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TWO DOLLARS

HAPPY Easter Holy Week celebrations

Through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, Holy Week offers a time of reflection, worship and celebration leading up to Easter Sunday this weekend. From powerful services to joyful gatherings, local churches are commemorating the resurrection in meaningful ways this week. Don't miss our special Easter section inside this week's edition of The Crittenden Press, highlighting events, messages of hope and community traditions that make this season so significant. Find our special coverage on pages 10 and 11.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples and instituted the practice of Communion.

Good Friday marks the crucifixion and death of Jesus, a solemn day of mourning and reflection in the Christian faith.

Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, symbolizing Christian hope, renewal and victory over sin and death.



Water siphoning out

The Ohio River crested at its highest mark since 2011 on Tuesday at more than 53 feet, according to the Shawneetown, Ill., river gauge. Cave-In-Rock Ferry, closed since April 7, is likely to resume operations next week, owner Lonnie Lewis told The Press on Tuesday. Earlier this week, 7 highways in Crittenden County and 5 in Livingston County were closed due to rising backwater along Ohio River tributaries. The swollen Tradewater River cut off motorists between Crittenden and Union and Webster counties, including Kassie Green and her daughter, Sadie, who walked ankle-deep through water on U.S. 60 at the Crittenden-Union line over the weekend to retrieve belongings from the other side. The two sought refuge with a relative in Crittenden County to avoid an additional hours-long commute around the high water. Green is an elementary school teacher in Marion and lives in Morganfield.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, April 17 at the county office complex.
- Crittenden County Conservation District will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 17 at its office on East Bellville Street.
- Marion City Council meets at 5 p.m., Monday, April 21 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, April 21 at city hall.

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Journey of a Lifetime

Marion woman uses DNA to find bio family

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

For Kory Wheeler, adoption has never been a secret. It has always been part of her story.

"I always knew," she said. "There's never been a time I didn't know I was adopted. My parents told me from the beginning. I had two mommies who loved me very much, one who carried me in her tummy, and one who raised me, taking care of me and taking me to the doctor when I was sick."

Born Adrian Marie Seavers in February 1976 at Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Wheeler was the first baby placed for adoption that year, earning her the "A" name. She was placed in foster care before being adopted by a couple from the Henderson-Owensboro area. After about eight months of visitations, they brought her home for good.

The adoption was finalized before Wheeler turned 2. As part of the closed process, her birth certificate was changed, her birthplace became Henderson and her name became Kory.

"I have two birth certificates," she said. "That's just how closed adoptions worked back then. They couldn't find me. I couldn't find them."

Wheeler was raised near Owensboro but went to school in Henderson before her family moved to Iowa when she was in eighth grade. Her adoptive father, who had worked as an international investment broker, retired early to pursue his dream of farming. He bought

what he believed to be the best farmland in Iowa, following in the footsteps of generations of family farmers.

She graduated high school in Iowa, returned to Kentucky for college at Murray State, and eventually settled in Marion, where she and her ex-husband, Bill, raised two daughters and operated two restaurants — The Front Porch and Game Day Pizza and Wings (which their daughter Katie now operates).

An adoptive brother is five years older and was a Murray State student when Wheeler moved back to western Kentucky and lived with him when she started college in Murray.

"I was beyond loved," Wheeler said. "My parents gave me everything. They showed up to everything. They supported everything we did. My dad always said, 'You were hand-chosen.'"

That sentiment became even more powerful when Wheeler became a mother herself. While pregnant with her first daughter, Katie, doctors asked about her family's medical history — a history she didn't know. That question launched a years-long journey to discover her biological roots.



At top Kory Wheeler poses with her biological father and daughter during their reunion a few weeks ago. Directly above, is Wheeler, her daughters, half sister and biological mother.

Her biological mother, Jana Seavers, was a teenager from Alabama when she became pregnant. Her parents sent her to Mayfield to live with family and hide the pregnancy. Jana enrolled in May-

field High School under the guise of caring for a sick relative. She gave birth, then returned to Alabama and finished high school without anyone knowing she'd had a

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Dawson Jones and Andrew Candelario were among Crittenden County High School students prepping plants inside the FFA greenhouse on campus late last week as the facility opened for the season. This week's Crittenden Press features its annual Greenhouse Guide on page 2.

County contemplates EPAD incentive for hospital HVAC upgrade

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Fiscal Court is considering approval of an Energy Project Assessment District (EPAD) that would help Crittenden Community Hospital secure private financing for critical utility upgrades and potential renovation of its long-dormant administrative building.

The proposed measure was introduced during the court's April 7 special meeting with Judge-Executive Perry Newcom presenting details of the EPAD program, which was first authorized by the Kentucky legislature in 2015. The court is expected to revisit and potentially make a final decision on the proposal at its meeting Thursday morning.

If approved, the EPAD would allow the hospital to access Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing through a

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Judge orders jury's sentence; hears other cases

STAFF REPORT

Circuit Judge Daniel Heady sentenced a Marion man last Thursday to 15 years in prison for methamphetamine trafficking.

The judge followed a jury's recommendation in ordering Christopher D. Stump, 35, to prison after he was convicted Jan. 30 of being a drug trafficker and persistent felony offender.

Stump was one of the targets in a July 2023 drug sting where a confidential informant wearing a hidden audio-video device bought meth from inside a home on Mott City Road occupied by Stump and a woman. The informant testified that he had little memory of cooperating

CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT

with law enforcement due to heavy drug and alcohol use.

Despite challenges with video clarity and the informant's reliability, investigators — including Sheriff Evan Head and West Kentucky Violent Crimes Task Force officer Sam Adams — verified identities through still images, voice recognition and firsthand knowledge. Audio captured during the buy included discussions about quantities, pricing and drug quality.

Stump was not arrested until six months later, as investigators initially

hoped to use the informant again, though he ultimately stopped cooperating.

During the penalty phase of the trial, Commonwealth Attorney Wes Hunt noted Stump's five felony convictions over 13 years, including the fact that he reoffended shortly after a prior release.

Stump had declined a pretrial plea deal for a shorter sentence. Due to the conviction being enhanced with a persistent felony offender violation, he will not be eligible for parole until 2033 at the earliest.

Other cases before Judge Heady last

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Deaths

Jennings

A celebration of life service for Naoma Jennings, 87, formerly of Marion, will be held from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Gilbert Funeral Home.

Naoma Jennings, 87, of Tucson, Ariz., died in her home Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024.



She was the beloved wife and best friend for 64 years of the late Doyle Jennings and loving mother of Pamela (the late) Andy Banicki of St. John, Ind., and Douglas (Belen) Jennings of Tucson, Ariz., dear grandmother of Grace Cunningham, James, and Gabrielle Jennings all from Arizona and Greg (Erin) Banicki, Shaun (Samantha) Banicki and Zack (Katie) Banicki, all from Ill. She was the dearest great-grandmother to Alani, Claire, Andi, and Charlie.

She was also survived by a sister-in-law Sandy (the late) Jack Newell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hughey and Cleo Hodge; siblings Neta (the late) Walter Pine, Jean Hall, fancé (the late) Ike Burger and Leon (the late) Pearl Hodge; Robert and Corrine York, sisters-in-law, Regina (the late) Walton Woodall, Rose Clark (the late) Jack Richardson and Donna Minton (Frank Hamilton).

Jennings was born and raised in Marion, where she married Doyle the day after she graduated high school. They moved to northern Illinois and eventually settled in Crete, Ill., to raise their family. She retired from the Crete-Monee school district where she worked in the administration office. When she and Doyle retired in 1993, they returned to Marion to be with their families and renew friendships. They lived in Kentucky until 2017 when they relocated to Tucson. She lost her love, Doyle in 2020 and remained in Tucson until her passing. She was loved by many nieces and nephews, family, friends and Sisters in Alpha Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, a community service sorority.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harmony Community Healthcare Foundation, 310 S Williams Blvd, Suite 210,

Tucson, AZ 85715.

Paid Obituary

Belt

Robert Bruce Belt, 88, of Marion, died Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. He was a member of the National Guard, Marion Masonic Lodge Number 256, a 1955 graduate of Crittenden County High School and member of the Crittenden County Basketball Hall of Fame.



Surviving are his wife, Norma Sue Belt; a son, Mike Belt of Owensboro; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Myrtle Belt; a brother, Harold Belt; and a sister, Frankie Cook.

Services were Saturday April 12 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

Donations may be made to Maplevue Cemetery, PO Box 544, Marion, KY 42064; Love Cemetery, c/o Farmers Bank and Trust Co., 201 South Main Street, Marion, KY 42064 or the American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Harris

Steven Mark Harris, 65, of Salem, died at his home.

He was of Baptist faith, attending several churches over the years. He served in the United States Air Force and managed propane in Salem, as well as owning two businesses of his own, Salem Laundry and Cumberland Case Company.



Surviving are a daughter, Kristyn (Tyler) Wortham of Nashville; and a sister, Ginger Durst of Houston, Texas.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Greg Harris; his mother, Jean Rose Harris; and his parents, Joseph and Bernice Harris.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 19 at Salem Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Boyd Funeral Directors was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left online at boydfuneral-directors.com

Crider

Emil “Wayne” Crider, 88 of Marion, passed away peacefully at his home Thursday, April 10, 2025.



He was born Sept. 29, 1936 as one of 12 children to his parents, William “Will” and Rose Thompson Crider.

He was known by all that knew him for his great work ethic, love of God, passionate political beliefs, his love of family, and he was held in highest esteem as their patriarch. He was their leader, teacher and friend. He was the best husband, daddy and papaw.

He was married to the love of his life, Cora “Allen” Sexton Crider for 65 years until her death in January 2023.

He made his living in the underground construction field laying utility, water and sewer. He was the owner of Wayne Crider and Sons Construction. He was always a firm believer that there was nothing that a good roll of duct tape and baling wire couldn’t fix.

He was a member of Southland Baptist Temple in Paducah and Deer Creek Church in Sheridan. He was very passionate and volunteered his time and provided workers every year in preparation of the annual Hurricane Camp and revival services. He always felt it was the least that he could do to make sure that the campground, cabins and tabernacle were in tip top shape and ready for the preaching of the Lord’s word.

He was known to be a master barbecuer, and his ribs and brisket were

something to write home about.

He enjoyed vintage cars and old trucks, a good gray horse and a rodeo, and in his younger years he enjoyed tramping through the woods on a fall night with his coon dogs. He was also known to hit a few muddy fields for a good run with his Chevy truck.

Survived are a daughter, Leslie (Tony) Davenport of Paducah; a son, Jarrett (Stacey) Crider of Joy; seven grandchildren, Tait, Tyler, Tonnylynn, Tara, Taylor, Carly and Mason; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Dean Cone of Florida and Phyllis Clowers of Oliver Springs, Tenn.; a nephew, Roger Steward of Marion; and several wonderful nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cora Allen Crider; and a son, Stewart Wayne; his parents, Will and Rose Crider; three brothers, Bill, Rob and Jim Crider; and seven sisters, Juanita, Martha, Rosanell, Lonnie, Helen, Madeline and Iris.

A special thank you to Wayne’s excellent in-home caregivers, Patsy, Amanda, Aela and to Compassus Care.

Funeral services are at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 19 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Gary Hardesty officiating.

Burial will follow at Maplevue Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m., until the funeral hour Saturday at the funeral home.



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Grand Opening
Medical staff, hospital and foundation leadership, patients and the community were in Salem last week for a ceremonial ribbon-cutting at the Clifton and Thelma Jo Arlfack Physical Therapy Clinic. Below left is Dr. Lauren Turner who will head the PT center and at right is occupational therapist Tiffany Roberts talking with visitor Peggy Fralix during the open house.



PHOTOS BY CHRIS EVANS

Salem’s new Arlfack PT is ‘Lifeline’ for some

Ribbon-cutting’s momentum is building for more

STAFF REPORT
An enthusiastic and engaged crowd turned out Tuesday, April 8, for the ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the official ribbon-cutting at the new Clifton and Thelma Jo Arlfack Physical Therapy Clinic, the latest addition to Livingston Hospital’s growing campus on the east side of Salem.

Hospital CEO Shane Whittington opened the event and said the completion of the clinic is a major step in the hospital’s broader \$75 million modernization project, which includes a 60,000-square-foot expansion and more than 12,000 square feet of renovations to the main hospital facility.

“This is just the beginning,”

said Whittington, who noted that the new building offers state-of-the-art equipment and space that will help the hospital meet the evolving health care needs of the community.

The new clinic, which replaces a much smaller and less accessible facility, was made possible in part by an \$850,000 endowment left to the hospital foundation about five years ago by the late Clifton and Thelma Jo Arlfack. Members of the Arlfack family were on hand for the celebration, and Clifton’s brother, Robert Arlfack, handled the ceremonial ribbon cutting.

The clinic and nearby community center were developed through a collaboration between the hospital board and its foundation board.

Foundation Executive Director Crissy Carter also addressed the crowd and introduced a couple of patients who have benefited from Livingston Hospital’s therapy programs. One was 80-year-old

Sandy Williams, a retired nurse who spent more than three decades working at the hospital.

Williams, who now attends therapy twice a week, gave a heartfelt testimonial.

“In November, I got very sick and was in bed for a while. I lost a lot of strength and had to rely on therapy to get back,” she said. “This new facility is amazing. The old one was hard to get into and had limited equipment. Now it’s like walking into a gym, it has everything but a swimming pool.”

She praised the staff for its care and expertise and said the therapy she receives has helped her regain strength and independence.

“This is a lifeline for me right now,” Williams added.

Tiffany Roberts, an occupational therapist at the new center, said the facility, part of a 9,000-square-foot facility that will later include family practice medicine, features private treatment rooms and the latest

rehabilitation technology, such as the BlazePods for improving coordination and reaction time and a Solo-Step track system for balance and mobility training.

Roberts said OT helps people perform everyday tasks, whether it’s kids learning to play and focus in school or adults recovering from injury or illness so they can remain independent.

Dr. Lauren Turner, the clinic’s lead physical therapist, called the new building a game changer.

“Our previous space was never really intended for therapy,” Turner said.

Doorways weren’t wheelchair accessible, parking was a challenge and healthcare providers had to get creative.

“We put a lot of effort into thinking about how this was going to be arranged,” she added.

The new facility was designed with patient care in mind. There is more space and

equipment to do more than ever before, Turner added.

Turner said that while the new clinic is a major achievement, it also signals the beginning of a much larger transformation. The former therapy facility, known as the Chittenden Building, is scheduled for demolition within weeks as site work ramps up for the hospital expansion.

The therapy center’s opening is one of several early projects already completed as part of Livingston Hospital’s multi-year development plan. Other finished components include a community center and a storage and maintenance building. The new clinic will soon house the relocated Livingston Care Clinic and visiting specialists.

Whittington said the hospital expects to secure a U.S. Department of Agriculture loan soon to help fund the larger expansion, with construction expected to begin as soon as USDA approves financing.

We Need Trees! Award-winning essay penned by local student

The following essay won the Conservation Writing Contest. It was written by Crittenden County High School junior Ella Whitney. She is a two-time essay contest winner. She earned \$130 top prize this year and will advance to the area contest. Whitney is active in FFA, BETA, FCA, HOSA and Sportsman’s Club.

A red maple tree is known for its vibrant leaves, and provides a wonderful shade on a hot summer day in Kentucky. Its benefits are commonly looked over, as it’s always been there. Unfortunately, the reality is 15 billion trees a year are cut down globally. The red maple tree might not have an abundance of time left. According to GlobalForestWatch.org, “In 2010, Kentucky had 5.22 Mha (million hectare) of natural forest, extending over 50% of its land area. In 2023, it lost 9.23 kha of natural forest, equivalent to 3.65 Mt of CO2, emissions.”

Trees being cut down have more of an impact on the environment than one might think. As the human population grows, things like housing become an increasing demand. This loss of trees, for a multitude of reasons, including housing needs and agricultural purposes, is commonly known as deforestation. Deforestation has an extreme effect on temperature change, the amount of greenhouse gases in the at-



Karen Maddux presented Ella Whitney with her award during a recent ceremony.

mosphere, and soil erosion. Not only does it cause environmental issues, but it also raises difficulties for people living in remote areas depending on the forest for basic resources to live.

In addition, trees are important to preserve as they tirelessly provide so many benefits to our everyday life. From regulating the water cycle to providing shade, trees work up a sweat! Trees go through transpiration, cooling the air around them. As they take in the sun’s energy and filter it, they can make an environment less stressful for humans and animals, while reducing global warming and energy bills.

The shade provided by trees is what can contribute to lower energy bills because the serv-

ices are needed less. This is why cities will plant trees, making them more comfortable and efficient. They also absorb rainwater, which prevents flooding, and store it reducing runoff and soil erosion. Even a tree’s leaves that have fallen can become compost on a soil, making the soil’s ability to hold nutrients greater. This compost can be linked to sustainable agricultural practices that ultimately benefit the environment.

Trees are essential to maintain a healthy, safe environment for humans and animals. They go through a process called photosynthesis. Through photosynthesis, oxygen is released as a byproduct. Taking carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, natural oxygen is released for people to breathe. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, “Economic welfare and economic growth rates are improved because cleaner air means fewer air-pollution-related illnesses, which in turn means less money spent on medical treatments and lower absenteeism among American workers.”

Having cleaner, higher quality air can reduce risks of respiratory issues in humans, and in turn, less money is spent. Through the leaf’s stomata, a tree can take in pollutants and break them down, reducing harmful effects to our environment.

Another way trees benefit other aspects of the environment is by supporting wildlife. Animals rely on a tree’s support in different ways, one being shelter. A tree is a site of life for an animal as it can provide shelter, food, and even an area for reproduction.

A leopard might stay hidden away in a Jackalberry tree waiting for its prey, while a bird makes its nest on a Blue Spruce’s branch. Flowers, leaves, nectar, and fruit are some examples of what a tree can grow to sustain humans and animals. Animals commonly distribute seed as they eat, and the seeds travel far through defecation. Dead and decaying trees are often a site for insects and sprouting plants to thrive. A dead tree might be seen as useless, but nature says otherwise.

Trees are so important to the environment and to the health of life on earth, but they also have economic impacts. The Arbor Day Foundation wrote, “Homes with trees in their yard enjoy property value increases of more than \$30 billion, annually, in the U.S. Community trees also ensure half a million Americans have jobs in the urban forestry industry.”

Someone working in the forestry industry wouldn’t have a job without trees. Forestry jobs are vital for managing and preserving trees. Independent Stave Company, located in Western Kentucky, buys white

oak to make whiskey barrels from people working in local locations across the states. They are careful to preserve trees that are immature, cut down the least amount possible, and use every part of the tree. Their practices are sustainable and have a minimum carbon footprint, while giving back to the community through wood products. Businesses that conserve the environment are taking steps towards a greener planet.

The next step, after gaining knowledge on the conservation of trees, is spreading awareness on the subject. Whether shared with friends or a post on social media, the word is spread to others. On the other hand, action can be taken, which is what will really make a difference. Planting a tree in your community, donating to a nonprofit organization, using less paper and recycling it, and even helping to maintain and preserve trees are ways you can make a difference. Trees make the quality of life better for everyone. Kentucky is home to over 120 different native tree species! One being intentional with their actions can help preserve the wildlife in Kentucky and its environment. Talking about taking action will not create change; instead, make a conscious effort to ensure this change. Choose to make a difference; the environment depends on it.

Preschool screening to begin on Fridays

Preschool screenings for the upcoming Crittenden County school year will begin April 18 and will be held every Friday through May 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Crittenden County Elementary School. An additional screening will be offered Tuesday, April 29 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Parents or guardians must call 270-965-2243 to schedule an appointment. Children must be 3 years old by Aug. 1 to be eligible.

Required documents include proof of income, proof of residency, birth certificate, immunization records, and a well-child physical exam.

McDaniel inducted into Who’s Who at Ole Miss University

Kenlee McDaniel of Marion has been named to the 2024-25 class of Who’s Who Among Students at the University of Mississippi.

McDaniel, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in integrated marketing communications, was among 200 Ole Miss students honored April 4 during a ceremony at the Gertrude C. Ford Center for the Performing Arts.

The Who’s Who program recognizes seniors for academic achievement, leadership and community service both on and off campus.

Alsbrooks will be new admin at CCHS

Dustin Alsbrooks, a 13-year veteran educator originally from Providence, has been named assistant principal at Crittenden County High School. He will replace Deborah Harman, a longtime educator who will continue in her role as the district’s director of special education.



Alsbrooks

Alsbrooks brings a strong background in middle school science instruction and instructional leadership. He currently serves at Henderson County North Middle School, where he transitioned into an administrative role after years in the classroom.

A graduate of Murray State University and the University of the Cumberland, Alsbrooks said Crittenden County’s strong sense of community pride drew him to the position.

“There’s a lot of pride in this community, and I’m looking forward to contributing to that,” he said. “Being present and approachable is a big part of how I lead.”

He emphasized his focus on fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment.

“I want to support a safe, positive learning environment where every student feels valued,” said Alsbrooks. “I’m also looking forward to working closely with the staff to strengthen and support in-



struction in ways that help all students grow.”

Alsbrooks and his wife live in Morganfield with their three children and are expecting a fourth. He is active in his church and enjoys running, strength training and spending time outdoors with his family.

He will officially begin his duties at Crittenden County High School on July 1.

Burgett chosen as Caldwell HS principal

Caldwell County Schools has named Jay Burgett as the next principal of Caldwell County Primary School. Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Roach announced the appointment this week, highlighting Burgett’s extensive background in education and school leadership.



Burgett

Burgett brings 17 years of experience in education, including 15 years as a classroom teacher. He currently serves as assistant principal and athletic director at Paducah Tilghman High School, where he has earned recognition for his leadership and dedication to student achievement.

“I am proud and honored to be selected as the new principal of Caldwell County Primary School,” said Burgett. “I look forward to working alongside the students, staff, and community as we continue the tradition of excellence that defines Caldwell County Schools.”

A graduate of Murray State University, Burgett holds a bachelor’s degree in health and physical education and a master’s degree in school administration.

He and his wife, Katie, reside in Madisonville with their three children, Reagan, Tripp and Reisz. The Burgett family enjoys traveling and participating in youth sports activities in their community.

Burgett will officially step into his new role on July 1.

CCEDC gives account of local contributors

Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation held its quarterly meeting last week, reviewing its budget, discussing area projects and sharing critical community information among its partners. The group also provided a roll of its current financial contributors.

Contributors are as follows: City of Marion, Crittenden County Fiscal Court, Crittenden Community Hospital, Farmers Bank and Trust, Par 4 Plastics, Crittenden County Board of Education, The Peoples Bank, First United Bank, C-Plant Federal Credit Union, Holcim, Rogers Group, YTG, H & H Supply, Beavers Car Wash, Frazer Law Office, Fredonia Valley Bank,

McEnaney Enterprises, Rebecca Johnson, The Crittenden Press, Atmos Energy, Crittenden County Public Library, Dan Wood, Henry and Henry Monuments and Dr. Steve and Marie Burkhart.

The economic development corporation was organized more than 25 years ago to develop, retain and promote business and commerce in the community. The group is an affiliate of the Lake Barkley Partnership, a broader, multi-county economic development organization headquartered in Marion.

Stokes earns OSU Ag scholarship

Crittenden County native Kailyn Stokes of Marion has been awarded a scholarship by the Ferguson College of Agriculture at Oklahoma State University for the 2025-26 academic year.

Stokes, a student in animal science and agricultural communications, received the Ferguson College of Agriculture Scholarship during the college’s annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet held April 3.

The scholarship is part of more than \$1.8 million awarded annually by the college and its departments to recognize academic achievement and support student success. College officials said the awards are made possible through the generosity of alumni and supporters.

5K at park to benefit hospital’s mission

Livingston Hospital Foundation will host a 5K and 1-mile run on Saturday, May 17 at Marion-Crittenden County Park with proceeds supporting the nonprofit’s mission to aid individuals in need of health and wellness assistance.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the race starts at 9 a.m. Entry fees are \$25 for the 5K and \$15 for the 1-mile run. Participants who register by May 1 will receive a T-shirt.

The race will incorporate the park’s quarter-mile track and 1.25-mile walking trail. Medals will be awarded to the top three male and female finishers.

Forms can be mailed to Tiffany Roberts at 121 Hospital Drive, Salem, KY 42078. For more information, call or text 270-704-1360.

Siemens exec, family perish in copter crash

A sightseeing helicopter crash in New York that killed six people Thursday has a connection to Marion. One of the victims, Agustin Escobar, 49, was CEO of the Siemens division that oversees operations at the local Siemens plant.

Escobar, his wife and three children were among those killed when the helicopter broke apart midair and crashed into the Hudson River. The pilot, 36-year-old Seankese Johnson, a U.S. Navy veteran, also died in the crash.

Crittenden Press Letter to the Editor

Thanks Neighbor!

Letter to the Editor:

Having the privilege of growing up in Marion and Crittenden County, I’ve always known this is a very special community.

After living in Paducah for many years, Beth and I were very pleased to move back to Marion in July 2005. In recent weeks, we got a reminder of how special this community continues to be.

Our 10-year-old granddaughter had a school fundraiser. Rather than just depend on family members for donations, she struck out door to door with the hope of winning a prize for the most money raised. She canvased just about every house in Greenwood Heights subdivision, and somehow managed to hit some other nearby neighborhoods with the help of Jamie Pyle.

I was especially proud of granddaughter Elizabeth’s personal initiative and focus. I was even prouder of the response she got

from our neighbors.

The donations were mostly in the \$2 to \$10 range, but they added up to a tidy sum that earned her second place in the fundraising effort. Even those who chose not to donate offered encouragement.

It was an awesome reminder of

the wonderful community spirit that has always been a staple of Marion and Crittenden County.

Thanks for being great neighbors. I can’t think of anyplace in the world I’d rather live.

Keith Todd
Marion, Ky.

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50 YEARS AGO

April 17, 1975

■ Two bass fishermen took what might appropriately be called a “flying fish” from Marion’s City Lake. Gary Singleton and Steve Jones were fishing in the lake when they found a U.S. Weather Bureau transmitting balloon. It had instructions to take it to a local post office or rural carrier for delivery to the weather bureau’s conditioning center at Joliet, Ill. The balloons were released to check weather data including temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, wind speed and direction. The local postmaster, Ed Runyan, reported that it was rare to find a weather balloon in the area, but it had been done before.

■ Dale Decker was pictured struggling to clear the bar in the pole vault event at Union County. Decker did not finish in the top three positions, but his teammate, Ricky Boyd, finished second. Larry Tinsley broke the tape to win the 100-yard dash against runners from Henderson City and Union County. Tinsley was clocked at 10.6 seconds for the event. He also won the 440 dash and anchored Crittenden’s winning mile relay team.

■ A total of 277 walkers collected more than \$4,000 for the March of Dimes during Crittenden County’s Walk-A-Thon. The walkers completed a 15-mile trek that started at the high school. They rested their feet during a dinner break while local musicians entertained them at Town and Country Riding Club. Barbara Wright was pictured wondering why she had selected a new pair of shoes to carry her through the walk.

■ A scrapbook for local Woodmen of the World Court 791 took third place and a cash prize of \$50 in state judging at Louisville. Attending the Jurisdictional Convention at Louisville’s Holiday Inn-South were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rorer as delegates and Mrs. Margaret Gilland as a state officer. Gilland was re-elected to a two-year term on the fraternal service committee.

25 YEARS AGO

April 13, 2000

■ At least a dozen quilts belonging to or created by retired Crittenden County teachers were on display at the Bob Wheeler Museum on West Carlisle Street. Museum curator Ina Mae Little and Crittenden County resident Helen Springs prepared a display of Springs’ and other retired teachers’ quilts. A set of quilting frames fashioned in 1895 by one of Little’s ancestors was also on display at the museum.

■ Marion Police Officer Ray O’Neal and Crittenden County Sheriff’s Deputy Ray Agent both graduated from the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training for police officers after 16 grueling weeks that weeded out a third of the cadets in each of their respective classes. The basic training course consisted of 640 hours of instruction designed for recruit-level officers, with coursework in collision investigation, criminal and civil law, patrol, vehicle operations, firearms, criminal investigations, defensive tactics, physical fitness, first aid/CPR, intoxilyzer testing and other practical exercises related to police work.

■ Rocket starting pitcher Brad Guess had a masterful performance on the hill, striking out four while scattering eight hits in a complete-game victory over district rival Lyon County. The Rockets earned the win 9-3 to get things started off right in league play while also snapping a five-game losing streak.

10 YEARS AGO

April 16, 2015

■ A number of partners involved in the lighting renovation at Marion-Crittenden County Park assembled at home plate of the high school baseball field to commemorate completion of the project. Pictured were park board member Rob Stephens, Crittenden County Dugout Club member Chad Perryman, D&D Electric co-owner Donnie Phillips, Marion City Councilman Darrin Tabor, Crittenden County Schools Superintendent Vince Clark, park supporter Bonita Hatfield, The Peoples Bank’s Madison Qualls, Crittenden County Magistrate Danny Fowler, The Peoples Bank’s Melissa Agent, The Peoples Bank’s Misty Tinsley, Magistrate Dan Wood, park board chairperson Kory Wheeler, park board member Robin Curnel, Magistrate Mark Holloman, Par 4 Plastics Vice President Ryan McDaniel, Knight Electric President Ricky Thurston, Gilbert Funeral Home owner Brad Gilbert, Musco Lighting System representative Curt Mickey, park board member and D&D Electric co-owner Donnie Morgan Philips and park board chairman Chris Evans.

■ The Marion 12U Bobcats travel baseball team headquartered in Marion consisted of Jaden Hancock, Trace Adams, Darit Barnes, Ben Evans, Ian Ellington, coach Mark McCalister, Tyler Boone, Caden McCalister, coach Devin Belt, Braxton Winders, Erik O’Leary, Gabe Mott, and coach Chris Evans. The Bobcats had played three tournaments and claimed semifinal berths in all three. The team’s record was 6-6 and they were set to play weekend tournaments that summer.

■ The Marion 11U Bobcats were Kanyon Franklin, Logan Corley, Gabe Dyer, Jake Vaughn, Braxton Smith, Bryson Cullum, Tanner Beverly, Gavin Smith, Bryce Cunningham and Drew Davis. Coaches were Donny Beverly, Chris Evans and Matt Cullum. They had played their first tournament of the season and finished runner-up.

■ The Marion 9U Bobcats travel baseball team included Levi Piper, Jonny Bingham, Brady Belt, Ryan Dycus, Casey Cates, Chase Conner, Peyton Williams, Evan Belt, Kaleb Nesbitt and Jeremiah Foster. They were coached by Tony Belt and Stephen Cates. They had taken second place in a Nashville tournament.

■ Eight-year-old musician Crittenden County resident Cutter Singleton played at “My Old Kentucky Home.”

Read Brenda Underdown’s
Forgotten Passages column
at The Press Online
between newspaper issues.

Some things are not worth repeating

Is Jesus’s resurrection story a perpetuated myth?

I have, in my life, made many mistakes repeating or commenting on things about which I know very little or nothing. Still do. Given that I speak publicly and attempt to fill this space with something worth thinking about, there is a 100 percent chance that it will happen... over and over. I do try to be as certain as I can be, but I cannot overcome my own viewpoints and prejudices enough to avoid it. When repeating something I heard, I need to remember that if I was not there, I do not know what happened – guaranteed.

There are, however, a few things that I do, which I hope helps reduce the possibility of repeating something that will make things worse rather than better. First, if it is something that dehumanizes or denigrates the intelligence of another person, it is not worth repeating. This behavior is what is expected of bullies, those who do not think for themselves, and put dogma before understanding and reconciliation.

Second, if I cannot check

the source and know that what I have heard or read is promoting an agenda, it is not worth repeating.

Recently I read a post on social media that referred to a bill proposed in congress. I then looked up the bill, not hard to do with a little effort, and read it. It did not say what was being said about it. I contacted the person privately and received a gracious response along with a thank you. The post was removed.

Third, I consider words worth repeating are those that properly challenge, encourage, or strengthen others. These words need to be true, helpful, and honest about prejudices and presuppositions. Repeating words without engaging both intellect and emotion has led me to the land of regret many times.

There are places to find words that are worth repeating. I have found words worth repeating in good literature. When a brilliant mind writes something meaningful in a powerful and contextual way



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

and another mind engages with it there will be words to repeat.

For those who are part of churches that read scripture together, recite creeds or prayers together, or sing, there is an abundance of words and ideas worth repeating. So much so that these words have the power to form us into better human beings.

In the Bible, the poetic books are a library of powerful words and ideas that we can repeat over and over. The Gospels are full of teaching about how disciples of Jesus are to think. The reshaping of how we think will affect our actions and our words. The poetry in the Bible (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs) is our response to living in this world. It is a world that was created good. Humans were given the mandate to have dominion over it and spread out and explore and enjoy it. However, there are forces at work that make this difficult for us. Each of the poetry books helps us by giving voice to our experience here as we stumble along together.

Job helps us by considering (not necessarily answering) the question, “Why is this happening?” Job’s older friends apply all their inadequate wisdom, and he responds with brilliance even while in pain. The youngest, Elihu, moves us in a better direction before God reminds all of us that he is the creator, and we cannot understand everything we would like.

Psalms provides us with praise, lament, and the story of God’s salvation through song. Personal and societal songs cover every part of life. If it has happened to you, there is a song about it.

The book of Proverbs gives us words of wisdom. We learn how to navigate as both leaders and followers.

Ecclesiastes or “The Preacher” is a reminder of our mortality. It is encouragement to enjoy the life that we have been given and not fret over things about which we can do nothing. It is a much-needed perspective in our current environment.

The Song of Songs is a celebration of sexual love between a woman and a man. It is a reminder that romantic love is a blessing from God to be enjoyed.

Find words worth repeating. Leave the rest alone.

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Question: We tell children to believe in Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. Isn't Jesus' resurrection story just another one of the myths we perpetuate?

Answer: The resurrection of Jesus isn't a myth, but a reality that is at the heart of the Christian faith. Jesus foretold it. He told His followers, “The Son of Man (meaning Himself) must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third be raised again” (Lk. 24:7). Then, He did just what He'd said He'd do.

In talking to His disciples after His death and resurrection, He said, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have” (Lk. 24:37-38). Then He ate fish with them. He wasn't a mirage. Only real live people can eat fish.

Following Jesus' resurrection, He talked to Peter, the Twelve, over five hundred brothers and sisters, James and Paul (1 Cor. 15:3-8). Christianity is built on faith, but it isn't a blind faith. It is

ASK the PASTOR

By Bob Hardison

verified by the many people who saw and talked to Jesus after he arose from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus is one of the most verified events in history.

During Christ's crucifixion the Twelve were afraid for their lives and hid. After His resurrection, they willingly died because they believed Jesus was alive. Men don't die for a falsehood, but they will for the truth.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Religious Outreach

■ Mainstreet Missionary Baptist Church will have Revival starting at 11 a.m., Sunday, May 4 with guest speaker Bro. Jim Wring, followed by a meal at noon and music by David Conyer at 1 p.m. Services continue at 7 p.m., Monday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 6 with guest music by Adam Guess both evenings. The church is located at 718 S. Main St. in Marion.

■ Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ 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 Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of severe weather.

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Looking back at the 1954-55 Rocket basketball team

I first wrote this article back in 2012, but I'd like to reprint it again in memory of a dear family friend, Bruce Belt, who recently passed away. One of his greatest memories was of his basketball days with the Crittenden County Rockets. During the talk I had with him in 2012, Bruce told me of some of the adventures of being a basketball player during that time, but he never mentioned that he was a star player – but that was Bruce, never talking about himself. But I did some research in the archives of The Crittenden Press and found out some interesting things. He was, indeed, a star player.

Interview with Bruce.

In the school year 1954-1955, the newly consolidated Crittenden County High School had been formed for only a few years, and it didn't yet have its own gymnasium. In fact, the new gymnasium would just be starting construction in August of 1954.

In order for the school's basketball team to have a place to practice, players journeyed every day to the Frances gym. Bruce Belt, one of the star players in this article, told me that the boys who played basketball would have their classes in the morning so they would be free in the afternoon to practice. Every afternoon the boys would load a bus and be taken to the Frances gym; then they would load back on the bus and be taken back to Crittenden in time to get on their buses that would take them home. The Rocket home games would also be played in the Frances gym.

Here are some highlights of the Rockets' games for that year, taken from the archives of The Crittenden Press.

Nov. 5, 1954

The Crittenden County High School Rockets open their basketball season Saturday night at Smithland, against Livingston County High. The Rockets lost six of their 10 players to graduation last year and will be inexperienced in game play, but it is hoped that the squad will develop into an average club as the season progresses. They have a tough schedule for the 1954-55 season, including games with Earlington, Charleston, Holy Name at Henderson and Paducah Tilghman. (It turned out that average wasn't good enough for this determined team.)

Nov. 19, 1954 – Crittenden Rockets Score 100 Points

The Crittenden County Rockets basketball team hit its stride last Friday night, Nov. 12 at Frances, in a fast game of basketball with Uniontown High School. Two Crittenden boys made 67 points. Bruce Belt received high scoring honors with 39 points and Glenn Davidson 28. Other scorers were Wring 14, Hodge 8, Lockhart 8, Crowell 2, and Bennett 1.

In its game against St. Vincent Nov. 16, the Rockets got off to a slow start, holding a 22-21 lead at



The 1955 basketball team, their coach, Erceel Little, managers and cheerleaders.

half time. They increased this margin to a 15-point lead in the third quarter. Coach Carlisle Towery's

boys came back strong in the fourth quarter, cutting Crittenden County's lead to 8 points. Coach Towery, a former Western great (and a Crittenden County great) is developing a fine team and will be strong as the season develops. Hogan, of St. Vincent, held high scoring honors with 21, followed by Bruce Belt, Crittenden forward, with 20.

Jan. 7, 1955 – Crittenden County Wins First Tri-County Meet

Showing a lot of flashy ball handling and deadly shooting, the Crittenden County High School Rockets came from behind to win in the finals of the Tri-County Basketball Invitational Tournament by a score of 68-66. Erceel Little's Rockets showed the power that early pre-season opinion expected of them. They played cool under pressure and had to beat two very good teams to earn the title of champion in this first Tri-County Tournament.

Bruce Belt, who plays sometimes as a forward and also as a center, did an excellent job on rebounding and also disallowed some of that drive that made him a constant threat during last year's hectic season.

Another young fellow who has begun to come along recently is Crittenden's

Lockhart. Playing the pivot and also the forward, this boy proved during the tournament that he is going to be hard to handle before the season is over.

The Rockets trailed at the end of the first period 20-14, and were on the short end of a 39-27 half-time score due to a sharp shooting forward of Livingston County High by he name of J. Thompson, who scored 29 points before the final gun sounded. The score was tied at the third quarter and seasawed several times with Crittenden trailing by 4 points at the 2 1/2 minute mark. Two field goals and two foul shots shoved Crittenden ahead to stay.

Bruce Belt and Glenn Davidson were high scorers for the Rockets with 21 and 20 points, respectively. Crittenden County: Belt, 21, Davidson 20, Lockhart 12, Wring 9, Green 6.

The Crittenden County Rockets completed their 1954-1955 regular season play by downing a fighting Lyon County team by a 82-59 score. The Rockets showed a lot of speed and stamina in scoring 33 points in the final quarter.

Tommy Wring combined with Bruce Belt and Don Green in a fast break attack that swept the Lyon Countians off their feet in the final minutes. Glenn Davidson set the pace in the first quarter by scoring 9 of the first 10 Crittenden points, and Keith Lockhart as usual came through with some fine rebounding work that made possible a lot of fast breaks. Bobby Don Crowell exerted his authority on rebounding when he entered the game in the

final minutes.

Feb. 18, 1955 – District Tournament To Be At Marion High Gym

Elimination play in the Fifth District (composed of Salem, Livingston County, Marion and Crittenden High) will get under way in the Marion High School gymnasium March 3, at 7:30 p.m. First round play will begin Thursday, March 3 with the Crittenden County Rockets and the Salem Red Devils battling for regional honors.

Crittenden has defeated Salem four times in regular season and tournament games by pretty close scores. Salem downed the strong Livingston County team once and lost by 3 points in their last game, and will be regarded as a strong threat to the Crittenden team.

The Marion Blue Terrors will be trying to make good the old saying, "Third Time is the Charm," as they tangle with Coach Frankie Wright's Livingston County team for the third time this season. They lost to the Livingston County team in a close one in an early-season game and lost the second game to the Tigers while playing without the services of their high scoring center Sonny Belt. Marion will be a much improved team come tournament time.

March 4, 1955 - Crittending Players Win Scoring Honors.

Bruce Belt, captain and forward on the Crittenden Rockets basketball team, edged Junior Brown of Fredonia by two points for top scoring honors in the 5th and 6th district. (6th district was composed of Trigg, Caldwell, Fredonia and Lyon County). Belt

finished the regular season with 606 points, and Brown followed with 604.

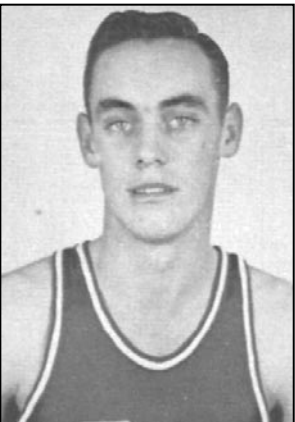
Tommy Wring also landed in the first 10 high point men as a result of his 33 points against Lyon County last week. Don Green, a mid-season first team starter, Glenn Davidson and Keith Lockhart complete the five Rockets, within the first 25 high scorers.

March 11, 1955 – District Tourney

Crittenden won the first game of the Fifth District Tournament by beating Salem 72-46. High point men for Crittenden were Belt and Wring, with 21 and 20, respectively, followed by Davidson 12, Bennett 2, Lockhart 8, and Green 11.

This would have been a heart breaker

The Crittenden Rockets lost the final of the dis-



Bruce Belt, Rocket team captain and top scorer, finished the regular season with 606 points and was the top scorer for the 5th and 6th districts in 1955.

trict tourney to Livingston County 75-70 in a hard fought game which saw Crittenden playing a poor rebounding game. Five Crittenden men scored in double figures with Wring and Lockhart leading the Rockets. Crittenden outscored Livingston two field goals, but lost at the foul line.

Belt selected for All-Regional team

Rockets team captain and top scorer Bruce Belt was selected to the All-Regional team, being selected from the eight teams playing in the second regional tournament at Madisonville March 9-12, 1955.


Rest in peace, dear friend, you will be missed, and especially in your old home place of the Hebron community.

(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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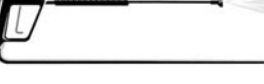
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2024 Homesteader Cargo Trailer, black aluminum, 8x16". \$7,200. Salem area. (812) 483-1116. (2t-15-p)

sales

Huge yard sale at 119 W. Main St. in Salem, Thursday, April 17 and Friday, April 18. Antiques, collectibles, clothing, lamps, WeatherTech items, some kids clothes, too much to list. (1t-15-p)

First-ever Crittenden County Hwy. 641 Community Yard Sale for homes between 1380-1980 U.S. 641 including Norman Road, Penn Drive, Coleman Road and Higgins Road. Will begin at 8 a.m. each day, May 9-10. (5t-18-c)

services

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legal notices

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00018
ANP TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC PLAINTIFF
v. GARY BIRCHWELL;
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY BIRCHWELL; RTFL-KY, LLC;
DOT CAPITAL INVESTMNTS, LLA; AND CRITTENDEN COUNTY KENTUCKY;
DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale and to satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of 10:00 a.m., Tuesday April 29, 2025, at public auction to the highest bidder at the Crittenden County Office Complex at 200 Industrial Drive (the Crittenden County Courthouse being under demolition), Marion, Kentucky, the following described property: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 229 Nunn Switch Road, Marion, Kentucky, 42064

PARCEL NO.: 087-00-00-024.02
A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky, and bounded as follows:
BEGIN at point in c/1 Nunn Switch Road that is 20 feet from the Southwest end of c/1 of 36 inch concrete pipe and approximately ½ mile from U.S. Highway 60, being the Northeast corner of Samuel's tract; thence w/ black-top Road S 42½ degrees E 150 feet to point; thence w/ blacktop Road S 12 degrees 20 minutes E 121 feet to corner; thence a new line S 60½ degrees W 376 feet to corner; thence a new line N 22½ degrees W 370 feet to corner at old road; thence w/ old Road N 78 degrees E 133 feet to angle in Road; thence w/ old Road N 63 degrees E 108½ feet to angle at 10 inch white oak; thence w/ old Road N 73 degrees 45 minutes E 185 feet to beginning, as surveyed by S. Frank Oliver, Surveyor, LS No. 1227, on 9-26-1974.

SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to Gary Birchwell, by a deed dated September 16, 1983 and recorded in Book 142, Page 27 of the Crittenden County, Kentucky records.

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parties, they shall be allowed a credit against the purchase price of their pro rata interest and pay over to the Master Commissioner the balance and any costs of sale apportioned to their interest in the property. The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes for the year 2025 and subsequent years. No written bids are allowed and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. The Master Commissioner does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions. Dated this the 15th day of April, 2025.

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MARION, KENTUCKY 42064
270-965-2222 (1t-15-c)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CRITTENDEN CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00021
ADS TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC PLAINTIFF
v. LINDA D. HENRY; STEVE HENRY; JO ANN BENOIT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JO ANN BENOIT MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP; FREDONIA VALLEY BANK; AND COUNTY OF CRITTENDEN, KENTUCKY
DEFENDANTS
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PARCEL NO.: 060-00-00-009.00
PARCEL ONE
A certain tract or parcel of land in Crittenden County, Kentucky on State Highway No. 91, about 3 miles south of Marion, Kentucky & bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone on the west side of said Highway, corner to Al Adams and W. E. Crider; running thence with a line of same S 78 W 71 poles and 10 links to a stone in said line, corner to Crider and W. R. Cruce; thence with a line of said Cruce and said Crider S 13-3/4 E 35 poles and 21 links to a stone, another corner to said Cruce and said Crider; thence with another line of said Cruce and said Crider N 80 E 60 poles to a stone on the west side of said Highway, another corner to said Cruce and said Crider; thence with the West line of said Highway with its meanderings 39 poles to the beginning, containing 14-1/2 acres, more or less.

PARCEL TWO
A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Crittenden County, Kentucky on the West side of Kentucky Highway #91 about 1 mile North of the Village of Crayne, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone set in the West right -of-way line to Kentucky State Highway No. 91, near North gate post; thence with a division line S 78 W 1443.6 feet to a stone set by a clump of sugar tree buses with two prongs marked for a corner, in Dorroh's line; thence with Dorrohs' line N 37 W passing a stone at 1116 feet in all 1369 feet to a stone set in the old Chapel Hill road, a corner with Dorroh and Herb Cruce; thence with Herb Cruces' line a part and Tyler Hunts line a part N 8-3/4 E 1014 feet to a stone a corner with Tyler Hunt; thence with Tyler Hunts line a part and Mrs. Ezra Lewis line a part N 77-35 E 841 feet to a stone in Mrs. Ezra Lewis line and a corner with Reginald Winters; thence with the said Winters line S 13-3/4 E 593 feet to a pile of rocks a corner; thence continuing with Winters line N 79-35 E 643 feet to an iron post in Winters line and being the North West corner to the Cruce Cemetery; thence with the West line to Cemetery S 11-40 E 100 feet to an iron post, the Southwest corner to Cemetery; thence with the South line to Cemetery N 79-35 E 100 feet to an iron post, the Southeast corner to Cemetery; thence N 75-35 E 245 feet to a stone set in the West right-of-way line to Kentucky Highway No. 91;

thence with said right-of-way line S 0-35 W 68 feet; S 2-25 E 185 feet; S 4-40 E 189 feet to a stone; S 4-3/4 E 204.15 feet; S 5-1/2 E 536.4 feet; S 5-1/4 E 326.4 feet to the beginning, containing 81.25 acres more or less.

IT IS EXPRESSLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY ALL PARTIES HEREUNTO that the plot of ground known as the Cruce Cemetery is hereby reserved and not conveyed by this deed.

EXCLUDED from the above descriptions are the following conveyances by Reginald W. Winters and Lela Winters, husband and wife:

(1) 1.4 acres to Bobby G. Hunter by deed dated November 7, 1961, and recorded in Deed Book 94, page 245.
(2) 10.3 acres to Kenneth H. Kirk et ux by deed dated February 21, 1967, and recorded in Deed Book 102, page 588.
(3) 2 acres to Eddie J. Myers et ux by deed dated May 3, 1967, and recorded in Deed Book 103, page 124.
(4) 1.03 acres to Homer Henry et ux by deed dated August 1, 1967, and recorded in Deed Book 103, page 447.
(5) 5.98 acres to Kenneth H. Kirk et ux by deed dated May 23, 1968, and recorded in Deed Book 104, page 486.
(6) 2.02 acres to Noble G. Hughes et ux by deed dated May 3, 1968, and recorded in Deed Book 106, page 487.
(7) 53.5 acres to George E. McK-inney et ux by deed dated April 14, 1969, and recorded in Deed Book 106, page 158.
(8) 9.01 acres to George E. McK-inney et ux by deed dated October 10, 1969, and recorded in Deed Book 107, page 5.
(9) tract conveyed to Edward L. Davidson et ux by deed dated October 4, 1979, and recorded in Deed Book 135, page 501.
THERE IS EXCLUDED AND NOT CONVEYED THE FOLLOWING OUT SALE:

TRACT 1
All iron pins set are 1/2x24" rebar with plastic cap stamped "B.J. MAY L.S. 878". BEGINNING at an iron pin set on the west side of and 30 feet from the center of U.S. 641 (KY. 91), corner to Hunter (d.b. 146 p.626), being at approximate Kentucky coordinates (south zone N. 355,250 ft., E. 1,321,600 ft., and 3.2 miles south of Marion; thence with the meanders of the west side of the highway S. 07 deg. 34 min 40 sec. W 133.65 ft. to an iron pin set, and S. 06 deg. 25 min 38 sec. W. 67.69 ft. to an iron pin set, corner to Tract 2; thence leaving the highway and with lines of Tract 2 S 82 deg. 29 deg. 35 sec. W. 244.08 ft. to an iron pin set. N. 72 deg. 26 min. 00 sec. W. 54.61 ft. to an iron pin set, S. 85 deg. 16 min. 30 sec. W. 34.39 ft. to an iron pin set, S. 66 deg. 47 min. 19 sec. W. 40.83 ft. to an iron pin set, S. 39 deg. 58 min. 38 sec. W. 30.92 ft. to an iron pin set, S. 84 deg. 22 min. 56 sec. W. 181.09 ft. to an iron pin set, and S. 07 deg 39 min. 41 sec. E 140.73 ft. to an iron pin set, a new corner, thence with a new division line N. 81 deg. 07 min. 01 sec. W. 194.27 ft. to an iron pin set in Damron's line (d.b. 183 p.42); thence with their line N. 03 deg. 02 min. 13 sec. W. 439.25 ft. to an iron pin set in Williamson's line (d.b. 185 p. 47); thence along their line N. 81 deg. 17 min. 23 sec. E., passing their corner with

Minner (d.b. 171 p. 698) at about 210, in all, 397.36 ft. to an iron pin set, corner to Hunter (d.b.146 p.626); thence with their lines S. 5 deg. 45 min 48 sec. E. 124.75 ft. to an iron pin set, and N. 88 deg. 27 min. 36 sec. E. 382.42 ft. to the beginning, containing 5.53 acres, more or less, according to a survey by Billy J. May L.S. 878 of J & J LAND SURVEYS on May 06, 2002.

TRACT 2
All iron pins set are 1/2x24" rebar with plastic cap stamped "B.J. MAY L.S. 878". BEGINNING at an iron pin set on the west side of and 30 feet from the center of U.S. 641 (KY. 91), being the southeast corner of Tract 1 and the northeast corner of this tract; thence with the west side of the highway S. 06 deg. 25 min. 39 sec. W. 22.00 ft. to an iron pin set, corner to Tract 3, thence leaving the road and with lines of Tract 3 S. 82 deg. 18 min. 58 sec. E. 239.86 ft. to an iron pin set, N. 73 deg. 36 min. 12 sec. W. 58.83 ft. to an iron pin set, S. 84 deg. 40 min. 01 sec. W. 29.11 ft. to an iron pin set, S. 63 deg. 02 min. 48 sec. W. 33.10 ft. to an iron pin set, and S. 07 deg. 43 min. 33 sec. E. 191.22 ft. to an iron pin set, a new corner, thence with new division lines 82 deg. 51 min. 50 sec. W. 135.26 ft. to an iron pin set, and N. 81 deg. 29 min. 58 sec. W. 84.50 ft. to an iron pin set, corner to Tract 1; thence with lines of Tract 1 N. 07 deg. 39 min. 41 sec. W. 140.73 ft. to an iron pin set, N. 84 deg. 22 min. 56 sec. E. 181.09 ft. to an iron pin set N. 39 deg. 58 min. 38 sec. E 30.92 ft. to an iron pin set, N. 66 deg. 47 min. 19 sec. E. 40.83 ft. to an iron pin set, N. 85 deg. 16 min. 30 sec. E. 34.39 ft. to an iron pin set, S. 72 deg. 26 min. 00 sec. E. 54.61 ft. to an iron pin set and N. 82 deg. 29 min. 35 sec. E. 244.08 ft. to the beginning containing 1.00 acres, more or less, according to a survey by Billy J. May L.S. 878 of J & J LAND SURVEYS on May 06, 2002.

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Saturday, April 19 @ 10 a.m.

70+ Guns - Henry H001 22LR Rifle WEBSTER COUNTY KY Addition; Henry H001 22LR Rifle; Henry Big Bow 357; M1 Garand Springfield CMP; Adams Arms 556 Auto; Auto Ordinance 30 Carbine; Browning Light 12 Belgium (LIKE NEW); BrowningB1-22 Grade1; Browning A5 12ga; Browning Buckmark; Browning Marxus II 12ga; Browning B22 Grade III 22LR; Browning Buck Mark UFX Pro Target 22LR; Century Arms WASR AK-47 762x39; Charles Daly Super Field 12ga; Colt 25ACP; Colt Cobra 357; Colt Python 357; CZ 452 22LR; CZ557 6.5 Creedmoor; Desert Eagle 44mag; Glock 21 45ACP; Glock 26 9mm; Glock 26 9mm; Glock 27 40Cal; Glock 45 Gen-4 9mm; High Standard Trophy 22 Auto; High Standard SK100 Sport; Kel-Tec Sub 2000 9mm (uses Glock mags); PTR 9ct 9mm; Marlin 22LR (2 of them); Marlin Glen Field 22LR; Masterpiece Arms 9mm; Mossberg 715T 22LR; Mossberg 500 12ga; Mossberg 500 410; Mossberg 20 ga YOUTH; Remington Model 511 Scope Master 22 Bolt action; Remington VTR AR-15; Remington model 12 pump; Remington V3 Pro; Remington Model 12 22WRF; Rock River AR-15 5.56; ROHM Model 63 22LR; Rossi 357 Rifle; Rossi 22 mag Pump Gallery Gun; Ruger 44 Mag Auto Carbine; Ruger Blackhawk 357 Ruger 10-22; Ruger single six; Ruger 1911 BECK SEED Edition; Ruger Mini 14 5.56; Ruger Tactical 10/22; Saiga AK 223; SKS 762.39 (3 of them); Springfield 1911 A1 45ACP; Springfield XDS 9mm; Springfield XDM 45; Springfield Prodigy 9mm; Smith 642-1 38sp; 642-2 Deluxe 38sp; Smith 17-4 22LR; Smith 686-6 7shot 357mag; Smith Model 31-1 32 revolver 2inch; Smith 916A 12ga; Smith 645 45acp; Smith 617 4in 22LR; Smith 2.0 9mm; Stoeger 9mm; Taurus Judge; Taurus 856 Ultra Lite 38sp; Universal 30 Carbine; Weatherby PA-08-TR 12 GA; Winchester 62A 22LR; Winchester Super X Model 1 EXTRA Barrel; AMMO all different types-410, 22mag, 22 short, 17 win super mag, 9mm

TRUCKS- 2004 Ford F350 6.0 diesel; 2008 Ford F-250 Super Duty 6.4 powerstroke

SILVER COINS- Proof set- 2021 Polaris 450 ATV; 16ft. Trailer, Grader Blade

BOATS- Lowe Roughneck 60hp Mercury 54 hrs; 2017 Sea Ark 2472 Suzuki 115 as main motor; 2014 Sea Ark Big Easy

JOHN DEERE PEDAL TRACTOR MODEL 20 D 65; 2018 15hp kicker motor Finishing Mower

PAYMENT METHOD- Cash, Certified Cashier's Check, In State Check, 10% Buyers Premium on all items, 6% KY sales tax

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survey by Billy J. May L.S. 878 of J & J LAND SURVEYS on May 06, 2002.

See plat of said tracts recorded in Deed Book 192, page 657, Crittenden County Clerk's Office. SOURCE OF TITLE: This being the same property conveyed to Jackie D. Winters by a Deed dated July 24, 1997 and recorded in Book 178, Page 213 of the Crittenden County, Kentucky records. Jackie D. Winters died intestate on February 1, 2020 thereby conveying his interest in the Real Property to his heirs Linda Diane Henry and Jo Ann Benoit.

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bid notice

The Crittenden County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for the following surplus items: 2010 Grasshopper 725D Zero Turn Diesel Mower with 1870 hours and 2005 Kubota GR2100 Lawn Tractor Diesel with 1588 hours. Sealed bids must be submitted to CBOE at 601 West Elm Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064 by Friday, April 25, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened. For more information, contact Brian Kirby at 270-704-1166. Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. (2t-15-c)

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Reduced! Crittenden County, KY – 19.6 Acres – \$82,124.00
This property offers an exceptional blend of features tailored for deer and turkey hunting enthusiasts. The landscape is marked by areas of exposed rock that add a rugged charm and unique character.

Reduced! Crittenden County, KY – 29.5 Acres – \$123,605.00
This diverse hunting property offers an exceptional blend of varied terrain and habitat types, made even more unique by its history as an old quarry.

Crittenden County, KY – 2.06 Acres – \$69,000.00
Three contiguous lots in the beautiful Hillcrest Estates #2 Subdivision offer the ideal build site!

Crittenden County, KY – 193 Acres – \$799,000.00
Whether you're a seasoned hunter or looking for a tranquil retreat, this diverse tract delivers a perfect balance of functionality and natural beauty. Includes 32+/- tillable acres and established food plots!

Crittenden & Union Counties, KY – 4,690 Acres – \$21,500,000.00
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Livingston County, KY – 88 Acres – \$303,600.00
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PENDING! Crittenden County, KY – 18.96 Acres – \$375,000.00
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PENDING! Crittenden County, KY – 64.3284 Acres – \$241,231.50
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PENDING! Crittenden County, KY – 71.46 Acres – \$232,250.00
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SOLD! Crittenden County, KY – 83 Acres – \$259,900.00
Nestled along the picturesque Piney Creek, this diverse hunting tract offers an idyllic setting for outdoor enthusiasts and wildlife aficionados alike.

SOLD! Crittenden County, KY – 38.14 Acres – \$129,900.00
This unique offering combines a timbered hunting tract with a scenic lakefront lot on Maple Lake, providing exceptional recreational and development opportunities.

SOLD! Crittenden County, KY – 37.184 Acres - \$164,900.00
Situated in an area renowned for big bucks, this property offers the perfect habitat for deer and turkey hunting, plus the added convenience of a cozy cabin!

SOLD! Crittenden County, KY – 17.3541 Acres - \$169,000.00
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LCHS softball at Lyon County
CCHS baseball at Trigg County
LCHS baseball hosts Lyon County

FRIDAY
CCHS softball at Marshall County
Slugfest vs Tilghman, Graves Co.
LCHS baseball hosts Madisonville

SATURDAY
LCHS vs Ashland Blazer & Ballard
LCHS hosts Obion Central, Tenn.
LCHS hosts Mayfield

MONDAY
CCHS softball at Caldwell County
LCHS baseball hosts Webster Co.

TUESDAY
CCHS softball hosts Livingston
CCHS baseball at Caldwell County
LCHS hosts Hopkins Central

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Wild Turkey	April 12 - May 4
Bullfrog	May 16 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	May 17 - June 15
Coyote	Year Round
Ground hog	Year Round



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TRACK & FIELD

Potter has hammer down

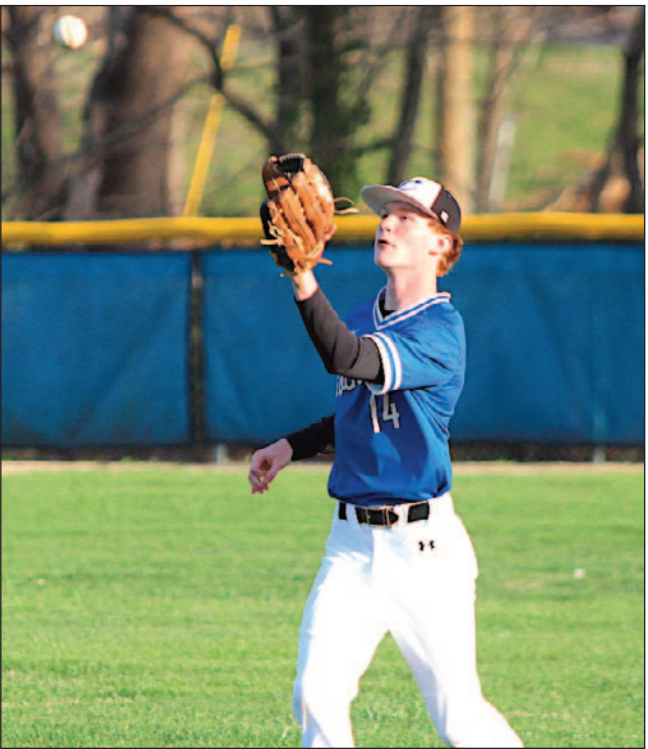
Murray State freshman Karsyn Potter is quickly finding her niche at the collegiate track and field level. A regional discus champion and school record breaker as a senior last year at Crittenden County High School, Potter is learning the hammer throw at MSU. In her first outdoor competition, Potter made the finals, the only MSU freshman to do so. Her personal best hammer throw is now also the longest on the Lady Racer squad at 40.68. Potter is also throwing discus for Murray State. The Racers compete in the Division I Missouri Valley Conference. Potter and the Murray State track and field squad will have their second meet of the spring on Thursday at the Gibson Invitational in Terre Haute, Ind.

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Crittenden County Baseball | Softball Roundup



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Lady Rocket second baseman Morgan Piper takes the throw on a stolen base by Livingston's Baylee Neal. Backing up the play are shortstop Sadie Green and centerfielder Hannah Jent. Directly above, Crittenden's Caroline Martin centers up the ball during a recent home game; and (at right) Rocket baseball outfielder Davis Perryman stays focused while tracking down a line drive.



BASEBALL

Rockets fall to Rebels

Crittenden County's varsity baseball team came up short in a 3-1 loss to Todd County Central on Saturday despite a solid showing on the mound and five hits from the offense. Chase Conyer pitched three innings and allowed three runs on as many hits, striking out four and walking three. Asa McCord came on in relief and was dominant, tossing three perfect innings with two strikeouts and no walks. The Rockets held Todd County to just three total hits.

At the plate, Conyer led the Rockets with a 2-for-3 performance. Drake Young also added two hits, and Keegan Pierson doubled and scored the team's only run. Despite multiple base runners, Crittenden left several stranded and could not produce a timely hit.

CCHS drops All A opener

Crittenden County struggled offensively and defensively in an 11-1 loss to University Heights on Friday to open play in the All A Classic Second Region Tournament.

The Rockets managed just one hit in the game, a double by Quinn Summers, who

also recorded the team's only RBI. Hudson Stokes scored the lone run after reaching base on a walk and stealing second.

Crittenden's lineup drew six walks but left runners stranded, striking out nine times and failing to capitalize on opportunities.

University Heights used a big offensive day to take control early and never looked back. CCHS worked three different pitchers. Starter Drake Young allowed 4 earned runs and so did his first relief Jaxton Duncan. Each went one inning. Jake Rich finished off the game with three scoreless innings. CCHS made three fielding errors behind its pitching.

SOFTBALL

Livingston shuts out CCHS, win region

Crittenden County was held to just one hit in a 10-0 loss to Livingston Central last Wednesday in the opening round of the All A Classic at Smithland.

Livingston Central, the defending Class A state champion, jumped out early, plating two runs in the first inning before adding four runs in both the second and third to put the

game out of reach. The game ended in five innings due to the mercy rule.

With several starters on a school trip to Washington, DC, the Lady Rockets were a bit shorthanded, but managed to keep the game close for a time. Brodi Rich singled to start the game, but that was Crittenden's only hit of the contest against Livingston pitcher Addison Tramble, who went 4 innings. Hadlee Hargrove pitched the fifth for LCHS. Tramble struck out 12.

Tramble also went 2-for-3 at the plate with two RBIs and a double for the Cardinal girls and Hargrove had three hits and four RBIs, including a home run and a double. Victoria Joiner added two hits and two RBIs.

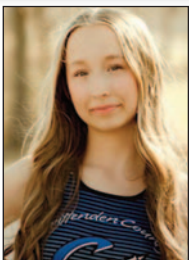
Rich pitched for CCHS.

Livingston went on to defeat Lyon County 4-1 in the semifinal round of the tournament and beat host Caldwell County 6-4 in the All A Second Region championship.

This will be Livingston's third straight trip to the All A State Tournament. They will open pool play at 8:30 a.m., on April 26 against the Seventh Region champion. The tournament will be at Fisher Park in Owensboro.

Crittenden County Track & Field Roundup

Here are Crittenden County re-sults from the Coach Johnson Memorial Classic featuring 15 teams from Kentucky and Tennessee held Saturday at Fort Campbell.



Martinez
2 Firsts
Distance Races

Girls Results

100 Meters
25. Kaylin Coleman (15.35), 30. Hayley Moore (16.60)

200 Meters

7. Kaylin Coleman (28.39)

400 Meters
16. Kaylin Coleman (1:19.82), 19. Hayley Moore (1:22.54)

1600 Meters
1. Mary Martinez (5:58.66), 9. Ella Whitney (7:53.96)

3200 Meters
1. Mary Martinez (13:23.84)

100 Meter Hurdles
12. Aliza Maraman (22.27)

300 Meter Hurdles
10. Aliza Maraman (1:05.63)

Discus
10. Layken Gilchrist (61-3.5), 15. Ella Whitney (54-5.5)

Shot Put
6. Layken Gilchrist (26-4)

Boys Results

100 Meters
28. Gaige Markham (12.52), 30. Junior Cowsert (12.74)

200 Meters
24. Junior Cowsert (26.28)

400 Meters
16. Gaige Markham (56.84), 21. Noah Byford (58.91), 23. Matthew Valentine (1:00.35)

800 Meters
21. River Rogers (2:28.32), 27. Matthew Valentine (2:47.52), 28. Kayden Farmer (2:55.33)

1600 Meters
12. River Rogers (5:29.23), 14. Noah Martinez (5:32.08), 15. CJ Nelson (5:32.54), 22. Kayden Farmer (6:37.51)

3200 Meters
8. Noah Martinez (12:04.24), 11. River Rogers (12:24.44), 12. CJ Nelson (12:24.57)

4x100 Meter Relay
12. Crittenden County (49.98)

4x200 Meter Relay
8. Crittenden County (1:43.64)

4x800 Meter Relay
8. Crittenden County (10:16.12)

Long Jump
16. Jamison Stevenson (14-7), 18. Kaden Herrington (14-0.25)

Triple Jump
10. Noah Byford (34-7), 15. Jamison Stevenson (30-1.5)

Shot Put
20. Jamison Stevenson (27-3)





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Warmest Temp
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Wettest Day
2.09

	Sun., March 2	Fri., March 14	Sat., March 15			
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Average Temp	53.4	52.4	47.5	50.1	52.1	51.8
Coldest Temp	22.6	25.8	20.6	16.1	26.6	25.8
Hottest Temp	82.1	78.9	77.7	77	77.7	82.4
Precipitation	4.3	2	8.2	4.4	4.4	5.99
Wettest Day	2.09	0.7	3.24	1.79	1.07	0.99

■ Crittenden County saw varied weather in March, with temperatures ranging from a high of 82.1 degrees on March 14 to a low of 22.6 degrees on March 2, according to data from the Kentucky Mesonet at WKU. The average high for the month was 65.3 degrees, while the average low was 41.5. March was the warmest in the last 10 years with an average temp of 53.4. Eight days dipped to or below freezing, though no days dropped to zero or colder. Precipitation for the month totaled 4.3 inches across eight days with measurable rainfall. Three of those days saw more than half an inch, and only one day (March 15) topped an inch with 2.09 inches recorded. The month ended with relatively mild winds, averaging 9.8 mph, primarily from the southwest.

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week included:

- Christina Abegglen, 40, of Marion had her pretrial diversion from a 2023 theft conviction set aside because of a new criminal charge. Judge Heady revoked the diversion and ordered her to begin serving the original five-year sentence for a Class D felony of theft by unlawful taking of \$1,000 to \$10,000. She embezzled \$1,650 in cash from Five Star in Marion, where she was employed between Sept. 22 and Oct. 15, 2023. The judge said she can be probated into an in-house substance abuse program, and the court will require additional after-care programs among other conditions of the deal.
- Allison D. Robinson, 25, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of second-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to court records, a deputy preparing to transport Robinson to jail on another matter warned her about taking contraband into the detention center. She allegedly told the officer about a syringe in her bra. Three syringes were found inside her clothing, and according to the citation, she admitted that meth was inside the syringes. Largely because Robinson is 34 weeks pregnant, she was given an opportunity to enter an in-house treatment program. If she complies with court orders, once the child is born, her three-year sentence could be probated.
- Taylor B. Henderson, 26, of Sturgis pleaded guilty to an amended felony charge of facilitation to manufacture methamphetamine, a Class C felony; possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, also a Class C felony; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor. He originally faced a Class A felony charge of firearm-enhanced manufacturing of methamphetamine. In return for the guilty plea, Henderson was sentenced to seven years on each felony and lesser time on the misdemeanor, all to run concurrently for a seven-year sentence.

Court records indicate officers went to a residence in rural Crittenden County last year between Salem and Irma where a burglary suspect was believed to be staying. When they arrived, Henderson was located in an

outbuilding where a handgun and items consistent with methamphetamine manufacturing were found. Kentucky State Police's Western Division Drug Enforcement Special Investigations (DESI) investigated and determined there was an active "shake-and-bake" lab based on its findings.

- Jonathan Paul Langston, 34, of Mayfield had his pretrial diversion set aside from a 2022 conviction for flagrant non-support. Judge Heady ordered Langston to serve his full five-year sentence but agreed to probate him under the condition that he enter an in-house substance abuse program, complete after-care and maintain regular child support payments.
- William Hazel, 18, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of third-degree burglary and two misdemeanors for fourth-degree assault. He had originally been indicted on two additional felony counts of wanton endangerment, but those were reduced to misdemeanor assault. Hazel was given pretrial diversion for five years.
- Willow MacGee, 20, of Brookport, Ill., pleaded guilty to felony drug possession (meth), eight misdemeanors and other traffic violations. She was sentenced to three years on the felony but given an opportunity for probation so long as she completes a year-long in-house substance abuse program.
- MacGee was arrested May 8, 2024, after allegedly being involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of U.S. 60 and Old Salem Road. She is accused of leaving the scene and having drugs when located by law enforcement.
- Andy O. Martinez, 42, of Louisville pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors for second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and operating on a suspended license.

Court records indicate that in August, Martinez was allegedly driving a vehicle stolen from Louisville and left it on a Crittenden County roadside. He was arrested in October and originally charged with receiving stolen property in Crittenden County. However, the stolen vehicle charge is being settled in Louisville, where the vehicle was taken. Martinez has already been in jail since his arrest last fall and was sentenced to 30 more days on the two misdemeanor charges.

The entire docket for circuit and district court is available at The Press Online under the Links tab on the homepage.

Grand jury indicts three; 1 no true bill

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Grand Jury last week issued a no true bill in a case involving an alleged robbery at Marion-Crittenden County Park back in the winter.

A no true bill means the grand jury found insufficient evidence to continue prosecution of the alleged crime against Lonnie Lee Jr., 21, of Eddyville.

Lee was arrested Jan. 12 at his home in Lyon County on suspicion of his alleged involvement in the incident that allegedly occurred a few days prior at the park. He was charged with first-degree robbery and was lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center before being released on a \$10,000 bond.

The Marion Police Department opened a case after individuals from Murray contacted Marion E-911 Dispatch, reporting that they were robbed at gunpoint during what was supposed to be an arranged transaction for a pair of Nike shoes.

Police said at the time they be-

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lieved others may have been involved in the incident, but no one else was ever charged.

The grand jury indicted the following individuals.

- Marcus Andrew Menser, 31, of Marion was indicted on a Class D felony charge of trafficking in marijuana more than 8 ounces but less than 5 pounds and misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Court records indicate that Marion police officers received a complaint about drug sales and outstanding warrants for individuals at a residence on Main Street in Marion. When officers arrived at the home at 9:15 p.m., Feb. 2 they smelled a strong odor of marijuana, according to the citation. Further investigation led to the charges.
- Ashlynn Faith Miller, 21, of Marion was indicted on a Class B felony shoplifting charge, a Class D felony charge of first-degree pos-

session of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the citation, Miller was arrested at Dollar General on Sturgis Road after she was seen stuffing items from store shelves into her purse. Police responded and confirmed the woman had an active warrant. Officers found frozen food and a chapstick in her purse, along with a sunglass case containing syringes, suspected methamphetamine and other items. She admitted to using meth and said she was stealing food for people in need.

- Devin Eckhoff, 28, of Union, Mo., was indicted on a Class D felony charge of bigamy from a direct submittal to the grand jury. Investigators allege that Eckhoff was married to a woman in Missouri and then married another woman in Marion, with whom he had a child.

Six indicted by Livingston grand jury

STAFF REPORT

Livingston County Grand Jury last week indicted six individuals on multiple charges.

A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides if enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a felony-driven case.

Those indicted this month in Smithland were as follows:

- Charles W. Reed, 42, of Salem was indicted on two counts of third-degree burglary; receiving stolen property (\$1,000 to \$10,000); and two counts of second-degree criminal trespassing by complicity.
- Andrew A. Stewart, 36, of Burna was indicted on two counts of third-degree burglary; receiving stolen property (\$1,000 to \$10,000); and two counts of second-degree criminal trespassing by complicity.
- Robert Dennis Munz, 50, of Burna was in-

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dicted on a felony drug charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and lesser charges for possession of drug paraphernalia, careless driving, DUI, and operating on a suspended or revoked license.

Court records indicate that on Dec. 9, Munz was charged by Kentucky Sate Police following a traffic stop.

- Donna M. Craig, 43, of Grand Rivers was indicted for felony first-degree, first-offense trafficking in a controlled substance greater than 2 grams (methamphetamine), firearm enhanced; felony first-offense trafficking in marijuana less than 8 ounces, firearm enhanced and felony first-degree possession of a controlled substance (Oxycodone); and misde-

meanor possession of drug paraphernalia – all by complicity.

Charges were brought by Livingston County Sheriff's Department following a Feb. 27 investigation.

- Stewart L. Dickerson, 68, of Ledbetter was indicted on felony charges of subsequent offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance greater than 2 grams (methamphetamine), firearm enhanced; first-degree possession of a controlled substance (Oxycodone); subsequent offense trafficking in marijuana less than 8 ounces, firearm enhanced; and a Class C felony for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm; and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia – all by complicity.

Charges were brought by Livingston County Sheriff's Department following a Feb. 27 investigation.

Eric B. Hinchey, 53, of Paducah was indicted on felony charges of subsequent offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance greater than 2 grams (methamphetamine), firearm enhanced; first-degree possession of a controlled substance (Oxycodone); subsequent offense trafficking in marijuana less than 8 ounces, firearm enhanced; and a Class C felony for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm; and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia – all by complicity.

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JOURNEY

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child.

Wheeler petitioned Alabama for her adoption records, only to discover her birth had occurred in Kentucky. After navigating state bureaucracy, she finally received information that led her to Jana, who by then had married and taken the name Jana Adams. She was living in Mayfield, active in civic life, serving on the city council and working in tourism and for the Chamber of Commerce.

They met for the first time in 2002. Wheeler learned she had biological siblings, including Alex, a half sister who now owns a business in Mayfield, and Eric, a younger adopted brother who is Black. Jana had raised a blended family – and they welcomed Wheeler into their lives.

Jana had tried to find her over the years, but the closed adoption made it nearly impossible. It was Wheeler who ultimately tracked her down.

But finding her biological father was another story.

At first, Jana believed the father was David Dawkins – a high school boyfriend who had gone off to college back in the 1970s. Wheeler and Dawkins even met. He visited Marion, met her children and seemed to embrace the possibility of their bond. But a DNA test proved otherwise.

"If his wife hadn't insisted on a DNA test, I think he would've just been my dad," Wheeler said. "But it wasn't him."

Disappointed but not discouraged, Wheeler turned to Ancestry.com. A DNA test connected her to numerous relatives,



Kory Wheeler with her adoptive family, the late Glenn Williams, her mother Judy and brother Jeff.

and with the help of a second cousin deep into genealogy, she narrowed down potential paternal candidates.

One had died in Vietnam. Another was not a viable option. A third had been in college in Florida. That left one: Kim Finn, a painter living in Huntsville, Ala.

Wheeler reached out with a text message. "I'm an adult adoptee. I have reason to believe you are my biological father," she wrote.

He replied, "Call me."

Finn, who already had three daughters, had assumed Kory – from the name – was a son, until they talked by phone. The two spoke and began a long-distance relationship. Life circumstances delayed an in-person meeting, but in February, Wheeler and her

youngest daughter, Ashley, finally made the drive to Huntsville.

He greeted them with an arm full of wrapped gifts.

"He had bought presents for us every year since he found out in 2021," Wheeler said. "Gold coins for the girls' birth years, birthday gifts, Christmas gifts. It was overwhelming."

Ashley described the moment as a "bonus."

"It's crazy how much they had in common, not just looks, but mannerisms and behavior," she said. "Stuff you'd think you learn, not inherit."

Finn had no idea Wheeler existed. His late wife died in a car accident when his daughters were young. He served in the Army and now runs a business in Huntsville.

"I think it worked out the way it was supposed to," Wheeler said. "I had an incredible childhood. My parents, they gave me everything."

She's passionate about adoption advocacy, in part because she knows what the alternative could have been. She's helped counsel pregnant teens and once agreed to adopt a baby herself. That child was ultimately adopted by one of Wheeler's childhood friends, and she remains involved in the adoption community.

Her family tree now includes birth parents, adoptive parents, half-siblings, and children of her own – and she celebrates every branch. The man she's currently involved in a relationship with is also adopted.

"Everybody in my world is adopted," Wheeler said. "We were the hand-chosen. It has turned out so perfect in my mind. I just wanted medical history, and I ended up with a huge family."

HOSPITAL

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nonprofit administrator, Energize Kentucky. The financing structure provides long-term, fixed-rate loans for energy efficiency projects, with repayment made via a special property tax assessment.

Hospital CEO Shawn Bright said the funding could support much-needed upgrades to HVAC and boiler systems that are outdated and inefficient.

"Our current systems

cost more to run than they should," Bright told magistrates, noting that savings on utility bills, estimated at up to \$60,000 annually, would offset loan payments and even generate surplus.

The EPAD model has been implemented in more than 30 other Kentucky counties, including Pulaski, where it supported a large-scale distillery project. Crittenden's ordinance would allow only commercial, agricultural or multi-family residential properties to participate.

Single-family homes do not qualify under state law; however, farm projects like grain dryers could.

Chris Jones, program manager for Energize Kentucky, joined the meeting virtually to explain that the EPAD program involves no cost or liability to the county.

Financing is tied to the property, not the borrower. The county's Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) must note the special assessment on the property, which can be

subject to foreclosure if unpaid.

Bright estimates the hospital would initially borrow between \$100,000 and \$200,000, potentially on a 10- to 25-year term at a fixed rate currently near 7.5 percent. The funds could also help complete a roof replacement and revive the administrative wing, he told magistrates. Structural problems apparently lingering from its original construction have left the administrative building empty for some time.

EASTER Services & Celebrations

Rejoice in the Easter miracle with these local churches and their congregations.

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Stories of the resurrection as told in the gospels

Easter is a holy day on the Christian calendar that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection of Jesus is described in the Gospels of the New Testament, which millions of Christians read every year, especially during the Lenten season, which is a 40-day period that directly precedes Easter Sunday.

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John comprise the canonical Gospels. Each book can help Christians understand and connect with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The following are passages from each of the canonical Gospels that help to tell the story of the resurrection of Jesus.

Matthew 28: 1-10

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not

here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Mark 16: 2-7

And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. And they said among themselves, “Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?” And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, “Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.”

Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in,

he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

John 20: 1-10

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.



Gracelynn Gruber filled her basket during an Easter Egg hunt Saturday in Salem.

Musicologists transcribe ancient entity into modern stave

By DIANA CHANDLER
Baptist Press

What was left of the hymn, archeologists found 100 years ago in ancient Egyptian ruins on a scrap of tattered papyrus, long buried by desert sand. The discovery was sealed in a climate-controlled vault at Oxford University until John Dickson came along.

Dickson, who joined Wheaton College in 2022 as the inaugural Jean Kvamme Distinguished Professor of Biblical Stud-

ies and Public Christianity, began to realize the importance of the papyrus for today’s Christians.

“I’m thinking, why has no one brought this back to life? You know, this is a song from before there were denominations,” he told Baptist Press. “And it’s thoroughly Orthodox Christian theology.”

Archeological dating could certify without a doubt, Dickson said, that the hymn dated to the mid-200s, owing to paleography and “a corn con-

tract on the back” of the papyrus. About a fifth of the words, the beginning lines, were missing, he said, as well as the corresponding tune to the missing lyrics. But the rest, including a tune that would have resonated with pagans of the day, was intact.

What is most notable, Dickson said, is the certainty with which the song presents the Trinity, although it predates by generations the Council of Nicaea, in 325 AD,

which scholars say confirmed the Trinity.

“It’s clear evidence that Christians were singing their Trinitarian beliefs from an early period,” Dickson said. “We need to give this back to the Church,” he concluded.

But Dickson’s challenge was rebirthing the hymn in tune and lyrics for today’s Christians, while maintaining the high praise of the early Christians.

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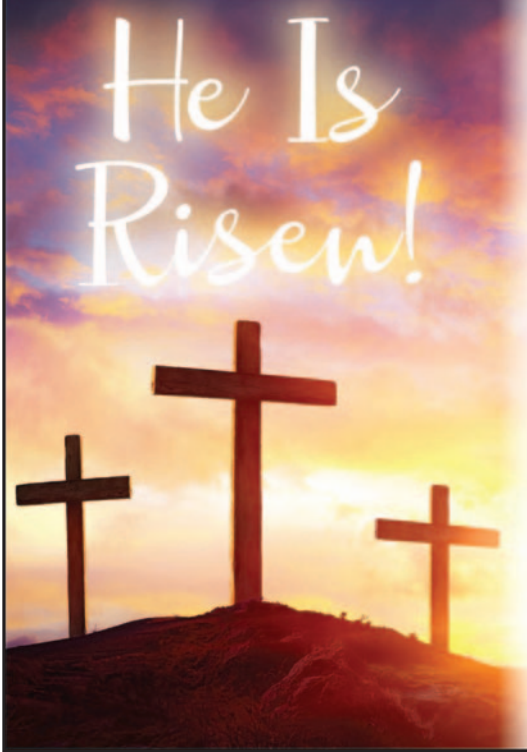
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MUSIC

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His solution? Call in the heavy-hitters, the high praise-ologists and Grammy-winning worship songwriters who have stirred hallelujahs globally. That translated to Chris Tomlin, whom Time Magazine has hailed as “potentially the most often sung artist in the world,” and Ben Fielding of Australia. You might not know his name, but he wrote songs you sing, including “What A Beautiful Name” and “Mighty to Save.” Fielding is the only songwriter to have four songs reach No. 1 on Christian Copyright Licensing International’s most sung songs in the global Church.

The massive collaboration comes together in a song, The First Hymn Project, releasing April 11 worldwide, and the accompanying documentary featuring a cast of scholars streaming April 14 in the U.S. on Wonder. Special documentary showings and concerts are scheduled 7-9 p.m. April 14 at Biola University in La Mirada, Calif., and April 15 from 7-9 p.m. at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C.

About 35 words of the original song were available, Dickson said. Translating the Greek, Dickson sees the original lyrics as:

“Let all be silent, the shining stars not sound forth, all rushing rivers be stilled as we sing our hymn to the Father, Son, the Holy Spirit, as all powers cry out in answer, Amen, Amen, might, praise and glory forever to our God, the only giver of all good gifts. Amen. Amen.”

Musicologists transcribed the ancient entity into a modern stave, Fielding said, and the finished recording opens with an Egyptian Coptic

Christian singing a bit of the ancient melody.

“However, we knew that for the song to work well in a contemporary church setting,” Fielding said, “we would need to reinterpret the music, in particular, the melody.”

The original melody was a pub song that anyone on the ancient third-century streets could sing, Dickson said, perhaps a tune that would be used to sing to a false god such as Zeus.

“If you’re a believer in Zeus, this is very confronting, partly because the last line of the hymn says to our God the only giver of all good gifts and yet, Zeus was called giver of good gifts,” Dickson said. “These Christians have said, ‘Our Lord is the only giver of all good gifts.’ It seems to be a kind of playing on what pagans said of Zeus, but they’re actually saying

not Zeus, but our Lord.”

Fielding was fascinated to see third century Christians embracing Trinitarian theology, and praising God amid persecution.

“Trinitarian theology was alive and well in the church,” he said. “Further, despite the external resistance facing the church in the third century, the persecution and perhaps even doubt as to whether the message and their own lives would survive, they sing – what I think is the pinnacle of the hymn – to ‘the only giver of all good gifts.’

“So great was their confidence in the Lord,” Fielding said. “We can draw great encouragement, that our circumstances don’t determine how praiseworthy Jesus is. God is working all things together for good for those who love Him.”

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Area’s demographic data show modest, yet steady shift toward greater racial, ethnic diversity

STAFF REPORT

From 2020 to 2023, demographic data show a slow but steady shift in the racial and ethnic makeup of children ages 19 and under in Crittenden and its contiguous western Kentucky counties. While White children still represent a great majority across all counties, other racial and ethnic groups have seen noticeable changes – especially among Hispanic, multiracial and African American populations.

Caldwell County has experienced modest growth in its Asian and multiracial youth populations. The number of Asian children rose from 13 in 2020 to 17 in 2023. The “Two or More Races” category also increased from 92 to 129 children over the four-year period. Meanwhile, the number of Hispanic children declined slightly, from 96 in 2020 to 79 in 2023, continuing a gradual downward trend there, but increasing in other nearby communities.

In Crittenden County, Hispanic children have grown in number, increasing by 43%, from 60 in 2020 to 86 in 2023. White children, on the other hand, have declined slightly each year, from 2,097 to 2,005. Children identifying as two or more races remained relatively stable, hovering in the low 60s.

Livingston County showed a consistent rise in the multiracial group - from 40 children in 2020 to 69 in 2023. Hispanic children also increased slightly, from 81 to 90. However, the White population of children slightly declined by about 0.4% annually over the four years.

Lyon County saw one of the more noticeable increases in diversity. The number of Hispanic children rose by 31% over the period, from 55 to 72. Black children increased from 28 to 38. Meanwhile, the White population grew more gradually, reflecting overall population growth rather than a demographic shift.

Union County stands out for its historically larger Black population. After a dip in 2021, the number of Black children rebounded to 225 in 2023. The Hispanic population grew by 20%, and children identifying as two or more races remained stable at around 143.

The number of White children slightly declined, from 2,391 in 2020 to 2,373 in 2023.

Finally, Webster County experienced one of the highest percentages of Hispanic youth in the region. In 2023, there were 446 Hispanic children, up from 443 in 2020. The multiracial population also increased, reaching 124 in 2023 compared to 87 in 2020. The White population of children decreased slightly, mirroring trends seen in neighboring counties.

Marion native David Cozart, who is chief visionary officer for the Commonwealth Center for Fathers & Families and has worked for and with the Urban League in Kentucky communities, keeps an eye on such trends. He was particularly interested in seeing the data from his home area.

“This is interesting and not surprising given projected national trends and migratory patterns towards rural areas of the country and state,” he said.

Cozart pointed to economic, industrial and culture dynamics that are leading to greater diversity, even in rural areas like ours. Agricultural jobs are likely a strong reason for the noticeable changes in the area’s demographic.

“If you look at the Pew and Census reports, they are projecting that by 2040 to 2046, depending on immigration, the nation will become majority-minority,” he said. “Some parts of the country and some states already have gotten there.”

White children remain the majority group in all area counties but are declining slightly in total share. The number of White children declined from 2020 to 2023 in five of the six counties in the data set. Only Caldwell saw a modest increase in the number of White children.

Hispanic and multiracial children are the fastest-growing groups across nearly every county. Asian and Black populations remain small in number but show steady or modest growth depending on the area. The total child population has remained relatively stable in most counties, with small annual fluctuations. These trends suggest an increasing diversity among the youth population in rural western Kentucky.

ETHNIC DEMOGRAPHICS

CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES

CHILDREN AGE 0-19

Race	2020	2021	2022	2023
American Indian or Native Alaskan	9	7	7	6
Asian	13	16	15	17
Black or African American	195	178	173	178
Hispanic	96	95	84	79
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1	1	1	1
Two or More Races	92	107	117	129
White	2,734	2,763	2,764	2,769
Total	3,140	3,167	3,161	3,179

American Indian or Native Alaskan	7	7	6	6
Asian	2	1	2	2
Black or African American	13	13	14	16
Hispanic	60	62	76	86
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2	2	2	2
Two or More Races	51	65	64	62
White	2,097	2,027	2,038	2,005
Total	2,232	2,177	2,202	2,179

American Indian or Native Alaskan	8	10	10	12
Asian	12	10	10	10
Black or African American	23	22	25	26
Hispanic	81	87	91	90
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	3	3	3
Two or More Races	40	47	64	69
White	1,788	1,849	1,790	1,781
Total	1,955	2,028	1,993	1,991

American Indian or Native Alaskan	2	2	5	2
Asian	9	9	8	8
Black or African American	28	36	33	38
Hispanic	55	49	56	72
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Two or More Races	48	45	39	41
White	1,171	1,206	1,239	1,255
Total	1,313	1,347	1,380	1,416

American Indian or Native Alaskan	5	5	4	4
Asian	14	11	10	9
Black or African American	273	180	186	225
Hispanic	85	76	77	102
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	3	3	3
Two or More Races	151	145	143	143
White	2,391	2,391	2,386	2,373
Total	2,922	2,811	2,809	2,859

American Indian or Native Alaskan	8	9	8	8
Asian	9	10	13	14
Black or African American	71	69	90	83
Hispanic	443	431	425	446
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	8	9	9	12
Two or More Races	87	95	104	124
White	2,707	2,690	2,669	2,671
Total	3,333	3,313	3,318	3,358

MARION POLICE activity report

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

CATEGORY	FEBRUARY 2025	February 2025	February 2024	2024 YR TOTALS	2024 MONTHLY AVERAGE
Miles driven/patrolled	1,449	1,267	1,340	23,545	1,962.1
Criminal investigations	10	10	16	150	12.5
Domestics	9	5	8	88	7.3
Felony Arrests	4	0	5	48	4.0
Misdemeanor arrests	10	14	5	81	6.8
Non-criminal arrests	16	10	13	112	9.3
DUI arrests	2	1	1	2	0.2
Criminal summons served	2	1	0	51	4.3
Traffic citations	26	22	9	212	17.7
Other citations	27	20	25	285	23.8
Traffic warnings	7	5	1	55	4.6
Parking tickets	0	0	0	1	0.1
Traffic accidents	4	11	0	69	5.8
Security checks/alarms	65	57	54	720	60.0
Calls for service	231	179	188	2,578	214.8



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