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TOWN HALL MEETING

LIVE ON PRESS PAGE

The final event in a series of local candidate forums will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday at the Lions Club's Agriculture Building at the county fairgrounds. These Town Hall Meetings have been held in various communities across the county. This one you can view live in its entirety, on The Crittenden Press Facebook Page.



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CHAMBER COORDINATES

SPRING SHOPPING EVENT

Several Marion businesses are offering special deals during a spring shopping event coordinated by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. Spring Shop Hop on Friday and Saturday will feature discounts at various retailers in Marion. The Chamber of Commerce urges you to shop in Marion during this special event.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet in special session at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 14 in the basement of the county clerk's office.
- Marion-Crittenden County 911 Board will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, April 18 at city hall.
- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, April 18 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, April 18 at city hall.
- Marion Tourism Commission will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 19 at the Marion Welcome Center.
- Salem City Council will meet at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 19 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, April 21 at the courthouse.
- CCHS SBDM will meet at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 21 at the school library.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, April 25 at Deer Lakes meeting room.



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Property Valuator

Three Republicans seek PVA post for assessing property in county

STAFF REPORT

Winds of change are blowing in local government and there will be more changes than just the physical structure. Faces are too.

Over the next few months, the site of county government will move from downtown Marion to the Ed-Tech Center on the southern fringe. Down will come the 50-plus-year-old courthouse and in its place will be a new multi-million-dollar justice center.

Yes, the landscape will undergo remarkable change and so will county leadership. Among the changing of the guard will be a new property valuation administrator. Democrat Ronnie Heady is retiring from the post he's

served in for more than two decades. The county's property valuation officer, commonly shortened to PVA, is in charge of making sure real property is legally assessed at fair market value. Taxing districts set property tax rates and the PVA makes sure the rate is applied to a statutorily defined valuation. Real property is to be assessed annually and physically inspected every four years by the PVA office. Vehicles, land, homes and tangible property are among the things the PVA is charged with evaluating.


Three individuals want to replace Heady, who has held the office longer than any PVA in history. And he's done it amid a rising turn in the county's elec-

torate, which is now very decidedly Republican. All three candidates will face off in the GOP primary on May 17. No Democrats filed to run so the new PVA will be elected next month and Heady, 60, has already affirmed that he will offer the successful candidate a job inside the office for the last half of 2022 in order that he or she can get their feet on the ground.


Seeking the position are Jason Champion, Misty Dalton Hicks and Todd Perryman. Coincidentally, all three hail from families that are well established in the northeast quadrant of the county, near Tolu and Sheridan.

All three have passed an ex-

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ELECTION 2022 Crittenden County




REPUBLICAN

Candidates Crittenden County PVA

Champion



Dalton-Hicks



Perryman



Easter cross display in front of Sulphur Springs Church in rural Crittenden County.

Holy Week

Monday: Jesus freed the sacrificial animals and cleansed the temple.
Tuesday: Jesus taught at the temple.
Wednesday: A disciple named Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus for pieces of silver.
Thursday: The Last Supper.
Friday: Jesus was crucified on a cross.
Saturday: Jesus rested in the tomb.
Sunday: Jesus' resurrection.

Holy Week

largely a Republican response to his actions in the early days of the pandemic. The bill forbids government discrimination against churches during a state of emergency. House Bill 43 also provides grounds for religious groups to sue the government if they are discriminated against.

The ACLU of Kentucky chastised the Democrat governor for signing the bill.

Although government restrictions had eased last spring, Easter passed under a shadow of the pandemic, knocking out typical Easter events and canceling

protect religious gatherings going forward, defining them as "essential."

Gov. Andy Beshear signed the so-called religious freedom bill that was

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Rogers to take over Edward Jones post; Alexander retiring

STAFF REPORT

After 20 years of providing brokerage services under the Edward Jones financial services flag in Marion, Mickey Alexander is phasing out.

There will be a changing of the guard over the coming weeks as Grant Rogers takes over as the local financial advisor for the company.

Alexander, 72, who was Marion's mayor for 29 years, has been with Edward Jones for more than two decades. He began working out of his home in September of 2001 and moved into the office on West Bellville about six months later. Rogers will continue to operate the firm at the same location and its two employees, Patricia

Vied and Eugena Champion, will remain with the company. His contract with Jones requires Alexander to remain as a local consultant for two more years, but he will no longer keep regular office hours after May.

Rogers, 41, will have his brokerage license to begin fully servicing clients beginning April 25.

Jones has a client list of more than 1,000 individuals.

Alexander has served the community in various capacities over the years. He was with local banks, including First Federal, Citizens, Civitas and then Fifth Third as that institution evolved with different names over the years. He also worked at Salem Bank and was in the auto parts business at one time.

"The community has been terrific to me and wife, Susan," Alexander said.



Pictured from left are Brandi Rogers, Charlie Rogers, Grant Rogers, Mickey Alexander and Susan Alexander.

RECORD BREAKING YEAR IN '21

STAFF REPORT

Gross sales receipts for 2021 at local restaurants and hotels in Marion have set a new record.

Over 12 months ending in December, there was \$9.44 million in gross sales subject to the City of Marion's tourism tax.

Reporting was recently completed for the last quarter of 2021 when sales were approximately \$2.34 million, helping make 2021 the most remarkable sales year since local records began being kept in 2004.

Three of the four reporting periods in 2021 rank as the top three quarters ever for dining and overnight lodging receipts in Marion. Those receipts are subject to a three-percent local tax that benefits the tourism commission.

Pandemic and inflation pressures have been largely responsible for regular increases since the spring and summer shutdown during the early COVID-19 period.

The previous highest year was 2020 when sales were \$7.98 million.

CCHS hires basketball head coach


STAFF REPORT

It's been several years since Crittenden County has gone outside the local school district to hire a basketball coach.

DJ Pigg of Benton has been hired as the Rockets' 19th head coach since Marion and Crittenden County consolidated in 1957.

Pigg, 24, played at Marshall County, setting some three-point shooting records. He graduated from there in 2016 after a basketball career that netted almost 1,200 points. At John A. Logan College in Illinois, Pigg played collegiate golf for a time, then transferred to Murray State where he completed his degree. For the past four years, he's been coaching in the Graves County School District. He is currently employed by Graves County Middle School

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Pigg

Deaths

Yarbrough

Joseph Wheeler “Joe” Yarbrough Jr., 76, of Marion, died Friday, April 8, 2022 at Crittenden Community Hospital.



Surviving are his wife, Susan Yarbrough; a son, Joseph Wheeler Yarbrough III of Indianapolis, Ind.; a daughter, Alexandra Bruenderman of Louisville; a brother, Robert Yarbrough of Memphis, Tenn.; and grandchildren, Henry David and Lauren Kate Bruenderman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Wheeler Yarbrough Sr., and Edith Allen Yarbrough.

Yarbrough was a community and civic leader for nearly 50 years. He was a longtime member of the Farmers Bancorp Board of Directors and was actively serving as chairman of the board until his death. He was an active member of Marion United Methodist Church where he had served in various leadership positions. Yarbrough's other community service included a leadership role as former president of the Chamber of Commerce, a director for the Marion Revolving Loan Fund Board and the Pennyrile Area Development District plus many other civic organizations. He owned and operated Yarbrough Insurance Company in Marion for 45 years. He was also active in the Kentucky Bankers Association.

Yarbrough was a native of Clarksdale, Miss., and held a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi.

Memorial services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, April 16 at Marion United Methodist Church.

Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The family asks that expressions of sympathy take the form of memorial donations to Marion United Methodist Church or Fohs Hall, Inc.

Harris

Rhonda K. Harris, 67, of Grand Rivers, died Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at Mercy Health-Lourdes, in Paducah.



She graduated from West Kentucky Tech as a medical assistant and worked in the medical field for many years.

She was born Dec. 16, 1954 in Paducah.

Surviving are her children, Brian “Buff” Wright of Calvert City, Stephanie (Shawn) Chambliss of Fredonia and Mary Beth Head of Paducah; a sister, Sharon Wight of

Salem; and three grandchildren, Makenna, Marley and Macy Chambliss.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Grace Atwell Harris; a brother, Steve Harris, her grandmother, Nadine Harris; and an aunt, Norma Harris.

She loved life, her family, her friends, and never met a stranger. She enjoyed dancing, taking photographs and spending time with her granddaughters.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 9 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with burial at Dyer Hill Cemetery.

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LeFan

Kevin Lynn LeFan, 59, of Eddyville, died Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at his home. He had been Meat Department Manager at Food Giant in Marion, loved horseback riding and was a ham radio operator. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and walking his dog, Emma.



Surviving are his mother, Mary Linzy LeFan of Dycusburg; a daughter, Paige (Daniel) Adams of Eddyville; two brothers, Philip (Jeretta) LeFan and Dennis (Jamie) LeFan, both of Dycusburg; four grandchildren, Shelbi Glover, Tysen Glover, Reed Adams and Millie Kate Adams; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sanders LeFan; and a twin brother, Stanley LeFan.

Funeral services were Monday, April 11 at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with burial in Dycusburg Cemetery.

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Nelms

Christine Nelms, 85, of Lola, died Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at Mercy Health Lourdes Hospital in Paducah. Nelms was born June 14, 1936 to Lonnie and Grace Damron.



Surviving are a son, Willis M. “Buddy” (Michelle) Nelms Jr, of Carrsville; two daughters, Cynthia Gail (Donald) Adams of Richmond and Kristi (Andy) Moore of Dayton, Ohio; a sister, Geneva Williams of Marion; five grandchildren, Michael G. (Christina) Adams and April Mattingly, both of Louisville, Nicky Dale (Lisa) Nelms of Salem and Brittany Allison Butler and James Austin Butler, both of Dayton, Ohio; and four great-grandchildren, Makayla Nelms, Lucia Adams, Gabbi Mattingly and Ben Mattingly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willis “Bud” Nelms; a daughter Marsha Lynn

Nelms; and a brother, Gene Damron.

Funeral services were Sunday, April 10 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Rev. Isreal Sanders officiating. Burial was in the Lola Cemetery.

Tabor

James Brant Tabor, 49, of Marion died Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at Baptist Health in Paducah.

Surviving are his children, Rheagan Jackson of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Tallyn Tabor of Marion; his mother, Hope Boswell of Marion; one niece and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rylee Tabor; a sister, Meredith Tabor and his grandparents.

Memorial services were Saturday, April 9 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Gardner

Geneva Marie Gardner, 78, of Dixon died Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at her residence.

She was born Sept. 25, 1943 in Webster County to the late Mack and Flora Phillips.



She was a member of Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Providence.

Surviving are a daughter Melissa (Clint) Prow of Providence; a son, Jeff (Carol) Gardner of Eureka, Ill.; a sister, Joyce (Bill) Railey of Providence; a brother, David (Norma) Phillips of Dixon.; six grandchildren Alicia (Steven) Kallal of Glen Carbon, Ill., Sarah Gardner of Washington D.C., Nick (Alli) Keown of Clay, Kaitlyn Prow of Providence, Jacob Keown of Grand Rivers, Will Prow of Providence; and a great-grandchild, Eva Kallal.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Donnie in 2007.

Funeral services were Saturday, April 9 at Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Providence with Bro. Ethan Watson and Bro. Johnnie Davis officiating. Burial was in White Oak Cemetery. Vanover Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Leet

James Robert Leet, 75, formerly of Mayfield, died Sunday, April 10, 2022 in Augusta, Ga. He was born in Shady Grove Jan. 19, 1947. He formerly worked at Dairyman's Supply Company in Mayfield.



He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Claudene; an infant daughter, Molly; an infant son, Christopher; and a brother, Wayne Leet. His parents were Carlos and Mayo Leet.

Surviving are a daugh-

ter, Elizabeth (Will) Blythe of Augusta, Ga; a son, Brad Leet of Evansville; two sisters, Nancy Joyce and Betty Jane Hill, both of Marion; two brothers, Errol (Wilma) Leet of Madisonville and Leroy Leet of Shady Grove; three grandsons, Scott Leet, Jesse Speed, and Bradley Leet; and four granddaughters, Keshia Blythe; Whitley (KB) Blythe; Chantel Blythe and Jordan Blythe; two great-granddaughters, Jayla and Kenzie and other relatives.

No services will be held. Cremation will take place in Georgia. Memorial contributions may be made to the Donald and Kevin Blythe Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Paducah Junior College Foundation, Attn: Blythe Memorial Scholarship, P.O. Box 7380, Paducah, KY 42002-7380.

Blackburn

Anna G. Blackburn, 75, of Marion, died April 9, 2022 at her home. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Surviving are two brothers, James D. Weldon of Portage, Ind., and Larry Weldon of Bowling Green; two nieces and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Blackburn; her parents, James and Mary Sue Weldon; and a brother, Eddie Grant Weldon.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 14 at Asher Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of ar

Ambrose

Betty Jo Ambrose, 82, of Marion, died April 11, 2022 at Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation. She was born Feb. 15, 1940 in Elizabethtown. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist



Church in Marion and served the Lord in many churches in western Kentucky alongside her late husband, Rev. Brodie Ambrose.

Surviving are her children, Marty (Stephen) Hill of Marion and Marsha (Dwain) Hayes of Greenville, S.C.; four grandchildren, Elise (Dustin) Cash, Ethan (Jessie) Hill and Noah Hayes and six great-grandchildren, Cate Cash, Morgan Gilkey, Easley Gilkey, Jaxton Hill and Jase Hill.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Brodie Ambrose; her parents, Harry Gardell and LaVerne Marsh; and

a brother, Larry Gene Marsh.

Services are at 11 a.m., Friday, April 15 at Gilbert Funeral Home with Rev. Rex Jones officiating. Burial will follow in Sugar Grove Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 5-8 p.m., Thursday and from 9 a.m., until service time Friday at the funeral home.

The family would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to those who provided excellent care to Betty during her illness: Palmer Place, Princeton Nursing and Rehabilitation and Baptist Health Hospice.

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PRESCHOOL SCREENING IS APRIL 22 AND MAY 5

Crittenden County’s pre-school screenings will be held in Marion on Friday, April 22 and Thursday, May 5 by appointment. This screening is for children age 3 or 4 by Aug. 1. Contact the Crittenden County School District for an appointment with information about a time and place.

COURTHOUSE, CITY HALL CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

County offices at the Crittenden County Courthouse will be closed on Friday, April 15 in observance of Good Friday. This will include the road department on Sturgis Road. In addition to Friday, the animal shelter and convenience center will be closed to the public on Saturday. City hall will also be closed on Friday.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP NEARING DEAL ON OLD SALEM ROAD LOT

Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) met last week and discussed the impending transfer of a deed from the former highway maintenance property on Old Salem Road to the school district. In return, the school district will pay the CCEDC \$60,000 over five years in a deal that was hatched in 2007 and took much longer than expected to come to fruition. The agreement included a land swap that allowed the Transportation Cabinet to get about 15 acres in Industrial Park North on Pippi Hardin Blvd., where it built a modern highway maintenance garage. Local economic develop leaders have acknowledged that mis-

steps were made at the Industrial Park North, which was originally acquired shortly after Tyson Food’s chicken broiler facility left the site. CCEDC leaders still owe more than \$100,000 on the industrial park, but have only about 20 acres left there to develop. No industry has ever sited there, only the highway garage and the new city sewer plant. The group is currently negotiating with another entity interested in land at the park. Ownership of Industrial Park North has been an onerous financial burden for the economic development group, but it has made headway in the past couple of years in paying off its debt on the land. That obligation, however, has created other financial problems for the group. It’s currently more than a year behind in payments to the Lake Barkley Partnership, a multi-county economic development organization to which it belongs. Dues are about \$42,000 annually.

KENTUCKIANS STILL ARE NOT RETUNING TO WORK

As the commonwealth emerges from the pandemic, Kentucky’s employment figures are slow to recover. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 58 percent of Kentuckians are participating in the workforce. That’s the seventh worst rate in the country, only ahead of Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, New Mexico, South Carolina and West Virginia. While Kentucky’s rate has rebounded a bit from the historically low figure of 54.7 percent during the height of the pandemic, it’s still lagging behind the country’s average workforce participation rate, which was 62.3 percent in February.

EXTRA DAYS FOR TAXES

The federal and state individual income tax filing deadline is Monday, April 18. This year’s April 18 deadline affords taxpayers a few extra days to complete their tax returns due to the Emancipation Day holiday in Washington D.C.

MARCH 2022

Weather Yearbook

Coldest Temp

16.1

Sat., March 12

Warmest Temp

77

Wed., March 30

Wettest Day

1.79

Tues., March 22

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Average Temp	50.1	52.1	51.8	43.8	
Coldest Temp	16.1	26.6	25.8	9.8	
Hottest Temp	77.0	77.7	82.4	76	
Precipitation	4.4	4.0	5.99	4.93	
Wettest Day	1.79	1.07	0.99	2.49	

■ March rainfall at the Kentucky Mesonet weather station on the north side of the county near Mattoon showed 4.4 inches of rainfall during March, bringing the yearly total to 15 inches through the first quarter. A greater amount of precipitation was measured in Marion by Jeff Black at the City of Maroin Water Treatment Plant on Chapel Hill Road, who showed more than 17 inches between Jan 1 and the end of March. Temperatures were near normal for March, but there was trend of cooler weather toward the end of the month.

on Friday, April 15, which is typically the filing deadline.

APRIL SAFE DIG MONTH

April is National Safe Digging Month and Atmos Energy is reminding everyone – homeowners and professional excavators alike – to keep communities safe by calling 811 before any excavation project. Digging without knowing the approximate location of underground utilities can result in disruptions to critical services, serious injuries and costly repairs to underground utility lines. It is simple and easy to make a free request online or over the phone before digging to help communities maintain essential utility services, promote safety and reduce the likelihood of accidentally digging into buried utility lines. Call 811 before you dig whether it’s planting a tree or shrub, building a fence, building a deck or patio, installing a mailbox or putting in a pool.



50 YEARS AGO

April 13, 1972
■ The Crittenden County Hospital was opened to the public.
■ Marion was one of eight communities to be installed in the Kentucky Chamber’s All-Kentucky City Hall of Fame.
■ Jeanie Orr, a student at Oakland City College, made the dean’s list.

25 YEARS AGO

April 17, 1997
■ The Crittenden County Board of Education voted 4-1 to close Frances and Tolu Elementary schools, consolidating all three in the county and moving all students to Crittenden Elementary.
■ Several Lady Rocket basketball players were honored during the annual banquet. Award winners were JoAnna Doom, leading rebounder; Lea Anna Porter, best free throw percentage, most valuable player and senior award; Laura Hancock, most assists, most deflections and senior award; Adria Mott, most steals and senior award; Emily Watson, senior award; Kindra Carnahan, most improved; Summer Smith, most rebounds (JV); Cortne Hunt, most points (JV); Jami Tabor, leading scorer, most deflections, best defense and senior award; Heather Hamilton, Lady Rocket pride award and Krystal Carnahan, senior award.
■ Marion Gymnastics’ Level 2 team placed second overall in the Ohio Valley Gymnastics Conference Championships. Members of the team were Whitney Beck, Alisa Morrill, Kylee Rogers, Alyssa Mayes, Mariah Owen, Lauren Spivey, Jayna Spivey and Bethany Heaton.

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10 YEARS AGO

April 12, 2012
■ Marcus Hughes became the second Crittenden County High School student to be accepted into Western Kentucky University’s Gattin Academy, where he will spend his junior and senior years of high school on campus earning dual credit as a freshman and sophomore college student.
■ Kathleen Guess became the newest employee of the Crittenden County Public Library, taking over the children’s program.
■ A group of Crittenden County High School students traveled to Prague, Krakow, Berlin and Budapest over spring break. Those on the trip were Anna Schnittker, Grishma Patel, Kaci Beard, Lindsay Sizemore, Micah Hol-lamon, Amelia Gilley, Emily Shewcraft, Marcus Hughes, Tucker Frazer and teachers Kim Vince, Howard Suggs and De-onna McCord.
■ Ted and Mel Gillum of Salem were announced as the 2012 Salem Civic Beautification Award winners.
■ Vanda Adamson was elected president of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce for 2012-13.
■ 4-year-old Cambree McKinley qualified for the National American Miss Pageant.

MARION BAPTIST

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH 10 A.M.

CITY-COUNTY PARK SOCCER FIELDS

All are welcome!

Poetry and presence

Community Events & News

Life in all its forms has a rhythm. It is predictable that spring follows winter. Yet every year I hear people fascinated by the sudden changes in weather and the beauty of the long-awaited colors of the spring flowers. It is expected. It is dependable. It is predictable. Its complexity is beyond us. It signals changes in our activities, and for many our demeanor. It is a common experience we all share and appreciate.

Human beings were built to live life in rhythm with our environments. When we move away from an environment we know, it takes a while to find our balance. The distance can be ethnic, generational, cultural, religious, or geographic. If we move far enough away, we can experience culture shock. That means we must learn new ways of thinking and communicating, because those around us do not read the world in quite the same way.

There is wonder in understanding the rhythms of an environment while being around those who perceive it differently. The same words are used in different ways and sometimes they carry different weight. If I am amongst the poor in the Third World, I may speak of money poverty; they live it. If I am of a privileged group in the middle of a less privileged group, I may talk about justice; they may demand it.

To speak of the love of

God or of “good parents” to those who have never experienced either can sound like a different world. Before explaining, one must live as a good example and listen.

It is useless to throw a lifeline if we do not know where the drowning person is. Too often those explaining how to live or heal require those who are injured to get to a rope thrown on the wrong side of the boat.

We cannot hope to heal any divides in this world if we refuse to be in the presence of other human beings who live in the same world but experience it differently. We all experience spring-time, rights of passage, joy, grief, and seasons of life. It is beautiful to hear how people come to their conclusions. Too often we only hear what someone thinks and may never know why they think that way. When we take time to get to “why,” we learn to appreciate and love each other more.

A few years ago, I recorded some interviews with people who had experienced the loss of a loved one within the last three years. It was a one question interview. The answers were only interrupted for the sake of clarification. The shortest one was 30 minutes. What fascinated me most about the answers when I transcribed and studied them was the magnificent rhythm and symmetry of the responses. They were all...poetic.

I believe this is how we are built. When given a chance to tell our stories we all have different styles. The things in common when sharing is that we never start at the beginning, and we rarely finish at the end. We take detours and explain things to make sure we are understood. All our stories have a pace and a rhythm to them. In the presence of those who will listen, we are all poets.

One way to experience the presence of others who think differently and express how they see the world is through poetry. For me this takes a little work. If I pick up something written a few hundred years ago it is necessary to understand a little of that world. If I read something that makes little sense to me, it is because I need to get closer to the perspective from which it speaks. If it offends, I need to calm myself and listen.

Poetry pulls us from our space into the presence of another to see something as they see it. It trains us to understand each other better. I believe that is why so much of the Old Testament (most of the prophetic material and nearly all the wisdom literature) is in poetic form. It has the power to transcend time and distance. Poetry can use language that presses us beyond our little worlds to grasp a better one.

April is national poetry month. Go experience the presence of another - read some poems.

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

■ Easter Sunrise service will be at 8 a.m., Sunday April 17 at Frances Community Church, located at 32 Marion Road. Breakfast and an Easter Egg hunt will follow.

■ Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterain Church will be having an Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m., Sunday, April 17. Morning worship at 10 a.m.

■ Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church will have an outdoor 6 a.m. sunrise service with breakfast to follow on Easter morning.

■ CCHS SBDM will meet at 3:30 in the High School Library, Thursday, April 21.

■ There will be an Extension District Board meeting at noon, Wednesday, April

27 at the Extension Annex.

■ Virgil Jones VFW will host a Craft Bazaar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 20 at 412 N. College St. The public is invited.

■ Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. 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 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday 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.

Does your group have something planned? Let us know. We post notes here at no charge. Email to the-press@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191

Jesus lives—and you can too

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

Question: Every Spring Christians get all dressed up and make an extra effort to attend church on Easter Sunday morning. What's the big deal about Easter?

Answer: Easter is a big deal! Here's way. The events of Jesus' ministry climax in His dying on the cross where His shed blood that was poured out to cover the sin-debt of all mankind. Jesus resurrection three days later proved His death was not that of a victim of Roman cruelty but that He willingly died as a sacrifice for others.

Jesus Christ's death and resurrection is the greatest turning point in all of history. It is the brief period of time when God showed His victory over sin, death and Satan by raising His Son from the grave. Now Jesus lives—and you can too. That victory translates into the victory for every person who receives the forgiveness of sin that Jesus purchased through His death on the cross.

We can have complete confidence in Jesus' resurrection. He appeared on multiple occasions to over 500 people after His resurrection. Here's one of them: Jesus met Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James and John, in the garden near the tomb. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him" (Mt. 28:9). "There is more evidence that Jesus rose from the dead," declares Billy Graham, "than there is that Julius Caesar ever lived or that Alexander the

Great died at the age of 33." Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Crayne, KY

ELECTION NOTICE

MAIL-IN EXCUSED ABSENTEE
BALLOT PROCESSING

Crittenden County Clerk's Office

107 S. Main St., Ste. 203, Marion, Kentucky
in the basement of the county clerk's office

Crittenden County Central Ballot Counting Board will meet at:

- 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4;
- 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11; and
- Noon on Saturday, May 14

in the basement of Crittenden County Clerk's Office to process excused mail-in absentee ballots returned for the May Primary. Crittenden County Board of Elections will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 17 in the basement of the county clerk's office to process any remaining excused mail-in absentee ballots returned for the May Primary.

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

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

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Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.
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Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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Fun times in Marion in 1926

Marion in the 1920s was an entertaining place to live. Schools, communities and organizations were always coming up with ways to get people to attend and participate in the activities. Whether it be a community affair or a school function, everyone was invited and expected to have a good time. Here are two such activities, found in the archives of The Crittenden Press.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

May Day Festival - April 1926

A May Day Festival with all the time honored accompaniments and then some more, is to take place in Marion during the first week in May.

The crowing of the May queen and a real pole dance is to be a part of the day's program. Marion has not had a day like this in a long while, but this year the School Improvement Club under the leadership of Coach Martin has planned to revive in this town some of the old time May Day customs and make them a part of an outdoor festival.

The plans for the scene of the festival is Cook's park. A number of features not usually included in May Day programs are being planned. Unique contests, clever side shows and booths and stands will all have a place in the May Day Festival. (Cook's Park was located on a large area which included the area where Riley's Tool and Machine Shop are and extended over to Blackburn Street.)

Arrangements are to be made to take care of a large crowd at the festival grounds of that day, for not only will the town people take part but people from all over the county will be there.

May 14 is the day scheduled for the May Festival date. The festival is being given with the idea of clearing away the athletic debt and of giving the School Improvement Club more funds so that the stuccoing of the graded school building may begin at an early date.

Cook's Park will be transformed that day into an athletic field, a carnival ground and a place appropriate for May festivities.

Committees have been appointed from both organizations, the School Improvement Club and the football boys, to see that everything is in readiness, that booths and clever side shows add variety to the day's program, that athletic events and contests, usual and unusual, serious and of a humorous nature, are ready to amuse the masses of people that are expected in town on that day. Tents will be erected on parts of the field and each of these tents will be in charge of persons who have prepared some good "side shows" which maybe seen for a few pennies.

A unique feature of the May festival will be the big mule race to be held. Everybody in the county who

has a mule, or can be or borrow one is eligible to enter the race. No matter whether the mule is young and fat and sleek or old and bony and balky, enter him in the race, for a mule's uncertain disposition makes the outcome of any undertaking with which one of the creatures is connected, a thing that can only be wildly guessed at what will happen.

A \$5 cash prize is offered to the rider of the winning mule and the decision will not be based on the looks of the animal but on whether or not the other mules balk first. Bring your mule or your neighbor's mule if he doesn't raise any objections, and enter that four-footed piece of contrariness in the big race. You may be rewarded with the \$5 prize and a \$1 million worth of fun. And if you lose, the fun's yours anyway; the mules will see to that.

And if the people gathered together for a good time should happen to feels the pangs of hunger, handy stands will be in readiness to furnish hot and cold refreshments of a sort appropriate to such occasions.

Other features besides those mentioned will be a part of the May Festival and the day is sure to be a big one for those who make their way to Cook's Park for all the festivities.

Festival and Carnival Draws A Hugh Crowd

The day of the May Festival and Carnival that the people of Marion had been looking forward to for a long time finally came.

Two organizations connected with the school were in charge – the athletic department of the high school and the School Improvement Club. The proceeds were divided equally between the two, the high school using their share to help eliminate an athletic debt that was caused by the unfavorable football season of last fall; and the School Improvement Club plans to use its half in the project, that of stuccoing the graded school building.

It was a favorable day for the festival, the morning and early afternoon being warm, as only a very few days this spring have been. People flocked to the fair grounds in large numbers and liberally patronized the side shows and refreshment booths.

The side shows were numerous and furnish some pleasant moments for only a few cents admission. A one-act play, "What's in a Name?" was given in one of the tents and was repeated many times during the day with 15 minute intermissions.

Other side shows were held in tents on various parts of the park. A baby show and "the biggest baby in the world" attracted a great deal of attention. The snake show and the Charleston dancer all came in for their share of



This ad appeared in The Crittenden Press notifying everyone of the fun day that was being planned for May.

the attention.

Several athletic contests were held during the day, the high school boys taking part.

A fortune teller was kept busy in one section of the grounds, streams of youngsters being ready at all times to have their future predicted.

Those in charge of the refreshment stands were kept busy and sold out time and time again.

One of the features that proved most interesting was the May pole dance in which girls from the Junior High school participated. The dancers were gaily dressed in paper dresses of varied colors and their dance around the May Pole was a beautiful one.

Miss Virginia Crider of the Sophomore class was chosen as May Queen and received her crown.

Those attending the carnival were the voters, one vote being allowed with each admission to a side show or each purchase made.

Miss Mary Clayton, receiving the second highest number of votes, was made honorary May Queen.

Those who attended enjoyed the day to a great extent and the sponsors of the occasion were rewarded well in a financial way for the efforts they put forth.

Another fun time happened in July 1936, the Marion P.T.A. Sponsors a Gala Event

The beauty, amateur talent and Shirley Temple contests at Fohs Hall were well attended. The business firms of Marion sponsored a young lady in the beauty contest and also a little girl to impersonate Shirley Temple.

After several appear-

ances of the young ladies in the beauty contest, Miss Dorothy Kuykendall, younger daughter of Mrs. Mary Kuykendall, of this city was declared "Miss Crittenden County," and will go to Lexington in December to compete for the title of "Miss Kentucky."

The little girls in the Shirley Temple contest were divided into two groups, one group ranged from two to six years, and the other six to eight.

Connie Brasher, daughter of Mr. and Mr. Gray Brasher, won in the two-to six-year-old group, and Mary McEuen, daughter of Mr. Willie McEuen, won in the six- to eight-year-old group. Each winner was given a Shirley Temple dress by the Marion P. T. A. The applause for all of the contestants was so hearty, the decision was difficult for the judges.

After continuous applause for the second appearance of five amateurs, Lawrence Thomas Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Marshall, of this city, was declared the winter of the talent contest, having rendered a piano solo.

Good times shared by all, made good memories for years to come.

(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).

Marion Baptist Church

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ELECTION NOTICE

MAY 4-6, 9-11 EXCUSED VOTING BY IN-PERSON ABSENTEE

Crittenden County Clerk's Office
107 S. Main St., Ste. 203, Marion, Kentucky

Crittenden County Board of Elections will offer excused in-person absentee voting May 4-6 and May 9-11 during regular business hours, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., inside Crittenden County Clerk's Office for the May Primary for voters who will be unable to ballot in-person for Early Voting or on Election Day. Voters must attest to their reason for being unable to vote during Early Voting (May 12-14) or Election Day (May 17).

This notice is given pursuant to Kentucky statutes

HOMES

4 Bed 2 Bath - 1071 Claylick Rd	\$164,900RP
2 Bed 1 Bath - 116 N Yandell St	\$44,900BF
Mobile Home - 237 Cruce Rd	\$28,900ML
3 Bed 2 bath - 110 Pierson St (Fredonia)	\$84,900JW
3 Bed 2 bath Split-Level - 417 College St	\$159,900WW
3 Bed 1 Bath - 212 Leland Ave	SOLD \$70,000MP
2 Bed 1 Bath - 115 W Graham St, Fredonia	\$24,900DW
3 Bed 2 Bath - 308 W Bellville St	SOLD \$89,900JC
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ELECTION NOTICE

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Crittenden County Clerk's Office
107 S. Main St., Ste. 203, Marion, Kentucky
in the basement of the county clerk's office

Crittenden County's automatic tabulating equipment for use in the May Primary will be inspected and tested beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, April 22 in the basement of Crittenden County Clerk's Office. This is done each year to inspect machines and set them prior to votes being tabulated by the scanning of marked ballots.

This notice is given pursuant to Kentucky statutes

ELECT VAN HUNT

Crittenden County District 6 Magistrate

May 17, 2022 Primary Election

Paid for by Van Hunt, candidate

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Aug. 30, 2016—April 19, 2017

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There's such a lovely view—
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I'm looking down at you.
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Every day when I look down—
I love to see you smile and
I know sometimes you frown.
But, guess what Mommy?
I have a special job to do—
God, He saved it just for me
To watch over you.
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CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 103 ACRES - Located in big buck territory, this scenic property features a spacious home, garages, a barn ideal for equipment or storage and a diverse blend of habitat types!

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 166 ACRES - \$140,042 - Mostly timber hunting tract with diverse topography! This tract has a blend of habitat types and improvements that are geared toward big bucks!

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legal notices

Notice is hereby given that on March 30, 2022 Sherry Kaye Perryman Henderson of 1289 Massachusetts Drive, Xenia, OH 45385 was appointed executrix with will annexed of Geneva Rhea Hodge Perryman, deceased, whose address was 201 Watson Street, Marion, Ky. 42064. Rebecca J. Johnson, agent for service of process. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the Agent for Process with will

annexed on or before the 30th day of September, 2022 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-15-p)

Notice is hereby given that on April 6, 2022 Robert W. Trowbridge of 250 Railey Rd. South, Sturgis, Ky. 42459 was appointed executor of Barbara Ann Trowbridge, deceased, whose address was 11 Railey Rd. South, Sturgis, Ky. 42459. Wesley A. Hunt, attorney.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executor before the 6th day of October, 2022 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-15-p)

bid notice

The Crittenden County Board of Education invites you to submit sealed bids for the following surplus item: South Bend 10-burner Natural Gas Range. Bids will be accepted at the Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion KY 42064. Please write "Bid" on the outside of the envelope. Submit sealed bids until April 21, 2022, at 1:00 PM. at which time they will be opened. Contact Bailey Guess with any questions at 270-965-5052, or bailey.guess@crittenden.kyschools.us. (1t-15-c)

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MONDAY

CCHS softball hosts Webster County

Rocket baseball hosts Livingston Cent.

TUESDAY

Rocket baseball at Livingston Central

CCHS softball at Livingston Central

*Subject to change

All A Classic fights rain

The All A Classic was scheduled to begin Monday, but rainfall postponed the beginning of the small-school tournaments for softball and baseball. Crittenden County is in quest of a second straight All A Second Region crown and third in school history. Last year, CCHS beat Caldwell in the regional final and then defeated Murray in the state tournament before losing in the Final 8 to Owensboro Catholic. Crittenden also won an All A title in 2008. The Lady Rockets won the All A Classic regional crown in 2017 and won the consolation bracket in the state tournament. The tournament will begin as soon as possible this week.

Girls All A Bracket

Crittenden, bye

Caldwell Co. vs Livingston Central

Dawson Springs vs UHA

Ft. Campbell vs Lyon County

Final Rounds at Livingston

Crittenden vs Livingston/Caldwell

Dawson/UHA vs Ft. Campbell/Lyon

Boys All A Bracket

Crittenden vs Dawson Springs

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Lyon County vs Ft. Campbell

Final Rounds at Ft. Campbell

Crittenden/Dawson vs UHA/Livingston

Lyon/FtC vs Caldwell/Heritage Cristian

CCHS KHSAA leaders

Crittenden County senior center fielder Hadlee Rich is 10th in triples in the state, according to the KHSAA statistical leaders list early this week. The Lady Rockets are ranked 18th in triples as a team with seven. Rich has four of them. The girls are also 24th in stolen bases with 46.

Crittenden baseball seniors Logan Bailey and Maddox Carlson are 10th and 18th, respectively, in batting average in the state. Bailey came into the week hitting .594 and Carlson .567.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Spring Wild Turkey	April 16 - May 8
LBL Turkey Hunt	April 16 - May 8
Coyote	Year Round
Turtles	Year Round

Turkey season starter

Saturday will be the start of the 16-day wild turkey season. Hunters may take two bearded turkeys during the hunting season. Following are harvest data from Crittendnen and Livingston counties for the paste 21 years.

CRITTENDEN Harvest Figures		LIVINGSTON Harvest Figures	
Year	Harvest	Year	Harvest
2000	351	2000	197
2001	394	2001	221
2002	544	2002	348
2003	424	2003	328
2004	505	2004	332
2005	517	2005	357
2006	511	2006	410
2007	412	2007	325
2008	503	2008	390
2009	487	2009	341
2010	513	2010	401
2011	519	2011	329
2012	566	2012	384
2013	525	2013	367
2014	396	2014	313
2015	390	2015	266
2016	375	2016	305
2017	374	2017	296
2018	288	2018	226
2019	344	2019	239
2020	341	2020	233
2021	397	2021	261

Rain keeps Rockets waiting; team splits on break

STAFF REPORT

It's been a tough spring to play baseball. Between rain and cold, the start of action for the boys of summer has been anything but warm and inviting.

The Rocket baseball team has been idle since last Thursday after recurring rains have washed out some spring break action and now the start of the All A Classic, which was supposed to have begun Monday. It will be played later this week when weather permits.

Crittenden County split in two spring break games it played at the Warren County Invitational late last week at Bowling Green.

The Rockets won 9-1 over Owen County (4-5) in its opener on Thursday evening, but fell 12-2 against host Greenwood (6-4) in the nightcap. A scheduled game against Southwestern on Friday was rained out.

Crittenden seniors Logan Bailey and Maddox Carlson had three hits apiece against Owen County. Both came out of the tournament hitting almost .600 for the season. Carlson also drove in two runs. Senior Tanner Beverly had one hit and scored three runs as the Rockets posted 10 hits for the game. Carlson, Seth Guess and Beverly each had doubles and Bailey had a triple.

Carlson pitched six innings and Jeremiah Foster closed it out in the seventh. Carlson struck out six and allowed just three hits. Foster put the Rebels down in order in the last frame.

Carlson drove in CCHS's only runs in the mercy-rule loss to Greenwood. Those came on a double in the first inning. The



PHOTO BY CHARLIE HAYNES/WKU

The Rockets have been doing a whole lot of waiting around as rainfall over the past week has kept the the team idle. Pictured above are (from left) coach Jeff Embrey, Jeremiah Foster, Preston Morgeson, Walker Phillips, Case Gobin, Tyler Belt and coach Chris Evans during a game last week at Bowling Green.

Gators scored three in the first and posted runs in the next four at bats to win going away despite having just five hits. Rocket pitchers walked 11 and yielded five hits and the defense committed six errors.

Freshman lefty Chase Conyer got the

start, but was done after two innings despite giving up just three earned runs. Multiple fielding miscues helped the Gators run up Conyer's pitch count in just two frames. Ben Evans and Case Gobin threw about an inning apiece to close it out.

Softball girls can't catch a spring break

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County's softball girls could not catch a break during their spring vacation tournament at Murray. The Lady Rockets (5-8) lost 9-0 to Russellville and 7-4 to Edmonson County.

The girls have been idle since Saturday, awaiting the start of the All A Classic which has been washed out due to rain early this week. The tournament will get underway as soon as weather permits.

CCHS scattered five singles against Lady Panther pitching and never really threatened during the six-inning game that was cut short due to a time limit for tournament games. Games were played Saturday and shortened after rain forced the scheduled two-day event into a smaller window on one day only.

Sophomore Aubre Conyer and middle schoolers Anna Boone, Andrea Federico, Elliot

Evans and Hannah Jent recorded hits for the Rocket girls. CCHS drew just one walk.

Boone threw the entire game, allowing five earned runs as CCHS committed four fielding errors behind her. She struck out three and walked none, yielding 11 Russellville hits. The Panther girls improved to 8-2, and are ranked among the state's top 50 teams in one poll.

Crittenden scored two runs in the first and led until the bottom of the third inning against Edmonson County (3-7). Elliot Evans and Anna Boone led the Lady Rockets with two hits apiece and senior Hadlee Rich drove in two runs on one hit. Also, Aubre Conyer singled and Elle McDaniel doubled in the game.

Evans started and threw into the final inning before Boone provided late relief in the circle. Evans struck out two and walked none while giving up 11 hits.



Lady Rocket second baseman Aubre Conyer makes a throw from her knees after a diving catch during last weekend's spring break game against Russellville at Murray.

Basketball Superlatives

Crittenden County High School's Lady Rocket basketball team held its annual post-season awards ceremony last weekend. Among those honored were (front from left) Addie Hatfield, Warrior Award; Anna Boone, Impact Player Award; Alyssa Woodall, manager; Kady Parrish, manager; Chloe Hunt, JV Leadership Award; (back) Grace Driskill, senior awards and best field goal percentage; Elle McDaniel, Hustle Award; Natalie Boone, best three-point shooting percentage; Taylor Guess, Most Valuable Player Award and leading scorer, leading rebounder, most assists, most defections, most steals most blocks and best field goal percentage; and Elliot Evans, Impact Player Award.



COACH

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as a language arts teacher. He has been the head freshman coach and a varsity assistant for the Eagles.

Although his contract doesn't end until June 30 at Graves County, Pigg will begin in earnest laying the groundwork for his basketball program here. He's already developing a conditioning plan for spring and a schedule for summer league play.

Pigg said he was attracted to Crittenden County because of what he was able to see from the outside looking in, as a player who competed against the Rockets and a sports fan who's followed high school athletics in western Kentucky for years.

"The most attractive part of it is the idea of being part of a school with lot of pride in its student body and in its athletics programs," he said. "It's exciting to me. Although Crittenden County is a small school, when you walk into Rocket Arena you can see evidence of decorated programs and a successful culture."

From the trophy cases in the gymnasium that testify to

Rocket successes and CCHS teams that have made regional headlines, Pigg says he's excited about being part of the program.

"The pride people have in the school district is exciting," he added.

Pigg is single and currently resides in southern Marshall County. He plans to move closer to Marion.

As for coaching style, he likes strong man-to-man defense and being flexible.

"We will do whatever is best for us and whatever it takes to win," he said.

He will replace Denis Hodge, who had been the CCHS skipper for the past 11 seasons. Hodge retired from the position after his team finished 14-17 this season. Hodge's basketball team won the Fifth District championship in 2018, only the second league title since Crittenden and Marion consolidated high schools in 1957. Hodge was 124-200 as head coach and he spent several more years as an assistant at CCHS.

Pigg will be a language arts teacher in the Crittenden County School District.

Superintendent Vince Clark said he likes the energy Pigg will bring to Crittenden County.

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Miles driven/patrolled	4,382	3,395	3,180	10,539	2970.9
Criminal investigations	16	15	12	34	13.3
Domestics	4	10	8	19	8.5
Felony Arrests	8	3	9	17	4.4
Misdemeanor arrests	4	7	16	20	8.3
Non-criminal arrests	16	3	9	39	6.8
DUI arrests	1	2	0	1	0.8
Criminal summons served	3	1	5	13	2.5
Traffic citations	20	21	12	49	18.3
Other citations	30	20	30	90	19.4
Traffic warnings	4	5	7	17	7.6
Parking tickets	0	0	1	1	0.2
Traffic accidents	5	7	4	11	5.7
Security checks/alerts	38	41	26	105	52.0
Calls for service	184	166	151	494	185.9



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Local women earn ribbons in area homemakers' competition

Crittenden County Homemakers recently competed in the Pennyrile Area Cultural Arts competition where they entered crafts in a contest against homemakers from eight other Pennyrile area counties.

The judging included 27 categories and 92 divisions. There was a wide variety of craft categories from needlework, quilting, photography and painting to paper crafts, basketry, ceramics and more.

There were seven Crittenden County ladies who entered 13 exhibits. Among them were three blue first-place ribbons, five second-place red ribbons and a white third-place ribbon.

All first-place finishers will have their entries advance to the state cultural arts show and contest in May.

Winners were as follows:

FIRST PLACE	
Sandy Wells	Crocheted hat
Nancy Lanham	Hand-quilted quilt
Kristi Harris	Black & white photo
SECOND PLACE	
Jerrell James	Black & white photo
Tabby Tinsley	Color photo
Darl Henley	Recycled wreath
Kristi Harris	Fall decoration
Sarah Ford	Wood painting
THIRD PLACE	
Jerrell James	Floral basket wall hanger

KDFWR finds no CWD in state's deer herd

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) has announced that based on extensive studies, the commonwealth remains free of chronic wasting disease (CWD).

Late last year, a positive case of CWD was found near Paris, Tenn., triggering an official CWD response plan from the KDFWR.

Kentucky wildlife officials implemented heightened survey efforts in Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Marshall and Calloway counties in response to a case of chronic wasting disease that was found just 8 miles south of the Kentucky border.

Last fall, KDFWR staff collected harvest data and tissue samples from 4,347 deer which were stud-

ied. Based on its findings, which include other data collected from years of deer and elk studies, the KDFWR says there is no known CWD in the state's wild deer herd.

Officials said hunters strongly supported the effort and complied with the emergency requirements that were put in place, which included animal check stations and the elimination of baited areas.



SNAP-ED COORDINATOR UNIVERSITY OF KY EXTENSION SERVICE Vickie BELT

Vickie Belt is the SNAP-Education Assistant for both Livingston and Crittenden counties. She replaces Sue Parrent, who recently retired. Belt has been with UK's Cooperative Extension Service since March 2021 and before she had volunteered with Crittenden County Extension since 2015. She is a 2009 graduate of Daymar College where she earned an associate's degree in science. Belt is also a 2001 graduate of Livingston Central High School. She lives in Crittenden County with her husband, Matt, and their three children, Hailey, Colt and Trace. She enjoys camping at Hillmans Ferry in Land Between the Lakes, being in nature and spending time with her family.

Q: What is the role of a SNAP- Ed assistant?
A: I will be serving both Livingston and Crittenden counties with the



Kentucky Nutrition Education Program (KYNEP) that will educate limited resource people to acquire knowledge, improve skills and change behavior necessary to achieve health and well-being.

Q: How can individuals or families qualify for SNAP?
A: If someone is interested in seeing if they qualify for SNAP, they can contact their local Department of Community Based Services.
Q: What type of services do you offer as a SNAP-Ed assistant?

A: The goal of NEP (Nutrition Education Program) is to educate limited resource families and SNAP clientele on how to plan nutritious meals on a limited budget, acquire safe food handling practices, improve food preparation skills and change behavior necessary to have a healthy lifestyle.
Q: Are there any types of services you offer to assist those who might not qualify for your program?
A: Everyone is welcome to join any program or class that is offered in Livingston or Crittenden counties.
Q: Where are you finding the most success and greatest challenges in getting individuals to embrace the services you offer?
A: The SNAP-Ed program is new to both Livingston and Crittenden counties. Just be on the lookout for upcoming programs that will be offered in both counties.

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Rhett Parish



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His office is the cab of a tractor. Today, it's equipped with a touch-screen computer and the latest software to make sure that yields are optimized and nothing goes to waste. Productivity is based on precision farming practices assisted by advanced technology. It's a far cry from George Washington Parish's animal-driven plow, but the soil is the same and the fruits of farm labor are as sweet as ever for this young man who not only accepted, but embraced his destiny long before he could legally drive.

"There was never any doubt I would farm. It's all I've ever known and all I ever wanted to do," said Parish inside the Hooks Farms headquarters in rural Lyon County, just a stone's throw from the Crittenden County line.

There's no secret that he's loved the farming life since he was old enough to realize its merits. After graduating from Crittenden County High School a year ago, Parish has set his sights on earning a welding certificate from West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

His passing for a traditional farming lifestyle while espousing cutting-edge practices led to Parish's selection for The Crittenden Press' The 10 Under 40 recognition program in agriculture.

At 19, he's the youngest 10 Under 40 recipient, but he is wise beyond those years when it comes to farming. After all, he was learning the business well before he could drive, and now is right at home among P&H's three dozen employees.

"I always wanted to go and be around it, to watch and learn, run equipment and watch things grow and see how it all works," Parish said. "I'm still as interested at 19 as I was at 9 years old."

In 2016, he planted his very own 60 acres of wheat, and now takes personal care of 200



acres of corn, wheat and beans.

Parish's father Phillip and his grandfather, the late Larry Parish, joined forces with Lyon County farmer Chris Hooks, forming P&H Farms in 1996 with 4,000 acres. Today, P&H has 22,000 acres in Crittenden, Caldwell, Lyon and Livingston counties, raising corn, soybeans and winter wheat, along with 700 head of cattle. The high-end wagyu beef they produce is sold at the company's market in Eddyville. It is served at luxury restaurants across the country.

Parish's day depends on the time of year. In the spring he runs a planter, in the fall a combine. In the summer, he helps with irrigation and drives a tractor-trailer hauling grain or water for spraying.

"What motivates me is that it is a family business," Parish said. "I'm like any farm kid that wants to carry it on, it's definitely a legacy and you want to be the generation that keeps it going, doesn't fail it."

He and his sister, Cali, and her husband, Tom Fritsch, along with Calvin Hooks are the coming generation of P&H farming.

While Fritsch and Hooks are in the fields, sister Cali is a member of the office staff.

Farming still requires long hours and dedication. It comes with a little stress, brought on by Mother Nature's unpredictable behavior.

During spring and summer months, it isn't uncommon for Parish to be in the field from daylight until well past dark with his mother Natalie often delivering meals to the field. There are times he works through the night, particularly turning dirt so it can begin drying at sunup.

"The hours in April and May aren't as bad as wheat harvest because we really want to push to get wheat out and double crops in. If we don't get beans in by July, it starts cutting the yield," he explains.

Tractors outfitted with the latest and greatest technology might be a challenge for some, but not for a Generation Z like Parish, who has grown up in a smartphone world.

He has high praise for the P&H team, including its farmers, fabricators, truck drivers, bookkeepers, parts department and a staff agronomist. Together, they specialize in soil management and crop production.

"Our agronomist Roger Boyd has been here about 15 years, and he definitely has had a big role getting the operation where it is today," Parish said. "He treats seed, finds the best chemicals and seeds to make the best yield possible with the ground we have, and all the time he has something new for us to try."

Doing what he loves means doing something different every day. Weather is always the wild card.

"A year ago yesterday I had 1,000 acres of corn planted," he said last weekend on a 37-degree April morning. "Today we haven't even started."

"I really like to plant something and see it grow and watch how it changes throughout the year and how different weather affects it," he said. "There are so many practices you can do that affect it."

"We try different things and sometimes they succeed and sometimes they fail, it's intriguing... and of course it's always better when it succeeds."

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