails

Our Salem Little League team was pretty good during those years. We won most of our games versus Hampton, Lola, Smithland and Ledbetter (the Panhandle). However, games with the crew from Grand Rivers were a different story. They played good, hard-nosed baseball, using good fundamentals, coupled with lots of hustle. We knew that every game against Grand Rivers would be a major battle. I’m guessing that we were 50/50 in those games.

Following the end of our baseball sea-son each year, we were treated with a trip to St. Louis to watch the Cardinals play. It was always fun to go to St. Louis, especially when we usually brought home some foul balls we ran down during batting practice... what great fun. Of course, our coaches wanted us to observe how the pros played, which would hopefully give us even more desire to excel on the dia-mond... it worked.

After the first year of Little League, I became the first baseman for our team, which meant that I watched Orlando “Cha-Cha” Cepeda like a hawk as we sat in the lower box seats on the first base side. I remember getting his auto-graph on one of the baseballs I ran

down, but that was a long time ago. All my St. Louis balls are gone now. Along with Cepeda at first base was Julian Javier (2B), Dal Maxvill (SS), Mike Shannon (3B), Lou Brock (LF), Curt Flood (CF), Roger Maris (RF), Tim Mc-Carver (C), and of course, Bob “Gibby” Gibson (P)... and yes, they won the World Series that year, 1967.

In the game of life, how many folks do you still remember who had a major impact in your life? A parent, grandpar-ent, aunt/uncle? Maybe a Sunday School teacher, pastor, youth worker, other trusted adult from church? Per-haps a school teacher, bus driver, cook or coach? Some of them, no doubt, pointed you to Jesus which made a for-ever difference in your life. Some may have guided you toward your life voca-tion. All of them made a difference or they would not be special to you. Let’s share roses with the living. Let me en-courage you to make a list of these folks and tell each of them how much they meant to you while you still can. Also, pay it forward as you make an impact on the lives of young people, just like my baseball coaches!

I can still hear it now... “Play Ball! Batter Up!”



Conservation Contest Winners

Recognized during the recent Crittenden County Conservation District’s annual awards banquet were (clockwise from above) Ella Whitney in the Writing Con-test, Jayden Dance for FFA land judging’s top scorer and Payzli Hunter for the art contest. Other members of the land judg-ing team were also named. They were Nathan McKendree, Taylor Haire and Madison Walker. Also, not pictured but recognized during the event was Carol Hendrix for 20 years of service to the dis-trict’s board of supervisors.



Board of Education News

School leaders support JAG program to improve life skills

STAFF REPORT

Improving soft skills and removing barriers to post-secondary educa-tion are two benefits of Kentucky’s JAG (Jobs for America’s Graduates) program that will be of-fered to Crittenden County juniors and seniors next fall.

Crittenden County Board of Education ap-proved a memorandum of agreement to partici-pate in the JAG program at its March 26 meeting.

There are 83 Kentucky schools affiliated with JAG, which was estab-lished in 1980 as a non-profit organization that serves students through a class offered as an elec-tive during the school day.

In February, the board spoke virtually with a JAG representative, who reported 100 percent graduation rates and 93 percent positive out-comes among partici-pants, who are taught financial literacy, leader-ship and life skills to help foster career develop-ment and job attainment after high school.

The program, offered as a leadership class, helps students identify their strengths and inter-ests to determine their path after high school.

A \$40,000 grant is pro-vided to participating school districts to hire an instructor.

No fewer than 45 stu-dents must participate in JAG.

Superintendent Tonya Driver told the board March 26 that an infor-mal survey identified 47 Crittenden County stu-dents interested in the program.

“It is a great opportu-nity for kids, and we defi-nitely need soft skills that come with it and I can see how it could help kids stay in school or help with attendance,” Driver told the board in February.

The national program aids students academi-cally by helping them overcome barriers to graduation.

Achievement is docu-mented daily by the school-hired JAG spe-cialist and measured through graduation rate, employment and positive outcomes.

In other board busi-ness, Driver reported adding an aviation path-way to classes offered at Crittenden County High School. The instructor for the first course of the program will attend training this summer. Students who take courses in the aviation pathway can begin coursework to obtain their pilot’s license or be-come certified to fly a drone. For a short time several years ago CCHS had a series of aerospace classes but discontinued the pathway. Aviation, Driver said, offers more applicable classes.

Action was taking on

the following:

- Approved permission to bid installation of 13 rooftop HVAC units at CCES using ESSER funds to replace aging units that have outlived their life expectancy. Units will be replaced with Daikin Light Com-mercial Package Rooftop Units from Thermal Equipment Sales in the amount of \$216,000.
- Approved purchase of an HVAC contract wiht Murtko at a cost of \$7,800 for 80 hours or 10 days preventative maintenance.
- Approved payment #3 to MP Lawson at cost of \$182,337.90 for the CCMS construction proj-ect.
- Approved vendor pay-ment number three to Rexel in the amount of \$21,6290.97 for supplies used in the CCMS con-struction project.
- Approved the School Facilities Construction Commission’s offer of as-sistance in the amount of \$10,712 to be matched equally by the board.
- Declared 20 cafeteria tables as surplus.
- Created a 240-day contraction position for supervisor of instruction K-8, including federal grant coordinator and other duties; and created 240-day contract po-sition for supervisor of in-struction for grades 9-12, CTE and post-secondary readiness coordinator among other duties.

LOAN

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So, to be proactive, the city wants to temporarily have the equivalent to a line of credit in order to meet the monthly Lake George expenses.




“As soon as we get reim-bursed from the state, we will pay it off,” Browning said. “We’re getting our reimbursements on time, but the company doing the work wants its money within 30 days. We have to provide proof that we paid the contractor before the state reimburses us.”

So far, the monthly in-voices from MSI haven’t been large enough to war-rant additional funds, the mayor adds, but with the \$1.4 million payment due April 11, taking out a temporary loan just makes sense.

While all of the repair work at Lake George is currently being funded by the state, these are short-term remedies. Long-term corrections will require local spending.

MARCH 2024


Weather Yearbook



Coldest Temp	Warmest Temp	Wettest Day
25.8	78.9	0.7

	Tues, March. 19	Mon., March 4	Fri., March 8			
2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	52.4	47.5	50.1	52.1	51.8	43.8
Coldest Temp	25.8	20.6	16.1	26.6	25.8	9.8
Hottest Temp	78.9	77.7	77	77.7	82.4	76
Precipitation	2	8.2	4.4	4.4	5.99	4.93
Wettest Day	0.7	3.24	1.79	1.07	0.99	2.49

■ March may have seemed like a record-setting month with its warm, dry weather, but it was more seasonal than you might imagine, particularly over recent history. It was the warmest March since 2016 when the average temperature was only frac-tionally higher. There have been a handful of very mild Marches over the past 10 years. As for precip, 2024 was the driest March since 2018. Historically, March is a cool, muddy month, but not so this go round. Actually, March 2024 was fourth warmest over-all since 2016, so not too impressive on the mercury scale.

MARION POLICE activity report						
Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity for the month of March 2024 to the same month in 2023. The chart also includes the previous month's totals, year-to-date police activity totals and last year's monthly average.						
CATEGORY	MARCH 2024	FEBRUARY 2024	MARCH 2023	2023 YR TOTALS	2023 MONTHLY AVERAGE	 MPD 270.965.3500 Police Chief Bobby West On Facebook Marion Police Department Marion-KY
Miles driven/patrolled	2,018	1,340	2,189	24,766	2,063.8	
Criminal investigations	14	16	10	133	11.1	
Domestics	7	8	4	82	6.8	
Felony Arrests	2	5	3	55	4.6	
Misdemeanor arrests	13	5	9	93	7.8	
Non-criminal arrests	8	13	6	99	8.3	
DUI arrests	0	1	0	9	0.8	
Criminal summons served	2	0	2	46	3.8	
Traffic citations	8	9	14	189	15.8	
Other citations	27	25	21	307	25.6	
Traffic warnings	5	1	6	48	4.0	
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1	
Traffic accidents	11	0	4	63	5.3	
Security checks/alarms	63	54	63	741	61.8	
Calls for service	241	188	209	2,463	205.3	

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY SURPLUS AUCTION

Saturday, April 20, 2024 - 9 a.m.

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Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame seeks 2024 nominees

Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame, which is located at Western Kentucky University, has announced that nominations are now being accepted for the class of 2024.

The Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame was established in 2000 through a gift from former Gov. Louie B. Nunn. With that gift, Gov. Nunn hoped to recognize the vital role that P-12 Kentucky teachers play in the education of young people, ultimately leading to positive impacts throughout the state's economy. The first class was inducted in 2008. New members are inducted each year following the initial class.

The purpose of the Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame is to recognize Kentuckians who have made significant contributions to the teaching profession. Selection is made from individuals, living or deceased, who have spent a significant portion of their professional career in Kentucky and have made noteworthy contributions to the lives of children and youth in P-12 school settings.

As a prominent institution in educator preparation and administrator training, WKU collaborates closely with district partners to meet regional needs and ensure equitable access to higher education for all. It is in line with this commitment that the Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame finds its home within the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at WKU's campus, where the full Hall of Fame can be explored on the first floor of Gary Ransdell Hall.

The induction ceremony for the 2024 class will take place towards the end of this year. Further details regarding the ceremony will be released on the Hall of Fame website and WKU College of Education and Behavioral Sciences social media platforms.

Nominations for the Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame class of 2024 must be submitted by Aug. 15. For additional information and to access the nomination form, please visit the Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame website.

Courthouse auction

Crittenden County has commissioned local auctioneer Curt Buntin to liquidate items from the

50 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1974

■ Ghost Riders and presumably ghost cattle lopped across the night sky as members of the Saddle and Spur 4-H Club sat around a campfire eating their beans and drinking chuckwagon brew. The skit was part of the annual 4-H Variety Show held at the Crittenden County High School. The Monster Mash, presented by the Teen 4-H Club, grabbed top honors in the club acts division. Rhonda Shouse took first place in specialty act judging for her tap dance.

■ Mike Stone, a 1973 graduate of Crittenden County High School, held down the number one position on the Campbellsville College golf team after leading the squad to a 6-1 record. Stone captured the medalist honors in the Campbellsville College Invitational with a 72.

■ Over 600 students walked 12 miles for the March Of Dimes annual Walk-A Thon and were expected to earn at least 10 cents for every mile they walked, for every sponsor they had enlisted for the charity walk.

25 YEARS AGO

April 15, 1999

■ Roberta Shewmaker gave a new computer in the Crittenden County



A group of community volunteers have created a painting at Marion-Crittenden County Park hoping to provide an oasis of serenity amidst the stresses of today's life. Found in the remote corner of the park, a new painting named Dream Gardens gives those walking the paths, playing disc golf or simply driving by in a car, a moment away from life. This community beautification project was made possible through the efforts and resources of the ladies from the Extension Homemakers Challengers Club. Volunteers pictured are (from left) Nancy Lanham, Sue Ledford, Glenda Chandler, Sarah Ford and Roberta Shoemaker. Janet Stevens was not pictured. Anyone interested in developing and working on future projects is urged to contact anyone of the group or Extension.

former courthouse, which is now vacant in the center of downtown Marion.

The auction will be held at the courthouse square starting at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 20.

Sold to the highest bidder will be items that might one day be collector's items because of their significance in county history. Among furnishing from the courthouse to be sold are benches from the courtroom, a chalkboard, lecturns, antique ballot boxes and other assorted cabinets, furniture and desks. Even bathroom items like toilets, sinks and urinals will be sold to the highest bidder.

A more extensive list of items to be sold can be found in Buntin Auction Company's advertisement elsewhere in this edition of the newspaper.

Marion man charged in Union investigation

Union County Sheriff's Department reports that it arrested a Marion man late last month on multiple drug and weapons charges during a routine traffic stop.

Deputies suspected driver impairment when they pulled over a car driven by another man, but the passenger Reilly B. Andrews, 22, of North Walker Street in Marion was allegedly sitting next to two loaded handguns.

Further investigation discovered meth and a large amount of cash on Andrews. Inside a backpack, officers found suspected marijuana, more meth, LSD, Percocet, ecstasy and Lortabs. In the back seat of the vehicle was more pot, THC vapes and digital scales.

Based on the March 28 encounter with authorities, Andrews is charged in Union County with five felony counts of enhanced



Andrews

trafficking in a controlled substance, trafficking in marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Andrews, already in trouble for drug trafficking in Eddyville, is scheduled for a probation revocation hearing in May in Lyon County Circuit Court.

He was released from custody in Union County on April 2 after posting a \$10,000 cash bond.



Berry wins shotgun

Wes Berry won a new shotgun as part of a fundraising effort by Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department.

The raffle raised \$890 which will be used for some equipment upgrades on fire department trucks, according to Fire Chief Scott Hurley.

The Winchester SXP 12 gauge in Mossy Oak Bottomland camouflage and two Avian turkey decoys were presented to the raffle winner.

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ROADS

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eral Assembly's funding for Crittenden-Livingston Water District, according to local officials.

The General Assembly's highway plan for projects in Livingston County were similar to the governor's earlier announcement, but a project was added to improve eastern access to the Ledbetter Bridge.

In Crittenden County, here are approved and funded projects:

- The plan calls for \$1.98 million to be spent on design and construction of a bridge over Crooked Creek on KY 387 between KY 91 and Riverview Park. The bridge is just east of the intersection of Hebron Church Road. Work should begin this year.
- Another bridge project is on KY 506 not too far from the county line. There is \$68,000 in the road plan for design and \$680,000 for construction. The bridge spans Piney Creek.
- A third bridge project was added to the construction plan with \$1.16 million penciled in to replace the bridge on KY 135 at Hurricane Creek. Design money is in the budget for FY2024 and construction funding is in FY2025.

This is the one-lane bridge between KY 91 North and Tolu, which was resurfaced not too long ago.

Federal bridge funds will be used to pay for the three bridge projects in the county.

- Timeline for improvements to KY 295 just south of Dycusburg has been moved up. For years, county leaders have pushed for raising a stretch of the highway above the floodplain. In the state highways plan, there is \$250,000 for right of way and utility work in 2024 and \$500,000 for construction in 2025. This work was not expected to be done so soon.
- The state highway plan calls for spending \$2 million to upgrade Country Club Drive and Industrial Drive to accommodate heavy truck traffic in order to bypass the difficult turns at the traffic light intersection of US 60 and US 641.

Plans call for addressing safety concerns, geometric deficiencies and possibly including a bike and pedestrian path as part of the work.

While there is no construction money in the the coming two-year budget for this project, state Rep. Jim Gooch says that once preliminary work begins on such projects, they're typically completed.

"We cannot obligate future general assemblies," he said in explaining the process for developing the state highway spending plan. "Once money is spent on design, right of way and utilities, the contraction phase is typically done because otherwise it would have been a waste of money."

There is \$2 million currently earmarked for pre-construction phases of Country Club and Industrial drives through the end of FY2026. Further funding will be needed for construction in the state's next biennial transportation budget.

- On KY 120, the dangerous curve at Deanwood between Herman Travis Road and Piney Creek Bridge will be reconstructed. The road plan calls for \$2.15 million over the next two fiscal years for design, right of way acquisition, utility relocation and construction. That curve has been the site of many serious automobile accidents over the past 25 years or so. Four years ago, the state highway department added a non-skid surface that has helped reduce the number of crashes there.

State Sen. Jason Howell said bridge funding still falls short of what's needed, particularly in his western Kentucky district, but he is pleased

with the scope of projects included in the highways plan for Crittenden County.

"A number of years ago there was an effort where money was added to the budget to redo bridges," the senator said. "The state was divided into thirds and it started in eastern Kentucky. Well, when it came time for the western third a decision was made to re-evaluate the ranking criteria. Then, COVID hit and the program never started back up."

Howell says he's pushing hard for more bridge money, making it a priority in his district's road plan, but overall the General Assembly saw merit in projects that he and Rep. Gooch pushed for in their area.

"Candidly, many of these projects for Crittenden County had been on the list for many years, but simply didn't get addressed," Howell said. "We worked really hard to get these projects in the plan this time for Crittenden County, and really for all of the counties in my district."

Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said he was pleasantly surprised with the list of state projects in the county. Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning said the Country Club Drive plan is something the city has been trying to get done for many years.

Sen. Howell said \$75,000 in state funding has also been earmarked for Crittenden County to use to repave Aunt Jane Tabernacle Road.

There is funding in the highways plan to get started on the second phase of US 641's relocation. In the budget is \$3.5 million for right of way acquisition, \$2 million for utility relocation and \$2 million for construction through 2026. More construction exists in the broader Six-Year Highway Plan.

"We got that right of way money pushed up a year earlier so we can get this project going," Sen. Howell said. "I know that's in Caldwell County, but it may be the most critical project for Crittenden County."

Livingston County has two projects in the state highway spending plan. The first will be a 2024 outlay for \$13.8 million to address the condition of I-24 from mile point 29.5 to 33.8. New pavement will be included in the plan. Design work calls for \$1.3 million for constriction and \$12.4 million to improve 4.16 miles of interstate between the Livingston and Marshall County line to about the Smithland/Grand Rivers Exit.

Also for Livingston County, there is \$2 million in FY2025 for right of way acquisition and \$1 million in 2025 for utility relocation in order to relocate US 60 just east of the Tennessee River Bridge in Ledbetter. The intersection and curve that has been part of the route since the bridge was built in 1918 will be taken out.

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Deescalate drama and anxiety

We are plagued today by anxiety. Not the diagnosable type, of which there is also an abundance, but the type that stifles personal growth and responsibility for one's words and actions. The easiest way to spot this type of anxiety is to see what happens on the rare occasion a public figure changes their view on something after taking in more information. It can also be seen in group discussions when a person speaks against the grain or direction of the group.

This type of anxiety will find a place to rest. In societies it will be an identified problem. It will be a problem that does not require any change or challenge on the part of those doing the identifying. It may be a group of "foreigners." It may be an opposing political party. It may be "the government." It could be another religious or ethnic group. Whoever the identified problem is will be targeted and sometimes dehumanized through name-calling and labeling. If this anxiety is not checked it will lead to a bad outcome for everyone.

The first thing for all of us is to realize that we are all part of the problem or part of the

solution. Those who can calm themselves enough to think critically, and somewhat independently, about our life together as human beings will fall more on the side of making things better.

But first we must calm ourselves. There are phases of life when calming oneself can seem impossible. To make such changes may be like trying to change clothes while trying to run a marathon. It will be embarrassing, awkward, and there will be a fall or two. But, from personal experience, the effort is worth the trouble. If you are a parent with young children at home, the payoff will come in the form of calmer children. They take their emotional cues from their parents and caregivers.

Here are a few things that I currently do or have done that have helped deescalate drama and anxiety in my life.

Take care of yourself first. This does not mean being selfish or self-centered. It means getting enough sleep and good nutrition. If we are tired or don't feel well because we have not cared for ourselves, it will make it hard to respond well to others. It is hard to help others if we are not taking the best care of our-

selves that we can.

Take quiet time. Parents of young children long for a hot meal and a trip to the bathroom without interruption. When life is very busy, try to steal seconds at a time. Breathing exercises can help here. Sometimes one deep breath and a reminder to not overreact can be the difference in a small problem solved or becoming a bigger one. Take a moment of quiet before meals – even better if everyone is at the table – to give thanks.

Prayer. It is better to fall asleep praying than to not pray at all. Write a prayer or a scripture that you will see every day as you are getting ready. With prayer it may take a change of perspective to find the time. Martin Luther famously said, "I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." It may be possible according to some to pray while doing something else; I believe it is vital to give at least a couple of minutes daily to focused prayer. Prayer reminds us of who we are and where we are in the world.

Meditation is a powerful calming practice. Schedule a few minutes into your day of good devotional reading or structured Bible reading. Find those words or phrases that catch your attention and consider why. Meditation helps us keep perspective.

Be prepared. Few things in life produce more anxiety than being

unprepared. It may be something as simple as oversleeping by five minutes, which can make us feel rushed for the rest of the day. Part of being prepared is putting in time ahead of deadlines and asking for help when needed. Self-discipline is a calming practice.

Keep focused on the goal or purpose. One of the best ways to deescalate conversations that are going awry is to focus on the problem, not the person. This can be hard when someone resorts to personal attacks or avoids answering legitimate questions. The goal is better understanding or a good result, not to win an argument.

Psalm 131:1-2 says, O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast; like a child that is quieted is my soul.

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Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

We become righteous by loving like Jesus

Question: When I look within myself, I see an arrogant, selfish, greedy and lustful person. That's not who I want to be. I want to live a righteous life, but I fall far short of that desire. How can I change who I am into who I want to be?

Answer: You're right on target! God calls us to live righteous lives. The problem is we simply can't do it on our own. Thankfully, God made a way that we can be righteous and live righteously. Jesus, while on earth, lived a perfectly righteous life and satisfied God's righteous requirements and was fit to pay the price for our sin-debt.

For our sins to be forgiven, we need to confess

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison



to God we are sinners and to repent that is to change from our sinful way. We need to trust in Christ by faith. When we do, we acquire Christ's righteousness and are made a part of God's family.

As Christians, we are to devote ourselves to righteous living; and the Holy Spirit, who indwells each believer, will help us do what is right. However, Christians aren't characterized by perfection. Instead,

they're characterized by truly repenting and striving to live righteous lives even when they stumble.

Righteous living includes doing right all the time and loving our neighbors as Jesus does. The Bible makes this plain—"Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother" (1 Jn. 3:10).

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com.

Marion Baptist Church

WELCOME

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Open to the Public
9am to 3pm
Monday thru Friday

Walking Track
Gymnasium

Religious Outreach

■ Old Salem Baptist Church has a Blessing Box located next to the church at 117 Old Salem Church Rd. Everyone is welcome to take items or place them in the box for others to enjoy.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on

the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

■ First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 4-5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

■ Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

THE WEST KENTUCKY ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL BAPTIST

annual session will be held

April 18, 19 and 20

at Camp David located at 134 S.R. 1668, Marion.

The morning services will start at 10 a.m.

A noon meal will be provided each day.

The afternoon services will start at 1:30 p.m.

The night worship services will start at 7 p.m.

The association meeting will conclude with the Saturday afternoon service.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 0-24-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 08-002 IMPOSING A LICENSE FEE OR TAX UPON INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF INSURANCE WITHIN THE COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY; ESTABLISHING A 3.0% OF THE PREMIUMS COLLECTED FOR ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE UNLESS EXCLUDED; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 1 AND A DELINQUENCY DATE THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE END OF EACH CALENDAR QUARTER; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY INTEREST CHARGE FOR ANY LICENSE FEE OR TAX NOT PAID ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE WHICH SHALL BE THE TAX INTEREST RATE DEFINED BY KRS 131.010(6) AND PUBLISHED IN THE ANNUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT PREMIUM TAX BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; ESTABLISHING A 10% PENALTY FOR A LICENSE FEE OR TAX NOT PAID WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DUE DATE; AND REQUIRING INSURANCE COMPANIES SUBJECT TO THE LICENSE FEE OR TAX TO FURNISH QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED BY KRS 91A.080 AND 806 KAR 2:095.

Notice is hereby given that the Fiscal Court of Crittenden County Kentucky, at a special called meeting held on March 19, 2024, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Ordinances of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a special called meeting of the Fiscal Court held on March 8, 2024, at 3:30 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance amends the Insurance premium tax to 3% on insurance policies set forth therein excluding premiums on Workers' Compensation, group health insurance and life insurance. The Ordinance also establishes penalties for payments not timely made.

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

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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.



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Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.
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Bro. Jamie Baker



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Pastor: Ross Atwell



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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

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Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown • Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holean

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CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

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Pastor Justin Miller

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Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.



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Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884

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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.



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The People of the United Methodist Church

WED: Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

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

Steve English,
Interim
Pastor

South College St.



Frances Community Church

Bro. Butch Gray

Worship service: 11 a.m.
Children's Church ages 3 & up ... 11 a.m.

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

Unity General Baptist Church

4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.

Bro. David Perryman, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

- The end of your search for a friendly church -



The hanging of Greenberry Ritch (Part I)

A lawless element that plagued the county during the late 1800s was conducted by groups of men called “White Capps” or “Regulators.” When they decided if someone needed a good thrashing, they would band together and go to that person’s home and call them out in the night, depending on how severe they thought the crime was determined how many licks that would be given. But Berry Ritch’s punishment got out of control.

The crime could be for stealing chickens or other livestock, or maybe they thought someone was lazy and not taking good care of their family.

In the case of Greenberry Ritch, it seems his name was connected to a man named William Goode, and his punishment was deadly.

From the Files of The Crittenden Press – October 25, 1894

A MOB’S WORK.
BERRY RITCH CALLED FROM HIS HOUSE IN THE NIGHT AND HUNG.

Berry Ritch lived on a farm about 9 miles northeast of Marion, and about one and a half miles north of the country store of Mr. E. C. Moore, known as Mattoon. About 3 o’clock Monday morning Ritch and his family were awakened from their slumbers by a call from near the door. Ritch answered the summons, and after lighting a lamp and dressing himself opened his door and invited the unknown person or persons to come in and take a seat. The reply was “we are in a hurry and want you to go with us up to the cross lanes to the sycamore to meet Bill Goode who wants to see you.” Ritch stepped out, and several men came from around the house. Berry Ritch went up the public road with them never to return alive.

At daylight he had not returned, and his son-in-law Gus Query, of Blackford, Ky., and Ritch’s son started in search of him. Following the footprints made in the dust of the highway during the night, they went down the road some 300 yards and there, in plain view of the road, found in a standing position by a rope around the neck, the dead body of Berry Ritch, cold and stiff in death. One end of an ordinary grass rope, which had evidently been used during the season as a plow line, was tied to a limb (about two inches in diameter, and eight or nine feet from the ground) of a small sycamore tree; the other end was around Ritch’s neck, tied in the regular hangman fashion; the feet were resting on the ground, hands hanging at his side, and face somewhat swollen.

The tree stood at the edge of a little clearing, and on a hill about 400

hundred feet from the front door of Wm. Ritch’s residence, which is only a cabin.

The news was soon scattered over the neighborhood. Justice of the Peace Taylor was sent for, and when he arrived a jury was summoned and an inquest held. The verdict was that Berry Ritch came to his death by hanging at the hands of unknown parties. The body was cut down and carried to his home, where it remained until late in the afternoon when the interment took place at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Mrs. Ritch, wife of the dead man, was called upon by a representative of The Press just before the burial. She is a stout woman of perhaps 40 years, not unpleasant face, but full of determination. She talked freely of the affair, and as she stood in the yard, surrounded by her four small children, one at the breast, detailing the events of the morning, her face lit up with intelligence, while the emotions of anger and sorrow would chase each other across her countenance. When she said, “we would have fough’um,” there was fire in her eye, and you knew she meant it. When she related how Gus could not tell the dreadful news, a tear came and the lip quivered. Her story was as follows:

Mrs. Ritch Tells Her Story

About 3 o’clock Monday morning we were awakened by someone at the door calling for Berry. He got up and told them he would open the door as soon as he got his pants on. He lit the lamp, put on his pants and opened the door and

said ‘come in and have a chair. The man outside said, “We haven’t got time; we have Goode up at the cross lanes at the sycamore and want you to go and consult with him.” Berry asked them if they had Goode arrested and they answered ‘yes.’ Berry asked me where his coat was, and while he was dressing they said, ‘hurry up, we are in a hurry.’ When Berry had finished dressing he stepped outside and a man outside said ‘come on boys.’ When they started off I got up and went to the door and heard them ask Berry when he saw Bill Goode. Berry said, ‘fellows, I have not seen Goode,’ and those were the last words I ever heard him say. I think there were five or six of them.

When they were at the door Gus Query cleared up his throat or made some noise that attracted their attention, and they asked who was there. Berry told them it was Gus and his wife.

Of course Berry nor none of us were expecting any trouble of any kind; had we known or even thought of this terrible thing we would have fought them till we were all killed. We had a gun and two pistols in the house, of these we never even thought. Only a day or two ago Berry said to me that he would hate to be in Goode’s fix – having to lay out and away from his family.

About eight months ago Berry told Goode in my presence that he must keep away from us, that he would have nothing more to do with him, that people were telling him they would have nothing to do with him if he went with Goode. Goode said that he didn’t give a damn and had not been here since I don’t know when.

About daybreak I began to mistrust something and felt uneasy about Berry staying away so long, and I went to the barn before it was good light. As soon as it was light Gus and Jeff

went to hunt him, while I was getting breakfast.

Soon Gus came running back and he could hardly talk, and he told us they had hung Berry. “I did not see a one of them. They kept back in the dark. I have no idea who any of them were.”

Gus Query, who married Ritch’s daughter, gave substantially the same account as Mrs. Ritch. He lives at Blackford and he and his wife were visiting her father’s family. While Mrs. Ritch thought there were only five or six, he was sure there must have been a yard full of them. When daylight came he followed the tracks down the road and they led him to the dead man, and he gave the alarm. In the woods near where Ritch’s body was found, horses had been hitched.

Berry Ritch has been a resident of the county for a number of years. He

came here from Webster County some 16 years ago, and has never been very prosperous. He was a man without much energy, a hard drinker, rarely ever coming to town without getting intoxicated. By many he was regarded as a harmless, inoffensive, rather con-fiding, shiftless man. He was apparently always in a good humor, ready to do whatever favor asked; and was offended at nothing. He owned a small farm, worth probably \$700. His house was a modest, box structure of three rooms, his family consisted of a wife, two married daughters, one single daughter about grown, three small boys, one in his teens and a baby.

In the neighborhood in which he lives but few men will express an opinion in reference to him. Some regard him as pictured by the fore-

going description, while others will shake their heads and say nothing. The consensus of opinion is, however, is that he did not deserve the fate he met, and the deed is condemned, and on every hand the affair is regretted by the people of that section of the county.

This is the state of affairs that has existed there for many months and it was these things that led up to the untimely end of Berry Ritch.

Part II of the story will continue next week and will also tell of another hanging that occurred in Crittenden County.

(Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and a member of Crittenden County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgottenPassages.blogspot.com).

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF BOND ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinance, the title of which is set forth below, was given a first reading at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky held at 5 p.m. local time on April 1, 2024, and was given a second reading and adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky held at 5 p.m. local time on April 4, 2024, in each case at City Hall, 217 S. Main Street, Marion, Kentucky, 42064.

I. TITLE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY (THE “CITY”) AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 FROM FARMERS BANK & TRUST COMPANY THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY’S GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE, SERIES 2024, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000 (THE “GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE”), FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CERTAIN REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO LAKE GEORGE, THE RESERVOIR FOR THE CITY’S WATER SYSTEM; APPROVING THE FORM OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE; AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED OFFICERS TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS SET OUT HEREIN.

II. The Title constitutes a summary of the Ordinance.

The full text of the Ordinance will be on file in the Office of the undersigned City Clerk, City Hall, 217 S. Main Street, Marion, Kentucky, 42064, where it is available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

/s/Pam Enoch
City Clerk

I John S. Egan hereby certify that I am an attorney-at-law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and that this is a true and accurate summary of the above-described Bond Ordinance.

/s/ John S. Egan
Counsel

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SOLD

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY 55.78 - \$255,000 - This tract has the right blend of habitat types for deer and turkey to grow and hold big bucks with the added bonus of a fully furnished pole barn cabin! Includes a Redneck hunting blind and feeders!

PENDING

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 113.44 ACRES - \$269,422 - All timber hunting tract. This tract is located in an area known for big bucks and has timber diversity.

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Multi-family sale: Friday, April 12 8 a.m.-noon and Saturday, April 13 7:30 a.m.-? 238 Guess Dr., Marion. Children's, women's and men's clothes; home decor, books and more. (1t-15)

automotive

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employment

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HELP WANTED: Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting applications for full-time custodial services help. The successful applicant will possess the ability to work in an office environment, be self-motivated, recognize areas requiring the attention light and/or deep cleaning, follow instructions and coordinate a maintenance/cleaning schedule for multiple facilities. The candidate must possess a driven desire to help our community. The job will be a 40-hour work week with benefits and a competitive pay scale based on experience and ability to meet the requirements of the job. Applications are available at the County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Dr., Marion KY 42064. The County is an equal opportunity employer and a certified drug free workplace. If you wish to serve your community and are looking for a clean and stress-free work environment this may be your opportunity to shine. (1t-15-c)

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notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
A public hearing will be held by Crittenden County Fiscal Court at the County Of-

fice Complex on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. during a special meeting for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments in regards to the Ordinance authorizing an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Marion and Crittenden County for 911 Emergency Service. All interested persons are invited to the hearing and may submit verbal or written comments. Any person(s) who can not attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments should call the Office of Judge Executive at 270-965-5251 or submit to yvette.martin@crittendencountyky.org by Wednesday, April 17th at 4:30 pm so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments. (1t-15-c)

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bid notices

Marion-Crittenden County Park Board is accepting bids on a 16'x24' covered pavilion with concrete floor and power outlets. Bids must be sent to Marion Tourism Commission, P.O. Box 174, Marion, KY 42064 or dropped off at 213 S. Main St. Marion KY before 8:30 a.m., April 16, 2024. (1t-15-c)

Crittenden County Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for the installation of 13 rooftop HVAC units at the Crittenden County Elementary School. Please submit sealed bids to: Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm Street, Marion, KY 42064. Bids will be accepted until April 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., at which time they will be opened. No immediate decisions will be made. For more information, please

contact Brian Kirby at 270-704-1166. (1t-15-c)

Bid Notice: The Crittenden County Fiscal Court is accepting sealed bids for multiple roof replacement projects. The following building addresses and roof types are included in this project: 202 N. Walker St. – 3 tab shingle roof with an alternate bid of 26 ga. Corrugated metal, 10.4 sq.; 209 N. Walker St. – 26 ga. Corrugated metal, 96.37 sq.; 210 N. Walker St. – 3 tab shingle roof with an alternate bid of 26 ga. Corrugated metal, 79.56 sq.; 402 N. Walker St. – 3 tab shingle roof with an alternate bid of 26 ga. Corrugated metal, 30.63 sq.; 131 Rochester St. – standing seam and black EPDM rubber combination roof materials, 150.83 sq. total area 1901 U.S. Hwy. 60 E. (Road Garage) – 26 ga. Corrugated metal, 68.00 sq.; 1901 U.S. Hwy. 60 E. (Animal Shelter) – 26 ga. Corrugated metal, 30.61 sq.; 208 W. Carlisle St. – standing seam, 281.06 sq.; 222 W. Carlisle St. – 26 ga. Corrugate metal, 27.92 sq.; 101 Carlisle St. – 26 ga. Corrugated metal, 33.06 sq.; 214 S. Weldon St. – 26 ga. Corrugated metal, 26.04 sq.; and 200 Industrial Dr. – standing seam roof, 102.75 sq. A pre-bid meeting will be held April 18, 2024, at the County Office Complex Fiscal Courtroom for the purposes of providing bid packets to all interested roofing companies and to address any questions or concerns regarding this project. The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. and is not mandated for bid consideration. Bids

will be due by 4:00 p.m. on May 1, 2024, and can be submitted by mail to Crittenden County Fiscal Court, c/o Roofing Project Bid, 200 Industrial Dr., Ste. A, Marion, KY 42064, or by email to jada.williams@crittendencountyky.org. Bids will be opened and read aloud May 2, 2024, in the

Fiscal Courtroom of the Crittenden County Office Complex at 10:00 a.m. All bids shall include a minimum of specifications for materials intended for use, proof of liability insurance coverage in an amount no less than \$1,000,000.00, proof of current business license, warranty details of

work and materials as applicable, and a proposed work schedule. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS-45A. (1t-15-c)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CRITTENDEN-LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT Project No. 922101003
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Separate sealed bids for the CRITTENDEN-LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BLACKBURN CHURCH ROAD WATER LINE EXTENSION project will be received by THE CRITTENDEN-LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT at the office of the CRITTENDEN-LIVINGSTON COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, 620 EAST MAIN STREET, SALEM, KENTUCKY 42078 until 11 o'clock a.m. (Local Time) Thursday, April 18, 2024, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following:

Crittenden-Livingston County Water District; 620 East Main Street; Salem, Kentucky 42078
Hussey Gay Bell - Nashville, LLC; 4117 Hillsboro Pike, Suite 206; Nashville, Tennessee 37215
Builders Exchange of Kentucky; 2300 Meadow Drive; Louisville, Kentucky 40218
Associated General Contractors; 2924 Foster Creighton; Nashville, Tennessee 37204
Builders Exchange of Tennessee; 2322 Winford Avenue; Nashville, Tennessee 37211

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of HUSSEY GAY BELL NASHVILLE, LLC; 4117 HILLSBORO PIKE, SUITE 206, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37215 upon payment of \$50.00 (digital) or \$100 (paper) non-refundable deposit.

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Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

All bidders must be licensed General Contractors as required by the Contractor's Licensing Act of 1976 of the General Assembly of the State of Kentucky and qualified for the type of construction being bid upon.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the Actual Date of the opening thereof.

3/29/2024

T.L. Maddox, Chairman
Crittenden-Livingston County Water District

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 11, 2024

Kentucky Housing Corporation
1231 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601
502-547-7630; environmentalreview@kyhousing.org
Responsible Entity Certifying Officer: Winston Miller

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Kentucky Housing Corporation.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 29th, the Kentucky Housing Corporation will submit a request to HUD for the release of HOME Program funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, for the purpose of carrying out Cole Springs, the new construction of seven (7) buildings, for the creation of 48-unit multi-family apartment complex and one (1) single-story community building located at 500 McMican Road, Marion, Kentucky. The subject property consists of 14.78 acres of undeveloped grassland, agricultural farmland, and undeveloped wooded land. In addition, an intermittent tributary of Crooked Creek transects the northern and eastern portions of the subject property. The estimated amount of HOME funds in the project is \$2,275,000 and the total estimated development cost is \$10,566,150.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The KHC 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) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Kentucky Housing Corporation office located at 1231 Louisville Road in Frankfort, KY from the hours of 8:00A.M. to 5:00 P.M. It can also be viewed online at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to KHC, ATTN: Winston Miller at 1231 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601 or via email to environmentalreview@kyhousing.org. All comments received by April 26th, 2024, will be considered by KHC prior to submitting a request for release of funds to HUD. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The KHC certifies to HUD that Winston Miller in his capacity as Executive Director and Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the KHC to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and KHC's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the KHC; (b) KHC has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant 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 a release of funds by HUD; or (d) 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 HUD Louisville Field Office, CPD Director at 601 W. Broadway, Room 110, Louisville, Kentucky 40202 or via email to anita.l.bowles@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Winston Miller, Executive Director
Kentucky Housing Corporation

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Crittenden Circuit Court
Marion, KY 42064
Case No. 24-CI-00041

DEBBIE CROFT WILLIAMSON, Plaintiff v. HEIRS OF HELEN ROBINSON, DECEASED; HEIRS OF NEIL CROFT, DECEASED; HEIRS OF HAROLD CROFT, DECEASED, AND ANY HEIRS OF ROY J. CROFT, DECEASED; AND UNKNOWN HUSBANDS, WIVES, WIDOWERS, WIDOWS, HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS, HERIS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEES, REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON ANY OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED; AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN; Defendants;

Notice is hereby given that an action has been filed against HEIRS OF HELEN ROBINSON, DECEASED; HEIRS OF NEIL CROFT, DECEASED; HEIRS OF HAROLD CROFT, DECEASED, AND ANY HEIRS OF ROY J. CROFT, DECEASED; AND UNKNOWN HUSBANDS, WIVES, WIDOWERS, WIDOWS, HEIRS, GRANTEES, DEVISEES, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS; AND ANY UNKNOWN OWNERS, HERIS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, GRANTEES, REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON ANY OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED; AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Defendants. The subject of this action is the following tract of land situated in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and more specifically described as follows:

MAP No. 014-00-00-036 (containing 65 acres more or less)

TRACT 1. A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky on the waters of Coffield's Fork of Deer Creek bounded as follows to-wit: BEGINNING at a stake on the north bank of a branch in center of the new road or highway a division corner running thence with the center of said new road or highway N 2 W 58 poles to a stake in center of old Salem and Wallace Ferry road, division corner thence with said old road with its meanderings S 3 ¼ E 5 poles S 17 E 4 poles S 42 ¼ E 11 poles, S 12 E 12 poles, thence S 18 W 32 poles to the beginning containing 2 ¼ acres more or less.

TRACT 2. A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky on the waters of Deer Creek, bounded as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a stake or stone on the East side of the Salem and Wallace Ferry Road corner to Charley Davis, thence with his line and the original line; East 73 ½ poles to a large white oak in the old G.W. Foley, now Browning line, corner to said Davis, thence with the Browning line, S 4 W to a stone, corner to C.E. Stalyns, thence with said Stalyns line; N 82 ½ W 101 ½ poles to a stake in the Salem and Wallace Ferry Road, corner to said Stalyns, thence with the meanderings of said road, to the beginning, containing 53 acres, more or less.

SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to Franklin G. Croft, Debbie Croft and David Croft, by Ruby Croft by Deed dated November 26, 1979, of record in Deed Book 144, Page 603; the life estate of Franklin G. Croft extinguished at his death in 2017; David Croft et ux, quitclaimed his interest in the subject property to Debbie Croft Williamson (a.k.a. Debbie Croft) by Quitclaim Deed dated February 21, 2024 and recorded in Deed Book 250, Page 92; All records Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

Anyone interested in this action should contact Cobie D. Evans, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 99, Smithland, Kentucky (270) 928-4620.

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Governor signs new laws approved by legislators

KY TODAY

Kentucky General Assembly wrapped up much of its work last Friday and is currently in the so-called “veto recess” until later this week.

When legislation is passed and sent to Gov. Andy Beshear, he has 10 business days to decide if he will sign the measure into law, veto it, or allow it to become law without his signature.

Below is some of the legislation, the governor has signed:

- SB 18 standardizes the rules and specifications for school bus equipment.
- SB 29 simplifies the process for automotive glass insurance claims and expands options for consumers who need glass repair.
- SB 46 loosens restrictions on tinting for windshields, while maintaining visibility requirements.
- SB 145 allows more health care facilities to have access to child abuse registries when doing background checks on new employees.
- SB 158 allows financial institutions to open a restricted account for a minor for court settlements or claims proceeds.
- SB 162 expands the ability of law enforcement to access and retain copies of accident reports.
- SB 164 makes it easier for Kentuckians to gain their electrician or plumbing license through proprietary schools and career centers.

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charter bus company.

While they appeared calm and collected under the lights of country music’s Broadway, there were snags and raw emotions. Yet, no one in the audience would have detected either. Country music legend Ricky Skaggs saw it, and offered Cash Singleton a little advice when the boys came off the stage.

Cash’s mandoline strap had come loose during the performance. He calmly reached back and reattached it without missing a note. Skaggs saw it happen and suggested Cash do the same thing he does, wire the strap to the mandoline tailpin.

The brothers have seen the national stage before when they performed early in their careers for NBC’s Little Big Shots. But when Cash was singing at the Opry, emotion ran down this face.

“He was crying like a baby,” Cutter said about his sibling. “The emotions were just overwhelming. We have worked so hard for this.”

The Opry estimates that about 11 million listeners or watchers tune in to the show every Saturday night either live, on the radio or streaming on the web.

The group performed its first single, a cover of “Momma’s Don’t Your Babies Grow up to be Cowboys” and a gospel tune

“Workin’ on a Buildin’.”

Guitarist Lily Goebel, 15, and fiddler, Noah Goebel, 13, are the other two musicians in the band. Cash’s vocals for the gospel song brought the house down and the band received standing ovations after each selection.

Cruce said country music icon Vince Gill mentioned Cutter by name during and after the Opry performance, saying the young Marion musician reminded him of Marty Stuart when he was that age. Stuart learned to play guitar and mandolin as a child, and by age 12, he had joined a gospel band. Shortly thereafter, in the early 1970s, Stuart got on with Lester Flatt’s band and later recorded many Billboard hits and won five Grammy Awards.

As a special treat, Cutter was loaned a guitar that hadn’t been used on the Opry stage since the late, great Ernest Tubb strummed it there before his death in 1984. Their appearance was largely orchestrated by legendary opry and country music entertainer Jeannie Seely, who befriended the young band a few years ago and has become their producer and promoter.

“I just have to keep pinching myself,” Cutter added. “I don’t think it has really sunk in.”

It should one day, perhaps by the time the group’s youngest members are as old as their bass guitarist.



Being on the Opry for the first time will be a lifelong memory for the original band members (from left) Brennan Cruce, Cash Singleton and Cutter Singleton.



Second and College streets were getting a new topping of pavement last week. These were among a handful of paving jobs that were approved and funded two years ago by the city. A shortage of bids on paving projects has largely been responsible for the delays. Mayor D’Anna Browning says she hopes to find additional funding to do more paving later this year.

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SPRING SPORTS

This week’s games

THURSDAY
Softball at All A Championship
Baseball at All A Championship
FRIDAY
Softball at Madisonville
SATURDAY
Track at Owensboro Invitational
Track at Mayfield Fast Times
MONDAY
Softball hosts Trigg County
Baseball host Trigg County
TUESDAY
Softball hosts Livingston Central
Baseball hosts Livingston Central
Track at Ballard Memorial

All A Classic Results

AII A SOFTBALL
OPENING ROUND RESULTS
Crittenden County 10, Caldwell Co. 8
Lyon County 15, Dawson Springs 0
Livingston 1, Heritage Christian 0, forfeit
Fort Campbell at UHA, postponed
SEMIFINAL RESULTS
Crittenden Co. 14, Lyon County 4
Livingston Central vs. UHA/FtC
CHAMPIONSHIP at UHA
Crittenden County vs TBD

AII A BASEBALL
OPENING ROUND RESULTS
Fort Campbell 15, Dawson Springs 0
Crittenden Co. 7, Livingston Central 4
Lyon County 24, Heritage Christian 0
Caldwell County 6, UHA 1
SEMIFINAL RESULTS
Crittenden County 16, Ft. Campbell 1
Lyon County 7, Caldwell County 3
CHAMPIONSHIP THURSDAY
Crittenden County vs Lyon County

DISTRICT SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Team	Overall	Dist
Trigg County	9-9	2-1
Livingston Central	15-2	1-1
Lyon County	6-5	1-2
Crittenden County	7-7	0-3

DISTRICT BASEBALL STANDINGS

Lyon County	7-4	3-0
Livingston Central	8-7	1-1
Trigg County	7-5	1-1
Crittenden County	9-6	0-3

Games through 4-8-24

DISC GOLF

Park hosts tournament

Marion-Crittenden County Park this weekend is hosting its annual HB Clark Disc Golf Tournament. The Saturday event has professional and amateur divisions and is part of the West Kentucky Disc Golf Series. To register go online to Marion Disc Golf Facebook page. The tournament is named for the man who designed the local course.

RUNNING

5K benefit at M-CC Park

There will be a 5K and fun run to benefit Livingston Hospital Foundation on Saturday, April 27 at Marion City-County Park. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., and race at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 for the 5K and \$15 for the one-mile run. Proceeds benefit the LH Foundation, which assists with health and wellness needs in the community. Contact Tiffany Roberts at (270) 704-1360 to register or of more information.

BASKETBALL

Coach Cal bids adieu

After 15 seasons as basketball coach at the University Kentucky, John Calipari, 65, is saying farewell. He made an official announcement on social media Tuesday. Other reports have suggested he's close to a deal with Southeastern Conference foe Arkansas.

OUTDOORS

Youth hunters take 31

Young hunters bagged 31 turkeys during the two-day youth hunt last weekend. They took 23 mature strutters, six jakes and two beared hens in Crittenden County. In nearby Livingston County, 19 gobblers were harvested. In Lyon, Caldwell and Union counties, hunters took 14 each and in Webster 24 were taken. The statewide season opens this weekend and runs until May 5.



Crittenden County senior and team captain Jaycee Champion fields a ball in centerfield during the Lady Rockets victory in the All A Classic opener at Caldwell County.

TOP5 BATTING LEADERS	TOP5 RBI LEADERS
Rocket Baseball	Rocket Baseball
Hutson Stokes .429	Tyler Belt 16
Quinn Summers .409	Casey Cates 14
Tyler Belt .396	Jaxton Duncan 14
Jeremiah Foster .394	Chase Conyer 13
Drake Young .333	Hutson Stokes 13
Minimum 20 ABs, through 16 games	Minimum 20 ABs, through 16 games

BASEBALL

Rockets in All A championship
Crittenden County beat Fort Campbell 16-1 Tuesday to advance to Thursday's All A Second Region championship game at Eddyville. Quinn Summers had 2 hits – a double and triple – and 3 RBIs and Tyler Belt tripled and scored 3 runs. Others with 2 hits were Hutson Stokes, Jeremiah Foster and Kaiden Travis. Stokes pitched the entire game, striking out 5.

Rockets win All A opener
Crittenden County gained a measure of revenge against Livingston Central Monday by beating the Cardinals 7-4 to open the All A Classic Second Region Tournament at Marion. CCHS had lost a district game to LCHS in March. Five Rocket hits were scattered among Hutson Stokes, Quinn Summers, Jeremiah Foster, Casey Cates and Kaiden Travis, who had 2 RBIs.

Crittenden came back from being down by 3 early. The Rockets plated 6 runs in the fifth inning. Asa McCord got the start and Foster worked 5 innings in relief, striking out 6 and allowing just one run. Rain this week has thrown the All A schedule into chaos. A makeup plan had not been determined at press time.

Fla. opener goes well
Crittenden County split 4 games in Panama City Beach, Fla., last week during spring

break action. Out of the gate, CCHS beat Rutherford, Fla., 9-8 then defeated Clinton County, Ky. 5-1 before losing to a couple more Kentucky opponents, Casey County 12-7 and Lincoln County 12-4. Tyler Belt had 2 hits and scored 2 runs in CCHS's win over Clinton. Asa McCord also had a couple of hits. He also pitched a 3-hit complete game, striking out 6. Hutson Stokes and Belt scored 2 runs apiece in the loss to Casey County. Stokes had 2 of CCH's 6 hits. Chase Conyer, Stokes and Quinn Summers shared the pitching duties. Conyer fanned 11 over 5 innings. In the 8-run loss to Lincoln County, Conyer and Foster had 2 hits apiece. Casey Cates doubled. Five errors hurt CCHS as Jaxton Duncan pitched 4 innings and Belt 2. Only 6 runs were earned.

SOFTBALL

CCHS in All A championship
Crittenden County scored 9 runs in the fifth inning Tuesday to help beat Lyon County by the 10-rule and earn a spot in the All A Classic Second Region championship scheduled for Thursday at Hopkinsville. Anna Boone had 3 hits and Andrea Federico had 2 hits including a home run and knocked in 3. Elle McDaniel had 2 hits and Elliot Evans scored 3 runs. Aubre Conyer had 2 hits and 2 RBIs. Han-



Crittenden County senior Jaylee Champion gets a jump off of third base as Caldwell's Brylee Butts (who is granddaughter of former CCHS football coach Pat Gates) readies for the ball.



Rocket first baseman Chase Conyer makes a grab on this close play during a recent high school game in Marion.

nah Jent had 3 RBIs. Brodi Rich pitched 3.2 innings for the win and Boone pitched 2.1 innings in relief.

Rocket girls surprise Tigers
Crittenden County upset Caldwell County 10-8 in a slugfest to open the All A Classic Second Region Tournament Monday at Princeton. Elliot Evans and Andrea Federico led an offensive attack that included 13 hits, 10 RBIs and 2 extra-based hits. Evans had 4 hits and scored 3 runs and Federico had 4 hits and knocked in 6. She also tripled. Morgan Piper had 2 hits, including a double, and 2 RBIs. Brodi Rich started the game and Anna Boone finished it on the rubber. Boone struck out 19 and allowed just 1 earned run. CCHS will play Lyon County in the regional semifinal game, which was rained out on Tuesday. A makeup date had not been established at press time. The Lady Rockets have now won 4 of their last 5 games after a 3-game losing streak.

Girls win 3 of 4 on break

The Lady Rockets won 3 of their 4 games over spring break during a 2-day tournament at Clarksville, Tenn. CCHS opened with a 10-0 win over Clarksville Christian then beat Obion Central (Tenn.) 6-1 before knocking off Clarksville Northwest 12-1 in the final pool play game. Yet in their opening contest in bracket play, Crittenden lost 8-0 to Clarksville High. Senior centerfielder Jaycee Champion had 3 hits in the

TOP5 BATTING LEADERS

CCHS Softball

Andrea Federico	.477
Elliot Evans	.472
Anna Boone	.354
Hannah Jent	.341
Elle McDaniel	.317
Minimum 25 ABs, through 15 games	

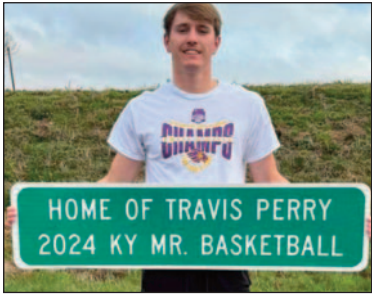
TOP5 RBI LEADERS

CCHS Softball

Andrea Federico	26
Hannah Jent	12
Morgan Piper	7
Elle McDaniel	7
Anna Boone	6
Minimum 25 ABs, through 15 games	

opening win. Elliot Evans, Anna Boone, Elle McDaniel, Hannah Jent and Jaylee Champion each had hits in the contest. Evans pitched the entire game for a 3-hit victory with 7 strikeouts. Boone threw a 2-hitter against Obion. She and Evans also had 2 hits apiece. Andrea Federico and Jent doubled in the game. Federico dialed up her fourth homer of the season in the win over Northwest. She and McDaniel had 2 hits apiece and everyone else in the lineup had one hit. Evans pitched a 2-hit, complete game. Lady Rocket bats went silent against Clarksville as the girls managed just a couple of singles by Jent and Federico. Boone and Evans both tried to stop Clarksville in the circle.

Highways commemorate Lyon, Perry’s accomplishments



Travis Perry holds one of the new highway signs.

KY TODAY
The storied high school basketball career of Lyon County High School's Travis Perry is now on display on highways leading into the county, along with a marker commemorating the school's first state basketball championship. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 1 hung signs along the county lines on U.S. 62 at Caldwell and

Livingston counties. Perry, who has signed to play college basketball at the University of Kentucky, is the state's all-time scoring leader and is only the second Kentucky high school player to score at least 3,000 points. He is the 2024 Mr. Basketball in the state and was the Gatorade Player of the Year for the second straight year.

He finished his high school career with 5,481 points, eclipsing the previous record of 4,337 set in 1956 by King Kelly Coleman. He holds the record for field goals made (1,918), field goals attempted (3,880), 3-pointers made (714) and free throws made (933). He averaged 22 points, three rebounds, 4.8 assists and 2.2 steals and is 4.0 student.

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2nd grade Board’s calling

BY ALLISON EVANS
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Shayann Board cried every day until second-grade. Then one teacher changed everything.

Today as she stands at the front of her classroom at Crittenden County Elementary, she strives to be that teacher – to make learning fun and to let kids know they are loved. Her charisma and positivity led to her selection in the education category of The Crittenden Press’ 10 Under 40 community recognition program.

Like many little girls, Board loved to “play school,” frequently lining up her stuffed animals alongside her brother Gabe. Ironically, she hated school. It was Shanon Baker who showed her a little extra attention to help reverse a loathing of the classroom.

As she got older, she thought she wanted to be a teacher, but an introduction to education class she took as a senior in high school solidified her career plans. She earned a teaching degree from Western Kentucky University and was hired as a substitute at Crittenden Elementary mere weeks after her 2020 graduation. A fifth-grade classroom opened up during the spring semester during the COVID years, and she got her teaching start with a group of 13 students who accepted the school district’s option to return as in-person learners.

The next year she found herself in second grade, and she can’t imagine herself anywhere else.

The Lyon County native loves being a Crittenden County Rocket. Her grandmother Ann Daughtrey Sutton grew up in Dycusburg and is proud Board is teaching in the county where she graduated high school.

“She loves that I’m over here. When I get my roster she wants to see if she knows any of their great-grandparents, and one student she did know because she knew her great-grandmother so we went to get ice cream with Ma.”

Board’s faith is evident when she talks about her career.

“This is more than a job, it’s a calling,” Board said. “I was put on this earth to do this very thing.”

Her mentor Tiffany Deboe, other second-grade teachers and a building



full of coworkers have helped her, “the baby” of the school as they dubbed her fresh out of college, navigate a budding career.

She knows school must be fun, and has taken tips from longtime first-grade teacher Mollie McGowan. She credits Delois Paddock, with whom she taught her first year, for confirming kids’ need to feel loved and valued.

“It is about teaching, but also about loving on them too,” Board said.

It’s even better, she said, when students realize how much they are loved.

“They hug on you and love on you, and having those little arms wrapped around you and them telling you you’re the best beats all, that’s the best part of it,” she said.

She believes personal experiences from her life have helped her bond with students who she believes were divinely placed in her classroom.

“I pray over these kids all summer before I even get my roster, because I feel like these kids are given to me, they are supposed to be with me,” she said.

The second-grade school day can be a little grueling for any teacher, keeping two dozen 7-year-olds focused on phonics, reading, writing, math, social studies and science.

“I love that they get so excited about everything, and I never dreamed when I decided to be teacher that it would be as awesome as it is; it is a really rewarding career.”

Her favorite subject to teach is math, especially when she sees the proverbial lightbulb go off when students learn new concepts.

“I’m a visual learner so if I can I pull something out and show them, I do. And in math you can go about an an-

swer several different ways, and I love that because not all kids’ brains are wired the same way,” she said. “I tell them as long as they explain how they got their answer and show their work it’s fine. We have a lot of fun in math.”

Principal Sarah Riley said Board believes all students can learn more, do more and be more!

“She has one bottom line: She wants her students to be rock stars and she genuinely believes in them,” Riley said. “At CCES, we believe that when we work together, we all shine brighter. Ms. Shayann is a true example of this belief.”

At any opportunity, she uses unique activities to introduce or review content. Earlier this school year her students donned surgical gowns, gloves and Band-aids for a lesson on context clues in reading.

Each year she has a Disney Day – her favorite place on earth – which she will use to teach money values as students purchase Mickey ice cream bars and discuss time in terms of how long it takes to get from one ride to another.

“It’s a lot of fun and a good way to celebrate the end of the year,” she said. “It is a place some students will never go, but I tell them if I could take them all to Disney World I would.”

Her love for her students is evident by the hours she spends watching their participation in sporting events, reminiscent of her days at the Fredonia ball park.

“It was so nostalgic the first time I went there to watch, I had to call my brother,” she laughs. Being in Crittenden County, she has learned about football, which doesn’t exist in her native Lyon County, and rodeo at the Fredonia Valley Riding Club.

In May Board will complete her master’s degree in the study of Social



Emotional Learning. “I have had students who have really big feelings and it’s hard not knowing how to address those,” she said.

“I want to tell them, ‘Your friend is going through this, and this is how we need to act,’” she said. “It is hard when you’re 7 and you want to help and don’t know how.. That was something I wanted to learn about.”

It’s evident that Board loves what she does.

“It’s not about the money or breaks off, if it wasn’t for kids I wouldn’t do it. It’s literally for the kids.

“I wouldn’t be in this situation if I wasn’t supposed to be, and that is what helps me most because I was called to do this so I can be there for them and that’s what means the most to me, as long as I can be there for one student who needs me.”

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