

Lake George's leak is starting to get bigger

Marion officials are on heightened alert after it was discovered early this week that the original leak in the Lake George levee is apparently getting larger.

Tim Thomas, the consultant hired to help solve the ongoing water crisis, said the flow of water coming through the dam's original leak has increased. Officials are looking into whether the problem area has further eroded. City leaders have also engaged its engineering firm and the Kentucky Division of Water to respond to the matter. At this time, city leaders say it is unclear what, if anything, can be done to mitigate the leak. More rain is in the forecast for later this week. So long as Marion continues to get normal rainfall, its raw water sources (Lake George and Old City Lake) should be able to meet the town's demand for drinking water.

If the leak continues to swell and draw down Lake George at increasingly faster rates, Mayor D'Anna Browning said the water conservation order that was recently walked back a bit may have to be reinstated to tighter measures. Getting normal rainfall this summer will be paramount to Marion getting the raw water it needs to meet normal demand.

Engineers are looking at whether an unmanned robotic diver can be sent to the bottom of Lake George to see what's happening around the original leak. Safety concerns due to suction pressure around the location have prohibited human divers from taking a look.

Chamber hosts after hours at Rusty Gate

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce will hold an After Hours networking event from 5-6 p.m., on Wednesday, April 26 at the Rusty Gate Farms at 307 Fords Ferry Road in Marion.

Beauty & Beast sellout

All four performances of Beauty and the Beast Jr., which will be performed two weekends beginning April 28, are sold out. Coordinator Kim Vince encourages people who have not yet reserved tickets to check back on the website because some ticket-holders may cancel their seats, making them available again. The four performances total 1,100 tickets.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, April 20 courthouse.
- Crittenden County Board of Education will meet at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 25 at Rocket Arena.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 2 p.m., Friday, April 28 at the courthouse to review a proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget and to conduct public hearings with regard to the budget.

Tuned Up!



Sound engineer John Nicholson at historic Hilltop Studio in Nashville mans the controls while Classy and Grassy cuts one of its first two records.

Classy & Grassy cuts first record with Seely's help

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Opportunity has come calling for what is being billed as the "Hottest New Group in Bluegrass."

Headlined by guitar and mandolin picking brothers Cutter and Cash Singleton, local band Classy and Grassy had already switched gears from cute kid show to a five-member entertainment group playing bluegrass festivals and regional concert venues in multiple states.

Now, Classy and Grassy is pickin' and grinnin' on Cloud 9 after cutting its first two singles and starting work on a couple more records. With help from some of the biggest names in music, the Marion-based band is hoping to release its first original single for radio play and streaming later this year, then a CD with more of its own music shortly thereafter.

"There are touring musicians who would give anything for a chance like this," said Cutter Singleton, who describes the last few weeks as a blur as he and fellow musicians have spent time cutting songs at the famous Hilltop Recording Studio in Nashville with assistance from award-winning singer/songwriter, entertainer and producer Jeanie Seely.

Evolution of Stars

■ Classy & Grassy formed in April of 2017 as a trio (Singletons & Cruce) and began playing private events & churches & eventually jamborees & festivals.

■ In October 2017, Cutter and Cash Singleton appeared on Little Big Shots filmed in Los Angeles with Steve Harvey. Their segment was broadcast June 28, 2018 on NBC.

■ The group will be opening a show for Jimmy Fortune in September and it will be kicking off The Lester Platt Celebration in Sparta, Tenn., later this fall.

Makeup of Band

- Cutter Singleton lead vocals & rhythm guitar
- Cash Singleton harmony & mandolin
- Brennan Cruce bass
- Noah Goebel fiddle
- Lily Goebel vocals & guitar

"A learning experience and a tool is what I am giving them," Seely told The Press during a phone interview late last week from her home on the Cumberland River in Nashville's Music Valley.

Seely is a grammy-award-

winning artist with Billboard hits dating back to the 1960s. She was a premier singer in the 1960s and '70s, perhaps best known as "Miss Country Soul" and is a longtime member of the Grand Ole Opry.

Classy and Grassy is made up mostly of Kentucky teenagers. It was formed in Marion by Cutter, 16, and Cash Singleton, 13, and includes Marion bass guitar player Brennan Cruce, the old man of the show at 32. The Singleton boys earned national acclaim a few years ago when they performed for NBC's Little Big Shots. Their fame blossomed by playing venues from Gatlinburg, Tenn., to the Lincoln Jamboree in Hodgenville.

A few months ago, guitarist Lily Goebel, 15, and fiddler Noah Goebel, 13, of Elkton, Ky., joined the group.

All five will be heading back to Nashville in a few weeks to finish their first package of original music.

"My interest in Cutter and Cash is not because they are 'cute kids', but because they are very talented young people who are focused on making this a career and they are going

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Marion hires city administrator

STAFF REPORT

Marion has hired a new city administrator who will begin work here in early May.

Diane Ford-Benningfield was recommended for hire by Mayor D'Anna Browning during Monday's Marion City Council meeting and the council affirmed the action.

A former mayor of two different Kentucky cities, Ford-Benningfield interviewed in Marion last week and was unanimously approved for the post by Marion City Council on Monday.

The new hire has more than 25 years experience in municipal government, education and manufacturing. She also has experience as executive officer of the Campbellsville Water Company and other aspects of local

government.

Ford-Benningfield was most recently the full-time mayor of Campbellsville. She was chosen to serve 15 months of an unexpired term after the previous mayor resigned. The mayoral term ended Jan. 1 and she has been doing private consulting work for cities since that time. Ford-Benningfield was a councilwoman in Campbellsville when she was chosen for the interim mayoral role.

She was also once a council member and mayor of Parkway Village, an independent city within Jefferson County.

Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning said Ford-Benningfield comes to Marion with a great deal of experience in municipal government.

"She knows her way around Frankfort, too," Browning said. "I was impressed with

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Reminiscing riding mower around lawn

I agree wholeheartedly with Press contributor Chris Clarke when he wrote recently about April being a favorite month.

There is nothing better than watching trees turn from grey to green and getting on the lawn-mower for the first time.

You see, to me, time on the mower is time well spent. Pop in the ear buds, turn on some music and ride. No distractions and few worries other than how is dinner going to cook itself.

Sometimes the heart strings feel a little tug with reflections of raising three kids in 24 years on that same soil.

I can see our lives with every whirl of the mower blade.

That bent window screen over there? That's where someone kicked a soccer ball into the porch and left a big dent. I can almost see the faces of the perpetrator diminish from excitement from a big kick to that of fear of repercussion.

That shutter out front remains damaged from too much inertia on the porch swing. And that other damaged shutter back there? Pretty sure a weapon had a part in poking a hole in it. Surprised it wasn't the window!

In the center of the back yard is where kids climbed on monkey bars, slid down a plastic slide and the youngest shouted "I wing," when she couldn't say "swing."

It's also the site of a Christmas surprise wooden play set that a friend constructed and kindly delivered on Christmas Eve while we were away. On the way into the driveway that night, we turned off the headlights and diverted the kids' attention so they wouldn't spot the new backyard centerpiece and instead experience pure excitement on Christmas morning.

Sadly, the excitement faded when the first horrible spring storm rolled through and diminished it to a pile of lumber.

I can envision that spot in the side yard where a slip'n slide baseball diamond created hours of fun, and the location where throw-down rubber bases made for a fun family game of Wiffle ball.

After 20 years, the clover I mistakenly spread on baron ground has almost been choked out by the intended variety of grass, and finally in that time span there is grass on a troublesome area on the other end of the house.

People warned us to enjoy every minute with our kids because it goes so quickly. They weren't kidding!

We've hosted volleyball games, hot dog roasts and hay rides and our fair share of temper tantrums.

Outside the four walls of our country home is where we stage pictures on the first day of school and those obligatory deer harvest photos.

How a 15-year-old tree created an exposed root that a 14-year-old boy could hang the lawn-mower on is beyond me, but it happened. As did construction of a tree house on perfectly accessible limbs of a pine tree.

We've videoed kids jumping a row of hay bales and fishing in the pond, playing basketball with friends and took senior pictures of the first high school graduate.

Time on the mower is hands down my favorite chore. Just please someone make mama proud and do the weedeating.



Deaths

Enoch

Shirley Enoch 83, of Livermore, formerly of Marion, died Friday, April 14, 2023 at Riverside Care and Rehabilitation Center in Calhoun.



Shirley Ann Marshall was born Dec. 12, 1939 in Union County to the late Ross Long and Amazon Edmonson Marshall and was married to Joe Ed Enoch May 20, 1962. She was the owner and operator of Shirley's Sun Tropics in Marion and retired from Siemens Corporation in Marion. She attended the Livermore Missionary Baptist Church services at Riverside.

Surviving are a son, Marshall (Debbie) Enoch of Livermore; three grandchildren, Hannah (Clint) Harper, Joe Enoch, and Jacob Enoch; and a great-granddaughter, Rollins Grace Harper.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Enoch, who died July 18, 1985; a brother, Thelbert Ross Marshall; and a sister, Sharon Collins.

Private graveside services were held Wednesday, April 19 at Deer Creek Cemetery in Sheridan with Rev. Clive Bell officiating.

Muster Funeral Homes, Calhoun Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Knight

Lonnie Lewis Knight, 90, of Energy, Ill., formerly of Marion, died April 13, 2023 at Helia Healthcare in Energy. He was a member of Marion Main Street Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Herrin.



Surviving are two sons, Randy (Vicki) Knight of Energy and Andy (Irene) Knight of Johnson City, Ill.; three grandchildren,

Dustin (Hailey) Knight, Nathan (Allison) Knight and Sarah (Justin) Lowther; and six great-grandchildren, Maddi Griffin, Brayden and Tylin Knight and Mason, Maverick and Madden Lowther.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joy Knight; his parents, Charles and May Knight; and eight siblings.

Services are scheduled were Tuesday, April 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Dycusburg Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marion Main Street Baptist Church.

Carter

Thomas Homer Carter, Jr. of Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Marion, died Monday, April 10, 2023 at Hope Hospice in Lehigh Acres, Fla. He was a member of Marion United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two children, Kathy Adams and Kevin Carter, both of Marion; four grandchildren, Chase and Julia Adams, Bryan Carter and Trista Patterson; and a great-grandchild, Asher Dalton; and a special friend Elaine Crystal.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evalyn Carter; parents, Thomas H. and Ruth Carter, Sr., and siblings, James Carter, Anna Carter-Revel and Helen Springs.

Services were Wednesday, April 19 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Young

Darren Wyatt Young, 59, of Marion, died Friday, April 14, 2023 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.



He was a sales representative for Napa Auto Parts in Marion for 22 years. He enjoyed the simple pleasures of life and that included hunting, fishing and the great outdoors.

Surviving are his wife, Christy East-

wood Young of Marion; a son, Jesse Paul (Whitley) Young of Bowling Green; a daughter, Michelle Kelly of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; a grandson, Skyler Summerlin; two brothers, Spencer Young of Sibley, Ill., and Wesley Young of Melvin, Ill.; an uncle and several aunts.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnie Richard and Rugenia Shewmaker Young.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 22 at Myers Funeral Home. Visitation is at 11 a.m., until the time of service. Burial will follow in Love Cemetery.

Minner

Shirley Turley Minner, 84, of Marion, died Sunday, April 16, 2023 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services.



She retired as a bank teller after 26 years of service at Farmers Bank and Trust Company, Marion and had worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Donald Wight.

Shirley was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are a brother, James Turley of Paducah; and extended family Sue Jordan, Marlan Wludyka and Jeff and Jody Hardin; several nieces and nephews and special angels Trisha Boyd and Debbie Ballowe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Robert Minner; her parents, James Corbitt and Tennie Cornelia Riley Turley; a stepson; six sisters and two brothers.

Graveside services were Wednesday, April 19 at Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Myers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Fifth-graders at Crittenden County Elementary got a lesson in the importance of newspapers last week and were encouraged to learn grammar, punctuation and writing skills to take with them into any career. The students also incorporated newspaper costs into a math problem after Press owner Allison Evans made her presentation to the classes.

Newspaper presentation turns into math lesson

What's the most economical way to purchase The Crittenden Press?

Fifth-grade students at Crittenden County Elementary School applied math skills to break down the weekly cost of the newspaper after hearing a presentation by Press owner Allison Evans April 12.

Evans' presentation began as a lesson on the importance of the newspaper to citizens and included examples of how improper use of commas can misconstrue sentence meaning.

One example was this: Let's eat, Josh. Let's eat Josh.

Without the comma in the preceding sentence, the meaning is dramatically changed, drawing chuckles from the fifth graders.

During a quesiton and answer session, students asked the cost of the newspaper, which varies

depending on whether Press subscribers buy the paper's print or online edition.

After Evans' visit, students wrote essays summarizing the importance of the newspaper in the community and used math to determine the least expensive means of obtaining the paper.

Divided among 52 weeks of the year, students determined that the least expensive means to purchase The Press is a \$21.95 per year online subscription.

Following is a breakdown of the weekly cost of The Crittenden Press:

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Garden class starts April 18

A series of gardening classes offered by the Crittenden County Extension Service will teach participants many useful tips and provide a creative outlet.

All classes are at 5:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex.

Classes began Tuesday, April 18 and continue Tuesday, April 25, where participants will make a wooden plant

hanger and learn about using water to propagate plants and make a boho hanger for houseplants.

On May 11, "Gardening With Limited Mobility" will offer ideas for continuing a gardening pastime for people with limited mobility.

On June 6, participants will make succulent gnomes. Tips will be provided for caring for succulents, and everyone

attending will make a
potted gnome.

Finally, on July 19, I learn to make a hypertufa planter, a lightweight planter made of cement.

Trips are planned for mid-summer, including visits to the Missouri Botanical Garden, Murray State Arboretum. Contact the Extension Service for details.

WKEC offers job skills training

WKEC Adult Education serves Crittenden Countians in its focus to remove barriers that prevent the adults from receiving the education and training needed to have a better life.

Adults in Crittenden and nine other surrounding counties by working with local instructors for individualized and small group instruction in multiple areas.

WKEC Adult Education provides instruction to prepare adults to earn their GED credential. English Language services help adults become more fluent in English, prepare for the U.S. citizenship test and work on job-seeking skills.

The Family Literacy component offers a family-focused approach for adults to actively engage literacy and education in their children's lives through reading and writing activities brought into the home.

For adults considering enrolling in college, WKEC Adult Education provides academic instruction to increase reading and math skills for success in college classes while also exploring post-secondary options.

Workforce Education provides programs and services to upskill workers and prepare them to secure well-paying jobs.

A new Paraeducator Course promotes a partnership with area schools to educate and provide certification for paraeducators. This course enables participants to earn the certificate needed to work in the school district and prepares them to meet the daily needs of students in the classroom.

Adult Education also provides GED and English Language services in our local jails, providing inmates a plan for success upon release.

Anyone interested in participating in these services should call (270) 809-697 or email chrissy.bush@wkec.org.



CCHS students of the month

February Students of the Month recognized for the character trait curiosity are (front from left) are McKenna Myers and Addie Hatfield, (second row) Madison Switzer, Karsyn Potter, Haylee Perrin, (third row) Marley Phelps, Zoey Hodge, Hannah Long, Dixie Hunter, Tamara Martin, (back) Jaxon Belt, Caden Howard, Will Renschler, John Rose, Clayton Murray, Hunter Kirk and Adam Seffens. Not pictured: Payton Smith, Karli Beavers, and Tristan Long.

Non-cooking class starts Monday

Live food demonstrations featuring recipes that require no cooking will be held five of the next six Mondays beginning Monday, April 24 at the Crittenden County Extension Annex.

The theme is “No Heat
Summer, Healthy
Choices for Every Body.”

Classes are from 5:30-7 p.m., April 24, May 8, May 15, May 22 and May 29.

Live food demonstrations led by Vickie Belt, Nutrition Education Program specialist, include a binder full of healthy recipes and handouts and a free goody bag full of household gadgets.

This class counts as a

Community Christmas credit, but participants must attend all five

classes to receive goodies and certification of completion.

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Downs completes KY E-911 training

Emily Downs, 22, of Livingston County recently graduated from the Department of Criminal Justice Training in Richmond and joined the Marion-Crittenden County E-911 dispatching team as a certified dispatcher. Downs joined the dispatch crew in September 2022.

The Marion dispatching center currently has four full-time dispatchers, three part-time dispatchers and is looking to hire a fifth full-timer.

April 9-15 was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The county's dispatching team consists of director Kellye Rudolph, Frank Pierce, Kevin Hurley, David Abbott, Jason Hurley and Chad Ford.

KY working toward adding lane to I-24

Western Kentucky leaders are joining a chorus of Tennessee voices aimed at improving Interstate 24 from Nashville to Clarksville and beyond. Jason Vincent, Executive Director of the Pennyriple Area Development District, told members of the Crittenden County Economic Development Corporation during a meeting last week that plans are being developed to add a third lane to I-24 East and West from the Tennessee State Line to Eddyville.

Leaders in and around Clarksville Tenn., have been pushing for similar plans from the Tennessee State Line to I-65 at Nashville, a distance of about 50 miles. Special highway funding from the Tennessee Improve

Act is expected to help fund the Volunteer State's portion of the expansion.

Vincent said accidents along I-24 in western Kentucky have added a heavy burden to first responders and infrastructure in Trigg, Caldwell and Lyon counties. When accidents occur on the interstate, which he said has seemingly become more often, traffic is detoured through rural areas of the three counties.

"It's putting a strain on the counties," Vincent said. "The truck traffic on those rural county and state roads is leading to rollovers because those semis have trouble navigating roads like that."

Adding a third lane to both sides of the interstate would help alleviate congestion, and perhaps improve safety. "This would be a significant price tag," Vincent said for the roughly 50 miles of proposed interstate highway.

A mile of four-lane highway built in Kentucky has typically cost about \$4 million in recent years.

There have been some early studies done on adding a third lane to I-24 around Paducah from Husbands Roads exit to the Cairo Road, exit near the Ohio River bridge.

Kentucky and Tennessee have also recently worked on expanding the I-65 corridor between Nashville to Bowling Green.

New development on town's southside

Construction on a medical center and storage units is underway on Marion's southside on about four acres of property where Midwest Transport was



once located.

The property was purchased in January by Shiloh Real Estate, a local company owned by Brandon and Jessi Sigler of Marion.

Plans are to renovate the former trucking company building to create a medical facility associated with Livingston Hospital Deaconess.

Jessi Sigler, daughter of Denis and Shannon Hodge of Marion, is a mental health nurse practitioner. She will have a practice at the center and there will be other family health practioners operating there as well.

There will also be a 100-unit storage facility on the property.

Construction should be complete at some point later this summer.

Crittenden among storm counties

Gov. Andy Beshear announced last week that President Joe Biden approved Kentucky's initial request for federal aid to assist with recovery efforts in 76 counties adversely affected by severe storms in early March.

Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Webster and Union counties were among those designated by Kentucky Emergency Management and validated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to receive eligibility based on county-specific thresholds.

Federal funding is available to the commonwealth, eligible local governments and certain private non-profit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for

emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding.

On March 3, the governor declared a state of emergency in advance of severe storms that were forecast to cross the commonwealth. The storms, which produced violent thunderstorms, dangerous winds, flooding and several small tornadoes, killed five Kentuckians.

State will pay fees

KY TODAY

Kentucky state government will have to pay \$272,142.50 in legal fees to plaintiffs who sued Gov. Andy Beshear over his COVID-19 lockdown policies. The federal appeals court rendered that decision on Monday.

Three plaintiffs — Randall Daniel, TJ Roberts and Sally O'Boyle — sued the Beshear administration related to orders to quarantine after they attended a 2020 Easter church service. The three were awarded attorneys' fees by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

While Beshear is named in the lawsuit, the fees will be paid from public taxpayer funds.

Beshear issued an executive order on March 19, 2020, banning mass gatherings — "including, but not limited to, community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based or sporting events; parades; concerts; festivals; conventions; fundraisers; and similar activities." Two days before Easter 2020, Beshear announced authorities would be recording the license plates of those attending gatherings in Kentucky.

baseball team had unfortunate travels when several of their baseball games got rained out of their spring break trip to Atlanta, Ga. Rocket coach Denis Hodge made the most of the trip by keeping his squad occupied. Hodge took the team to view some of the sites of the area like Stone Mountain, Lookout Mountain and the National Infantry Museum.

50 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1973

■ Crittenden County High School's drama classes were collaborating to put on a production of "You Were Born on a Rotten Day." Featured in the play were Wade Thomas, James Carl Johnson, Louisa Whitt, Kathy Henry, Ramona Artman and more. ■ Mark Keegan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Keegan, won a Gold Medal for first place on the horizontal bar and silver medal for second place on the side horse at the Georgia High School Gymnastics Meet held at Tucker High School. He was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Nichols of 523 East Elm St., Marion. ■ The county art instructor Gerald Matlick held his first major art event for people in the community. The event was titled "First District Parent Teachers Association contest" in which participants submitted posters to be judged. Among these participants were Barbara Williams, Joyce Patmore, Rhonda Shouse, Marilyn Adams, Danny Wesmolan, Jeff Baker, Donnie Conyer, Randy Adams and Jeneffer Hill. ■ Roberta Wheeler was presented the Martha Washington Award Medal by William E. Belt, National Director of the SAR for Mississippi. Belt, a native of the county, was instrumental in forming the local chapter. Wheeler was cited for her work in the organization of the local chapter. The award was presented at a Dinner Observation meeting at the Woman's Club of Marion.

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

Council reviews streets on priority list for repair with state aid funding

STAFF REPORT

Marion City Council met Monday in regular monthly session to deal with a number of items, including the hiring of a new city administrator. See page one this issue for more details.

Additionally, the council unanimously voted to approve a grant assistance agreement through Kentucky's Cleaner Water Program. This program will allow Marion to use \$173,000 toward local projects.

Mayor D'Anna Browning said the funds were originally earmarked for the city's new sewer plant, but officials are working to divert the money toward repair of the Lake George levee.

The cleaner water program offers grants to improve Kentucky's drinking water and wastewater.

The council approved acceptance of funding from Kentucky Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Program. Mayor Browning explained that the municipal road funds are allocated to the city

through the Kentucky Department of Transportation. The amount of money allocated to Marion is \$65,933.67.

The money will be used to make street improvements. The city will use its 2022 priority list to determine which streets will be considered for repairs.

The council reviewed that priority list from last year. On the list are 440 feet of Hart Street from Country Club Drive to the dead end, 500 feet of Rudd Street from Country Club Drive to the new Head Start building, 1,400 feet of Chapel Hill Road from Country Club Drive to Tyler Manufacturing, 760 feet of West Carlisle Street from South Weldon Street to South Yandell Street and 720 feet of North Weldon Street from West Poplar Street to Travis Street.

Councilman Mike Byford commented that if so many parts of Country Club Drive were going to be patched then it would probably be best to just pave the entire road itself.



10 YEARS AGO

April 18, 2013

■ An inmate who walked away from a work detail at the Crittenden County Detention Center in the past winter was required to serve a few extra years in prison for his half-day of freedom. Jail officials said Jason S. Arkenberg, 38 was taking out the trash as part of a trusty work project when he left on foot. He hid out for several hours before turning himself in after being cornered by police. ■ Thirteen Crittenden County High School students, some of their parents, and a few teachers traveled to Italy to explore its rich culture, history, architecture and food. Along for the ride were Cole Foster and Micah Holamon who had the opportunity to ride in a gondola in Rialto, the financial and commercial center of Venice, Italy. ■ Joe Yarbrough, local insurance representative for the Kentucky League of Cities, and Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander received a certificate from the Kentucky Department of Workers' Claims. The certificate declared the city of Marion a drug-free workplace. ■ Jessica Tinsley and the Campbellsville University cheering squad posted its best-ever national finish. The team placed fifth at the NAIS Invitational at the NCA Collegiate Championships at Daytona Beach, Fla. Tinsley was a freshman at Campbellsville and was a former cheerleader of the Crittenden County Rockets squad. ■ Crittenden County track and field member Alex Yates soared to a first-place finish in the long jump at the high school's track meet in Marion. Yates swept the jumping events, winning the long jump, high jump and triple jump.

25 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1998

■ Marion's Five Star Food Mart, formerly Y'all's, closed for an extensive renovation to the inside and outside of the convenience center. John Daniel Lanham of Lanham Brothers Construction of Bardstown used a drill to chisel the concrete for underground gasoline tanks to be replaced. The store was expected to be closed for four weeks. This was unfortunate because it was currently the only business in Marion to offer 24-hour gasoline service. ■ The Farmers Bank branch arrived in Marion and was assembled by Bank Builder, Inc., using a large crane that set the two-piece structure onto a concrete foundation. The branch was located on North Main at the site of the former Marion Video building. The branch was expected to open by June 15 of 1998 and would include both a drive-thru and a walk-in lobby. ■ Students from Crittenden County High School and Head Start celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up trash and weeds and planting flowers throughout Marion. Some participants in the Earth Day celebration were Kathy Gland and Kelly Grady who worked together to wash windows, Angel McDonald, Shawna Williams and Shelly Fike who planted flowers, Matthew Elliot Nesbitt who removed weeds from downtown sidewalks and Allen Dennis and David Sexton who observed milkweed bugs at an Exposition at CCHS. ■ Crittenden County Beta Club members Ashely Gass, Kim Hunt and Martha Paris won a local trivia contest by correctly answering 250 out of 300 questions. They raised \$70 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. ■ The Crittenden County Rockets

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Irish, English or Christian?

The attitude of the English toward the Irish or the hatred of the Irish toward the English in years past is beyond my comprehension. I understand the Irish attitude some because I might feel the same way if a bunch of rich people came in, took my land, and then threw me in prison for speaking my mother tongue. Or if I knew that starvation from crop failure might have been prevented and certainly could have been mitigated, but nothing was done because “they” wanted us to either die or leave.

Things are thankfully much better today – for most people. President Biden spent a couple of days in the United Kingdom this week, celebrating the 25 years since the Good Friday Agreement ended what had been the most chronic border conflict in Europe. The last 30 or so years of that conflict were known as “The Troubles,” during which time the IRA placed bombs all over England. This new peace, in part brokered by then President Bill Clinton on April 10, 1998, is worth celebrating. It has held and should continue to hold in spite of the pressure Brexit has put back on the border between the U.K. and E.U.

Ulster is one of four his-

toric regions of Ireland. We usually call it Northern Ireland. It has a slight majority protestant population. The history of how it remained part of the U.K. is complicated, but in 1973 there was a vote (just over a year after the infamous Bloody Sunday in which British soldiers killed 13 protestors on Jan. 10, 1972) that kept Northern Ireland as part of the U.K.

This history is distant enough for most people reading this that we can use it as an example of the dangers of putting national or sectarian identity ahead of identity in Christ. It is blatantly clear that if the groups involved in the bloody centuries long conflict between Ireland and England had managed to remember that they were Christians first, a lot of suffering would have been avoided. It is one thing to attempt to harm someone from another sect or nationality – it is quite another to do so to a brother. However, we all know that the history of humanity begins with Cain killing

Abel.

As long as people live in different climates and different economies and in cities and on farms there will be different priorities and agendas. These differences should encourage us to listen to each other more, but that doesn’t always happen.

A simple way to look at the solution in Northern Ireland was to recognize all parties involved, and give a seat at the table to all who would lay down their arms. Within Northern Ireland there are five major parties with material representation at various levels of government (12 total).

I mentioned Camp Shamrock in a column a couple of years ago. It is a summer camp that started in Northern Ireland to combat “the troubles.” It was a safe place where Protestant kids and Catholic kids could go away for a week and get to know each other. My friends who worked there said there were nearly always fights the first couple of days. By the end

of the week those same kids were crying because they were saying good-bye to their new best friends. This is an example of being Christian first.

Understanding that we are all human beings, and that most people want what is best for their families and their children, would go a long way toward having conversations to solve our problems. I often say that we live in a fractured world, and that there are some that exploit that for their own gain. This has the effect of pushing the people struggling with life further to the edges – sometimes they go to extremes to be seen or heard.

What am I first? Catholic, Protestant, American, German, English, Democrat, Republican? Or am I the best, most loving example of my professed faith? It is not that the other identities do not matter – they matter immensely. It is, however, that all of them answer to faith. If any of my identities cause me to treat another human being shamefully because of a label, then I have replaced my faith with something else.

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Sean NISTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

Make fear a thing of the past

Question: Throughout my journey, I’ve experienced a lot of fear. As a teenager, I feared not being accepted by my peers; in my 40s, I feared not being able to dig out from under debt; as I approached retirement I feared I’d not have enough money to live on; and now the doctor tells me I have a tumor on my liver and I fear meeting God. When are my fears going to stop?

Answer: In many ways, life is much like a marathon. There’s a lot of training and much pain along the journey. God never promised life would be easy or rosy. But, He does promise to go with us through the trials and tribulations.

Our greatest fear should be meeting God unprepared. Sin in each of our lives keeps us from a relationship with Him, but thankfully God has dealt with our sin problem by Jesus dying on the cross to pay our sin-debt. His pay-

ment becomes our individual payment when we turn from our sin (repent) and receive Jesus as our Savior and Lord (Acts 16:30, 31).

God uses many of life’s trials as a refining process. He removes fear from those who humble themselves before Him. When we bow to the right One, we do not need to fear lesser things. When God sits on the throne of our hearts, all fear is ultimately removed and we can live victoriously. “If God is for us, who can be against us” (Rom. 8:31)?

When we come to trust God as our Shepherd, we will experience His guidance and protection throughout our lives.

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Community Events & News

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- Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.
- A benefit for The Meeting Place in Sturgis will feature live music and food vendors beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 13 at the amphitheater on North Adams Street in Sturgis. The Meeting Place is a Christian community outreach supporting individuals in recovery. Funds raised during the event May 13 will be used for remodeling and startup for The Meeting Place.
- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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Memories remain of the Kentucky Theatre

Gone are the good ole days when Marion had its own movie theatre. Let's go back in time and learn of Marion's new theatre and how it moved into the future. From the archives of The Crittenden Press we find these news items.

January 29, 1926 – Announcement has been made that a new picture house will be opened in Marion before many weeks have elapsed.

W. W. Runyan has leased the building now occupied by The Crittenden Press and will remodel it into a modern moving picture theatre with a new front, raised floor, ventilation and seats. He plans on being able to open the new house about Feb. 22.

The new picture magnate is well known in Crittenden County. He was formerly an executive of the Kentucky Fluorspar Co. and has been in the automobile business in Marion several years, and will continue to distribute the Hudson, Essex, Jewett and Star cars in the county. He is a member of the Marion Kiwanis Club and prominent in business circles here.

February 5, 1926

W. W. Runyan has announced that he will open his new theatre on Main Street in the building formerly occupied by The Press on the evening of Friday, Feb. 19. (This first building housing the new theatre was where the former Robard's Drug Store was located on Main St.)

Work of remodeling the building for this theatre is being pushed rapidly to completion and Mr. Runyan says he will have everything ready for the big opening night.

February 19, 1926

W. W. Runyan has announced that the name of the new theatre, which is now nearing completion in the building on Main Street, will be "The Kentucky Theatre."

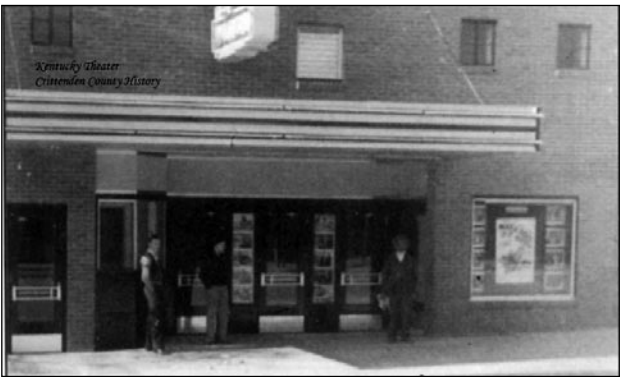
The Kentucky Theatre will be quite an addition to the business section of Marion, and from the looks of the programs as announced in the near future there will be good pictures to be found there.

Mr. Runyan states that he will have everything in readiness for the big opening Friday night of this week, Feb. 19, with one of Harold Bell Wright's pictures as the attraction. The title of the picture is "A Son of His Father" and this is said to be one of the greatest by this popular author.

June 18, 1926

Manager Runyan, of the Kentucky Theatre, announces that in addition to the bookings he now has of the new releases of the two greatest distributors of moving picture films, First National and Paramount, he has already arranged for his fall and winter schedule.

Mr. Runyan states that he has only booked the latest of their products, and though they cost more than twice as much as the older products can be bought for, he believes that the theatre goes of Marion want to see good pictures and want to see



The entrance to the Kentucky Theatre, where you could find good Saturday afternoon entertainment and the place to be Saturday and Sunday night for date night.

them while they are new.

The Kentucky Theatre is one of the nicest little playhouses anywhere in towns of the size of Marion, and is well ventilated, with cooling breezes stirred by a battery of electric fans.

Sept. 1927

In September of that same year, Mr. J. H. Orme, who had formerly been a well-known drug-gist in Marion, had returned from a short time living in California and decided he wanted to return to the drug store business. He took over the lease of the Kentucky Theatre building, and by doing so the theatre had to be moved across the street into a building owned by Mary Cameron. (This building was next door to where the theatre that we all knew was located, part of the parking lot now.)

May of 1940

C. W. Grady saw the need of a new building to house the popular Kentucky theater, and he starting making plans to begin construction of a new theatre building. It was to be located on the lot adjacent to the present building housing the theatre.

Architectural plans call for one of the most modern structures including a complete air conditioning system and seating capacity of 500. Excavations for elevation of lower floor is to be accentuated in order that complete and unobstructed vision can be had from each seat. Seating and lighting will be the best obtainable and additional projection equipment is to be installed. The upper floor is to contain balcony and

machines. The building is to be all brick and steel construction with exits stationed at every possible angle for safety.

W. E. Horsefield, lessee of the present building, is to occupy the new structure, which will in all probability continue to be known as the Kentucky Theater. Construction of Marion's new theatre began in August 1940. Sylvan Clark was the successful bidder.

Grand Opening Dec. 1940

In December of that year, the new Kentucky Theatre had its grand opening on Christmas night. Modern in all respects, the building was the outstanding structure in the western portion of the state. All the mechanical equipment is the very latest. W. E. Horsefield, operator of the new cinema, told The Press that the same policy of bringing all of the best pictures to Marion will be the same and no increase in admission. With the coming of the summer season, the building will be completely air-conditioned.

This newly constructed theatre didn't get to stay new for long as in December 1943 this beautiful new facility was struck by another of Marion's disastrous fires. The theatre was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. So intense was the heat that the I beams supporting the roof became twisted and bent, allowing the roof to cave. The two machines, sound equipment, screen, seats, and all other equipment in the building were a total loss. The walls were cracked due to intense heat, facade ruined and the electric sign beyond repair.

C. W. Grady, owner of the building, said that he had insured the structure at the time of completion and said if possible the building would be replaced as soon as possible.

The Kentucky Theater was built back within a year and was again showing movies in October of 1944. The large neon sign that hung about the entrance was the largest sign of its kind in Marion. It was well lighted for everyone to see. The seating capacity was 484 and on Saturday nights it would be standing room only. There were two showings of the movie and during both showings the theater would be packed.

Just think, almost 1,000 people to attend the two showings on a Saturday afternoon and night. The line to purchase a ticket would be lined up to reach the end of the block in front of the Farmers Bank. The ushers would have a hard time holding the second group of people back until the theater could be emptied of its first group of viewers.

I think there are a lot of us that have so many memories about the theater. What an exciting time for us youngsters to go to the movies on a Saturday afternoon. Walking down that aisle, finding you a good seat on those comfortable movie seats. It was a grand place, the decorative light sconces on the wall, the screen with its velvet curtain and gold trim, and the seats with the little aisle lights on the side. Nothing in the world tasted like that buttered popcorn you got at the movies. Then the lights would dim, the wall lights would be turned low and the velvet curtain would be drawn from the large stage to reveal the big movie screen, time for the movie to begin.

End of an era

TVs, movies on tapes, and the allure of going to a bigger town to see a movie possibly hurt our home town theater, and by the late 1970s it wasn't being used as it once was. It closed its glass-swinging doors in 1978. Two of the big attractions shown that last year were Star Wars and Grease.

The theater building went on sale in December 1980, and Larry Orr

purchased the building in May 1982. Today it is the office of Williams, Faughn and Associates.

When the Kentucky Theater closed its doors, Marion lost a piece of its hometown history and we lost an old childhood

friend.

(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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Baseball at St. Mary
TUESDAY
Baseball hosts Livingston Central

BASEBALL | SOFTBALL
2nd Region Polls

Following are Second Region polls for softball and baseball compiled by West Kentucky Sports Network as voted on by media and coaches in the region.

SOFTBALL	
1. Henderson County	13-3
2. Madisonville	12-3
3. Livingston Central	12-2
4. Christian County	9-7
5. Webster Central	12-2
6. Caldwell County	9-8
7. Trigg County	8-9
8. Union County	12-8
9. Crittenden County	8-8
10. Lyon County	3-6

BASEBALL	
1. Christian County	11-8
2. Caldwell County	11-7
3. Lyon County	10-5
4. University Heights	8-4
5. Henderson County	7-11
6. Union County	6-9
7. Trigg County	8-8
8. Hopkinsville	6-12
9. Webster County	8-8
10. Crittenden County	6-7

GOLF
Heritage tournaments

Following is a list of golf tournaments, leagues and other special events planned for this spring, summer and fall at The Heritage Golf Course and Marion Golf and Pool. For more general information on tournaments contact Shawn Holeman 270-7041493, for the women's league contact Allison Evans 270-704-0447 and for men's league contact Darrick Myers 270-704-1225.

- May 3 Women's League Begins
- May 20 2-Person Scramble
- June 1 Men's League Begins
- June 12 MBC Junior League
- June 24 Buck & Doe Couples
- June 26 MBC Junior League
- July 10 MBC Junior League
- July 15 Par 3 (18-hole Individual)
- July 24 MBC Junior League
- July 26 QB Club 4-Person Scramble
- July 29 Junior Tournament
- Aug 12 4-Person Scramble
- Aug 19 1-Person Scramble
- Sept 9 Glow Ball 2-Person
- Sept16 1st United 2-Person Scramble
- Sept 23 Club Championships
- Oct 14 Trail of Tears Cup, Deer Lakes
- Oct 15 Trail of Tears Cup, Marion

OUTDOORS
Hunting Seasons

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

Turkey	April 15 - May 7
Spring Squirrel	May 20 - June 16
Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round

Gobbler count picks up

Crittenden County hunters scored only 26 gobblers on the opening morning of hunting season Saturday, but that afternoon when a rain storm rolled in the take picked up. As of late Tuesday, turkey hunters had taken 216 turkeys in about four days of the three-week season. The harvest all of last season was 307. Youth hunters during the early April two-day season accounted for 25 birds. Livingston hunters had taken 163 turkeys as of Tuesday. Its 2022 harvest was 261. To check a harvested turkey call 1-800-CHK-GAME and use the code 028 for a turkey harvested in Crittenden County.

BASKETBALL
Guess mentioned by CJ
Crittenden County senior Taylor Guess was named honorable mention for the Louisville Courier-Journal's All-State Basketball Team. Guess was the Second Region Player of the Year.



Above, Crittenden County shortstop Aubre Conyer tosses to third base to get a baserunner during the Lady Rockets' All A championship loss to Lyon County at Eddyville last week. At top left, Crittenden County's Tyler Belt gets a lead at second base during a recent high school baseball game at Guess Field at Marion. At bottom left, CCHS hurler Asa McCord delivers a pitch. McCord was the winning pitcher in Monday's 10-run road victory at Hopkins Central.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY SPRING SPORTS WRAPUP

TOP5 RBI LEADERS	
Rocket Baseball	
Quinn Summers	13
Evan Belt	12
Hunter Smith	11
Case Gobin	11
Jeremiah Foster	11
Minimum 20 ABs, through 13 games	



from winning by the mercy rule in the bottom of the sixth and went into the seventh needing just three outs for the Second Region small-school crown.

However, in their half of the last inning, the Tigers scored 14 runs on two errors, eight walks, two hit batsmen, three singles and a grand slam and three-run homer by eighth-grade Tiger Ari Wells. The Rockets used four pitchers in the final frame, but were unable to solve the meltdown.

Chase Conyer had three hits and two RBIs for CCHS while Case Gobin had two hits and three RBIs and Quinn Summers produced two hits and two RBIs. Casey Cates and Hunter Smith each had two hits. Smith knocked in a pair and Evan Belt had two RBIs.

Jeremiah Foster pitched six solid innings for the Rockets and left the game with a lead that the bullpen was unable to hold.

SOFTBALL

Girls' comeback falls short

Crittenden County got behind 11-1 early at home in a Fifth District game against Lyon County Tuesday, but rallied to make it a game late.

The Lady Rockets ended up losing 11-7 in seven innings and fell to 8-8 overall and 1-3 in the district. Lyon improved to 3-6 overall and 1-2 in the district.

Aubre Conyer had two hits and three RBIs for CCHS and Taylor Guess and Anna Boone also had two hits and drove in a combined two runs. Guess and Conyer tripled. Boone had a double.

Others with base hits for Crittenden were Elliot Evans, Jaycee Champion, Elle McDaniel, Hannah Jent and Morgan Piper. McDaniel doubled.

Boone and Evans handled the pitching for CCHS. Boone fanned two and walked none in two innings and Evans struck out five and walked two in five innings. Five fielding errors helped Lyon build

its early lead.

Union wins despite homers

Crittenden County freshman Andrea Federico blasted two home runs at Union County Monday, but the Lady Rockets were unable to keep pace on the scoreboard despite leading in the fourth inning.

Federico, who has three homers on the season, also drove in three runs at Morganfield.

Elliot Evans, Jaycee Champion, Elle McDaniel and Hannah Jent also had base hits in the game.

Anna Boone and Evans both pitched for the Lady Rockets, but couldn't find a solution for the Union County bats. The Bravettes collected 13 hits and CCHS made three errors in the field which bolstered the Union scoring.

CCHS fell to 8-7 on the season while Union improved to 12-7.

Girls win at Mayfield

Crittenden scored three runs in the first inning Friday at Mayfield and turned to its defense to handle the rest in a 3-2 road win.

Anna Boone had two hits for CCHS and Elle McDaniel had a hit and RBI. Jaycee Champion also singled for the Lady Rockets as they won for the eighth time this season.

Elliot Evans pitched the entire game, struck out seven and walked none while allow-

TOP5 RBI LEADERS	
CCHS Softball	
Anna Boone	13
Elle McDaniel	12
Andrea Federico	11
Hannah Jent	8
Aubre Conyer	7
Minimum 20 ABs, through 16 games	

ing five hits and one earned run.

CCHS falls in All A title game

In the All A Classic championship game last week at Eddyville, Crittenden closed the gap on Livingston Central, but still couldn't beat the Cardinal girls who won the game 9-3 and the Second Region small-school title.

Livingston had defeated CCHS 18-2 two weeks earlier, but the Lady Rockets were able to make this much tighter. Crittenden scored its only three runs in the sixth inning on a two-RBI homer by Anna Boone and an RBI single by Elliot Evans, closing to within 7-3 after Livingston had done some early damage.

Emersyn Ramage led the Lady Cardinals offensively with three hits and there RBIs while Hadley Hargrove pitched seven innings, striking out six and walking one.

Anna Boone threw for Crittenden, striking out two and walking three. She allowed only four earned runs as CCHS committed three fielding errors that led to the other runs.



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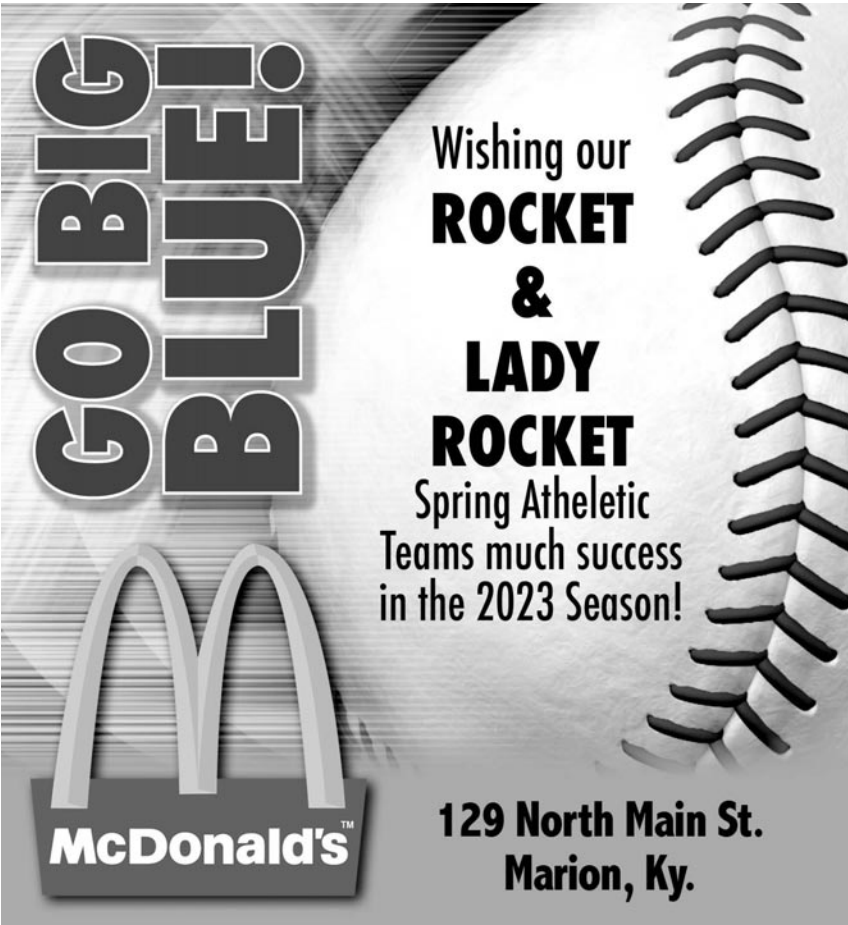
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Mirror slapping not too uncommon for buses

One morning last week, a Crittenden County school bus was involved in a minor accident in the rural, northern part of the county on US 60 East. The school district issued a statement describing the mishap. “Bus 1520 was involved in a minor incident on its morning route in Mattoon. The bus met a semi-truck on the road that clipped the bus’ mirror, breaking it off. No injuries occurred. The bus driver immediately pulled over at the Mattoon Fire Department, where she contacted the bus garage. Another bus was sent to transport the students to school. The bus driver has contacted the families of all children on her bus. We commend our driver and transportation team for their efficient handling of the situation and for always putting

our students’ safety first.” It is a small wonder that more mishaps like last week’s are not more regular. “We are lucky that a lot more of this doesn’t happen,” said Wayne Winters, the school district’s transportation director. Truth is, it happens more than one might think and it can be a no-fault situation. Neither Crittenden County’s rural roads nor most of the state or federal highways running through the county are wide enough for consistent safety for large vehicles like buses and 18-wheelers to meet and pass one another. The only highway up to modern standards is the new US 641. Keith Todd, a spokesperson for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 1, said the minimum on



most state highways is 12 feet for each lane. However, Crittenden County’s highways are generally not that wide although they do vary in width. For instance, KY 91 North measures 10 feet from the edge of the highway to the center of the yellow line. There is no white fog line on the edge of that highway, Winters said. Additionally, Mott City Road (sometimes called Old 641) is 10 feet wide in each lane from the center of the middle yellow line to the white fog line. Winters said other highways are even more difficult to navigate safely because even shoulders are either in poor shape or do not exist. The body of a school bus is eight feet wide, the driver’s side mirror juts out another 14 inches. That equals just over nine feet. A tractor trailer is about as wide, and its mirrors can sometimes extend farther. There is virtually no room for error, and sometimes these large trucks and buses can both be on their side of the highway and still slap mirrors. A few years ago, a Crittenden County bus driver was injured when her bus mirror was smacked into the side of the bus by a passing dump truck.

HIRE

Continued from page 1 her knowledge and understanding of how government works from city hall to Frankfort and Washington D.C.” City council members also expressed their confidence in the newly hired administrator’s experience and qualifications. Ford-Benningfield should be able to hit the ground running, the mayor said. Ford-Benningfield was chosen from four finalists who were interviewed for the job. Ford-Benningfield will officially begin her job in Marion on May 1. The city administrator’s position has been open since October when Adam Ledford resigned to take a similar position in eastern Tennessee. Ledford had been Marion’s city administrator for almost six years. Ford-Benningfield was earlier in her career a safety and union liaison with Ford Motor Company and served as an exceptional childhood coordinator among other roles with the Taylor County School District. Ford-Benningfield said her husband, Robert, is retired. They have four grown children. The couple plans to move to Marion. “I would like to be able to retire here,” she said. “We love western Kentucky. We are really excited. The community is so rich in history and full of hospitality.” Ford-Benningfield holds a bachelor’s degree in communication from Indiana State University and other educational certifications from the University of Kentucky in grant writing, contracts and negotiations. She is also earned a Master of Municipal Law through the Kentucky League of Cities educational program. The new administrator was born and raised in Indiana and lived in Louisville for a time before settling in Campbellsville where her husband’s family were dairy farmers. She worked there in education for about 20 years. The couple is very active in church through outreach ministries and missions. They plan to establish a permanent residence here.

Handling spring calves; backyard egging

Rural Kentucky pastures are beginning to show off spring calves. For cattle producers, this brings in a new cycle of farm management. Farmers have a lot to remember to ensure healthy calves and to successfully rebreed cows. Observe spring calves closely, checking them at least twice a day. Check first-calf heifers even more. Be ready to assist heifers after one to two hours of hard labor or 90 minutes after the ‘water bag’ is visible. Be prepared to dry and warm chilled calves as soon as possible. Remember that each calf should get colostrum within an hour of birth. It’s also important to begin identifying calves with ear tags or tattoos while they are still young and easy to handle. Record the birthdate and the dam ID. Castrate and implant commercial male calves as soon as possible and weigh registered calves within the first 24 hours of birth. Go ahead and separate cows that have calved and increase their feed. Supplemental energy is important for cows receiving hay to prepare them for rebreeding. A 1,250-pound cow giving approximately 25 pounds of milk per day will need about 25 pounds of fescue hay and

five pounds of concentrate daily to maintain good condition. To go from a condition score of 4 to 5, add an additional two pounds of concentrate to support that cow. Cows must be in good condition to conceive early in the upcoming breeding season. Avoid feeding hay in excessively muddy areas of pastures to avoid contaminating cows’ udders. Calf scours is something to watch for in the herd. If scours becomes a problem, move cows that have not calved to a clean pasture. Calves with scours may become dehydrated and need fluids to reverse the situation. Consult your veterinarian and send fecal samples to the Veterinary Diagnostic Lab to determine the most effective drug therapy. Plan to vaccinate calves for clostridial diseases like blackleg and malignant edema as soon as possible. It’s also a good time to get yearling measurements on bulls and heifers,



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if necessary, for special sales. You may need to increase bulls’ feed to increase their conditioning for breeding or order semen if you plan to use artificial insemination. **Backyard Egg Production** Backyard chicken flocks are popular in all areas of Kentucky. If you want to have a successful flock and produce your own eggs, preparation and education are essential. Remember, chickens require daily care. You must feed them, provide clean water and collect eggs every day. It is a good opportunity to teach children responsibility, but make sure they can fit it into their daily routine and that you supervise them. Keep in mind that chickens can get sick and very few veterinarians will provide care for them. Anyone handling chickens needs to make sure to wash their hands before and after caring for them. Also, don’t bring chickens into the house and don’t use your kitchen sink to wash equipment associated with your flock. Chickens make noise. While it’s true only roosters crow, hens are not always quiet and they can make a lot of noise to let everyone know they just laid an egg.

Keep in mind that chickens eat a lot. You probably can’t produce eggs cheaper than you can buy them in the store, but you’ll have the satisfaction of knowing from where they came. Hens use about 60% of the feed they consume; they excrete the rest as manure. Make sure you have a plan for what you’ll do with all the manure your flock produces. You could compost the manure to produce a valuable, odor-free fertilizer for your garden. To complicate things, chickens stop producing eggs at some point and they live longer than that window, sometimes a lot longer. You need to have a plan for what you’ll do with hens once they stop producing eggs. If you keep them because they are pets, you’ll have to be willing to continue paying for food while they are no longer earning their keep. Another thing to consider is that chickens can destroy gardens. Chickens scratch when they forage and if you let the hens run free, you may need to put a fence around your garden to prevent them from damaging your plants. As for housing your flock, you’ll need a chicken house that provides shelter from the weather, nest boxes where your hens will lay eggs and

perches for hens to roost at night. Housing needs to be easy to clean out and provide protection from predators. You’ll need to have an open run for hens to get into the open air. It’s important to keep your chicken house clean and dry to prevent odor and flies. Manage any bedding well to prevent rodents from making your chicken house their home. It can be difficult to obtain ready-to-lay pullets, so you’ll probably need to raise your hens from chicks. You can buy online and have them shipped to your home, but some hatcheries require a minimum purchase of 25 chicks for safe shipping. You can also buy chicks at local farm stores, but Kentucky state regulations require a minimum purchase of six chicks. If you only want three, you could go in with a friend or neighbor to meet the minimum requirement. You will need to provide chicks with a heat source, such as a heat lamp, for the first six weeks. For more information on small or backyard poultry flocks, contact the Crittenden Extension office. You may also visit afs.ca.uky.edu/poultry/poultry-publications.

BAND

Continued from page 1 about it the right way,” said Seely. “They’re dedicated to learning and improving their craft, and are building a following by making a personal connection with the fans. They know the road to success is through hard work and they are willing to do the work.” With enumerable connections in the country and bluegrass music industries, Seely is facilitating the band’s emergence as bluegrass record-maker. She’s helping the band find its way around a studio and onto the radio. “One of the last things I thought I would be doing is producing a bluegrass group,” said Seely, 82, whose husband is a big bluegrass music fan. “I am not the answer for them, just a launching pad for what I think will be a very successful career,” Seely added. The opportunity is not lost upon the team of entertainers. “It completely blows my mind. It’s just unbelievable to me,” said Cruce. “People go through their whole lives just hoping for something half this good to happen to them.” It was Cutter Singleton who first incubated a relationship with Seely by tracking her down outside of the Ernest Tubb Midnite Jamboree in Nashville and introducing himself a couple of years ago. “He invited me to come play a show in Kentucky,” said the 82-year-

old Seely. “I am not working on the road much anymore, but I thought that if this 13 or 14 year old kid wanted me to come to Kentucky that I would just do it.” They played together at the Lincoln Jamboree and continued to build a relationship over time. Seely invited Classy and Grassy to the Midnite Jamboree in Nashville a few weeks ago where they performed on WSM Radio for one of the longest running programs in country music history. When Seely offered the group a chance to co-write a song together, Cutter said he couldn’t believe it. “It’s just a huge honor. She’s written hit songs for everybody,” said Singleton, who like most of the band has never had any formal education in writing music, or even playing it for that matter. Most of them have learned playing by ear. Seely gave the band a song called “Call of Kentucky” that she wrote many years ago and never produced. “It already had a melody to it, but we sped it up a little,” Singleton said. They have been playing it in their shows from time to time. The second bluegrass song Classy and Grassy recorded last week in Nashville was “Lay Back in the Countryside.” Seely had written a chorus and a couple of verses to that song, so she gave it to the band to finish. “Me and Cash put a melody to it so now she’s

going to contact Sony Records and have us put on as co-writers of the song,” Singleton explained. Cruce said the group added some of its style to the songs, but kept the old bluegrass flavor. “This will feel like brand new stuff the way we fixed them up and presented them. The songs have got an old feel to them and I think people will appreciate that. It will give bluegrass fans something they’ve wanted to hear for a while. It has some modern influences, but an old bluegrass sound.” Some other big time music professionals are helping the band with its next two songs, one of which will likely have a gospel ring to it. Singleton believes the new recordings will get national radio air play and perform well on streaming services. “Radio still has a very heavy influence on music production,” Singleton said. “The next step would be to pitch what we’re doing to a recording company.” Seely has been drumming up some promotional ideas for the group and she’s arranging for them to have a CD cover photo shoot in front of her husband’s antique fire truck. Plans are to bill the upstart recording artists as the hottest new band in bluegrass. “That was her idea,” Singleton said. Seely is truly taken with the group’s down-home attitude and traditional style of music and presentation.



This photograph of the group and producers was taken at the studio. Pictured are (from left) Noah Goebel, Lily Goebel, Eugene “Mose” Ward, Dr. Jeannie Seely, Brennan Cruce, Cutter Singleton, Cash Singleton and John Nicholson, sound engineer at Hilltop Studio.

“My publicist is also a photographer so we’re going to help with some promotional things, their campaign,” she said. “It is just fascinating to me how well these young people have been raised, their manners and how well they excel in school and other involvements like FFA. And now Cash has taken up golf. It’s just great to watch them. It gives me renewed hope in the youth of America.” Here are some other highlights of Classy and Grassy’s career to date: The group has opened shows for Seely, Rhonda Vincent & the Rage, The Cleverlys, The Malpass Brothers, the late Joe Diffie, the late Daryle Singleton and The Gibson Brothers. It has played shows in Spar-

tansburg, Penn.; Grapeland, Texas; Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Wilmington, Ohio; Lowell, Mich; Ernest Tubb’s Midnite Jamboree in Nashville, Tenn.; Shelby, N.C.; Sparta, Tenn.; Rosine, Ky.; The Lincoln Jamboree in Hodgenville, Ky.; The Kentucky Opry in Draffenville where the band got its start and Poplar Bluff, Mo.

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Former deputy jailer pleads guilty to promoting contraband

STAFF REPORT

A former deputy jailer pleaded guilty last week to first-degree promoting contraband in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

The incident occurred back in March 2022 and Nicholas Crosby, 32, was indicted in November of last year.

Last week, before Circuit Judge Daniel Heady, Crosby pleaded guilty and a sentence of one year was recommended. He will be formally sentenced May 10.

Court records indicate that Crosby had something to do with introducing a cell phone and mail matter containing the drug Suboxone to the jail.

The following outlines other cases heard by Judge Heady last Thursday in Crittenden Circuit Court.

- Michael Martin, 29, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree promoting contraband. Court records indicate that Martin was an inmate at the Crittenden County Detention Center in March 2022 when he was allegedly found in possession of a cell phone. Martin was given a one-year sentence on top of the sentence he was serving for various drug offenses.
- Jonathan Haynes, 43, of Ashland, Ky., pleaded guilty to (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. Lewis was sentenced to three years on the meth charge and lesser time on the others. All time will run concurrent. Probation was not opposed.
- Jackie Lee Jones, 59, of Marion pleaded guilty to a felony charge of trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine) greater or equal to 2 grams and felony possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, plus misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and traffic violations. The charges were filed by Crittenden County Sheriff's Department on July 22, 2021 after Jones was involved in a motorcycle accident on Crittenden Springs Road. While investigating the crash, deputies found 24 grams of methamphetamine and a .22-caliber revolver.
- Jones was sentenced to five years on each of the felony charges and lesser time for the others. The time will run concurrently for a total of five years to serve.
- Timothy Russelburg, 46, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of public intoxication, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to notify the transportation department of a change of address. He pleaded guilty and waived separate sentencing in the case. Judge Heady ordered a three-year sentence for the felony and lesser time running concurrently for the misdemeanors for a total of three years. Russelburg will have 30 days to serve and the balance of the term probated for five years. He can qualify for an earlier release if he gets into a long-term rehabilitation facility prior to the end of the 30 days. Russelburg is also facing a possible prison sentence for burglary in Union County.
- Kenneth Brian Fitzgerald, 35, of Marion pleaded guilty to promoting contraband. Court records indicate that Fitzgerald was an inmate at the Crittenden County Detention Center in March 2022 when he was found in possession of a cell phone.
- A second charge of being a persistent felony offender was dismissed.
- Fitzgerald will be formally sentenced on June 8.
- Michael B. Knight, 20, of Marion pleaded guilty to amended charges of first-degree sexual abuse and criminal abuse. He was originally charged with rape. Knight will be formally sentenced June 8.
- Justin Allen Burnett, 46, of Olney, Ill., pleaded guilty to a felony charge of theft less than \$10,000 but greater than \$1,000.
- Burnett stole a pickup truck parked on South Main Street near the courthouse in Marion. Surveillance video provided evidence used to arrest Burnett. The pickup was never found.
- Burnett was sentenced to three years in prison. He was also ordered to pay restitution to the truck owner.
- Mitchell Brett Martin, 30, of Hopkinsville had his 2019 probation revoked for leaving court-ordered rehabilitation. He was ordered to complete his original five-year sentence for felony theft. Shock probation was not ruled out so long as he returns to treatment.
- Justin Morris, 26, of Marion had his 2022 probation revoked. He was sanctioned and credited with time served. Morris was convicted last year for forgery and a fraudulent firearm transaction.
- Dakota Ryan Owen, 30, of Marion had his pretrial diversion set aside from a 2019 felony drug charge. He will be formally sentenced on May 11.

Crittenden County Grand Jury delivers 5 indictments

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Grand Jury indicted five individuals last week during its monthly session.

Grand juries do not determine guilt or innocence. They merely determine whether a case will continue to be prosecuted in circuit court.

Here are indictments handed down last Thursday.

- Leah Fritts, 20, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Court records indicate that Fritts was picked up on a bench warrant Feb. 17 by a Marion policeman. What the citation called a "large bag of suspected methamphetamine" was found in the back seat of the police cruiser. Police believe she left it there during transport to the local jail.
- Matthew Anthony Milby, 42, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree wanton endangerment and other violations for possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle and alcohol intoxication in a public place.
- Court records indicate that Milby is believed to have fired a weapon from a moving vehicle as it traveled just about dark along KY 120 on a Sunday evening March 19.
- James Ralph Perryman, 61, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of third-degree burglary. Perryman is accused of entering a city-owned storage building at Old City Lake on March 7.
- Deanalan Stormoen, 28, of Marion was indicted on two felony counts of trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine). Stormoen is alleged to have sold meth to a co-operating witness on Jan. 12 and Jan. 13.
- Timothy Russelburg, 46, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and misdemeanor charges of public intoxication, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to notify the transportation department of a change of address. He pleaded guilty and waived separate sentencing in the case. Judge Heady ordered a three-year sentence for the felony and lesser time running concurrently for the misdemeanors for a total of three years. Russelburg will have 30 days to serve and the balance of the term probated for five years. He can qualify for an earlier release if he gets into a long-term rehabilitation facility prior to the end of the 30 days. Russelburg is also facing a possible prison sentence for burglary in Union County.



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