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LOCAL DRIVER TESTING TIMES CHANGE MAY 1

Driver testing times in Crittenden County will be adjusted beginning next week.

According to Crittenden Circuit Clerk Melissa Guill, all testing will remain on Friday, but starting May 3, the road test will be offered from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Motorcycle road tests will be 10-11 a.m. on the first and third Friday of the month. Road tests are by appointment only and must be scheduled by 3 p.m. the prior day. To schedule a road test, call the circuit clerk's office at (270) 965-4200.

Written tests will be given from 12:30 to 3 p.m. each Friday.

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST FRIDAY

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce's quarterly Leadership Breakfast begins at 7 a.m. Friday at the Marion Ed-Tech Center. Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Systems in Salem is sponsoring the breakfast. The program will be on the illegal drug epidemic in the community and will feature DEA Diversion Program Manager Martin Redd and offer shared perspectives on the issue from emergency room providers and addiction counselors.

The breakfast is \$7. Those planning to attend should RSVP the Chamber at (270) 965-5015.

COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is still taking nominations for its annual awards recognizing people, groups or businesses who have impacted the community significantly over the last year. The deadline to submit nominations is May 10.

Nominations are being taken for Person of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Unsung Hero, Customer Service and Community Pride. Nominations may be submitted via email to susan@crittendenchamber.org or provided in writing at the Chamber office at Marion Welcome Center.

Selections will be made by Chamber directors and will be presented at the annual meeting and dinner May 25.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Marion City Council** was scheduled to hold a special meeting at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday in the city hall conference room. On the agenda was budget discussions.

- **Crittenden Fiscal Court** will hold a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. today (Thursday) in the courthouse to discuss the proposed 2019-20 budget.

- **Crittenden County Board of Education** will meet at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at Rocket Arena.



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Talent on display

THE TAPESTRY

Rock-opera blend CAF's biggest show yet



Corey Crider (right) and his wife, Michelle (to his right) are among nine musical artists from across the country who were rehearsing this week at Fohs Hall in preparation for Saturday night's debut performance by The Tapestry entitled "Remove the Veil!"

STAFF REPORT

It's already on tap as the biggest production ever at Fohs Hall, but it also stands to be one of the most unique.

On Saturday, The Tapestry will perform its one-of-a-kind fusion of rock and opera beginning at 7 p.m. A few tickets are still available for the show that features the operatic baritone of Crittenden County native Corey Crider and a full ensemble of vocalists and musicians.

"People hear 'opera' and they think it's stuffy and don't want anything to do with it," said Becky Tyner-Belt, a board member of the Community Arts Foundation, which is sponsoring the event along with numerous local underwriters. "If an individual has an appreciation of music - any music - this is something that breaks down the veil between different genres."

In fact, the title of the show

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AMISH TOUR & BACKROADS FESTIVAL

Quilting more than hobby art for Eldridge

Backroads Festival hits 30th year

STAFF REPORT

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Amish Tour and Backroads Festival in Crittenden County.

The festival has grown over the last three decades from a single quilt show and guided tours of the local Amish community organized by Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Association to a two-day event that hosts multiple shows and an array of ancillary activities. According to Homemaker Sarah Ford, who has helped with the event since its inception, it was born as Crittenden County Back Roads Tour in 1989 to draw visitors from the thousands who descend on western Kentucky each spring for AQS QuiltWeek in Paducah.

Ford credits Nancy Hunt, Crittenden County Cooperative

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By ALEXA BLACK
PRESS CONTRIBUTOR

Crittenden County's Rose Eldridge, 70, has had the honor of winning the Backroads Quilt Show twice with her handmade, machine-pieced quilts. But this year, she is the featured quilter at Saturday's Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Association show held as part of the annual Backroads Festival.

Eldridge actively works with the Marion Quilt Club, a hobby organization she joined at its inception to rekindle the power of quilting. The club uses both verbal and hands-on lessons to those gathering from Crittenden, Livingston, Webster, Lyon and other area counties.

Quilts can be a narrative of any culture; and historically, traditional quilts were made by hand. In some cases, including the local Amish community, friends and neighbors will work together, greatly reducing the amount of time required to fashion one. Not only does the group setting harbor beautiful results, but also encourages fellowship.

Marion Quilt Club hopes to



Rose Eldridge is the featured quilter at Saturday's Crittenden County Extension Homemakers Association's Backroads Quilt Show at Marion City Hall. A Crittenden County resident, Eldridge is pictured above with her entries at the 2017 show.

bring back some of that fellowship by hosting workshops, demonstrations and personalized classes. Eldridge, who was born and raised in Crawfordsville, Ind., before moving

to Crittenden County with her husband Jack 13 years ago, says her goals are to generate the interest of those outside

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County saves \$67,000 with new EMS contract

STAFF REPORT

Com-Care Inc. will continue as the local ambulance service provider after their contract with the county was renewed last week for a second year by Crittenden Fiscal Court.

For the public, that offers stability from Crittenden EMS operations. For taxpayers, it presents almost \$67,000 in total savings. And for elected officials, the renewal gives some reassurances to question about operational procedures.

Ohio County-based Com-Care was the only bidder for managing the advanced life support, or ALS, ambulance service for Crit-

tenden County. Its bid of \$325,008 includes a \$25,000 reduction in local subsidies for Fiscal Year 2019-20. With the renewal, the county's last two monthly payments for the current contract that ends June 30 are also waived, as was written into the initial contract inked last spring.

Com-Care was able to offer the break based on increased call volume across its operations in Crittenden, Caldwell, Ohio, Logan and Todd counties.

"We are making more runs than ever," Com-Care Executive Director John Holder told elected officials at last Thursday's fiscal

court meeting. "Billing is up, so your subsidy goes down."

The new contract will cost taxpayers \$225,000 in the coming year, with the remaining \$100,000 coming from Crittenden Community Hospital as pledged by the facility's new owner, Rural Hospital Group (RHG) of Kansas City, Mo.

The fiscal court's current contract with Com-Care called for 12 monthly payments of \$20,833.33 and another \$100,000 from Crittenden Health Systems when negotiations were finalized in 2018. As a part of

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City fire destroys residence

STAFF REPORT

Beth Hodge was awakened at 3 a.m. on Good Friday by an alarm. At first, she didn't know what it was.

"The kids have alarms on their doors, so I thought that's what it was," said the 29-year-old mother of two, who narrowly escaped their burning home last week along with her children and boyfriend, Brandon Stinnett.

Those blaring noises were multiple smoke alarms doing their jobs. There were seven smoke detectors in the home. Hodge said several were going off.

"All she could see was a red glow

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crowding at Fohs events can be issue

I loved the Old Kentucky Hayride show (at Fohs Hall on March 16) and was happy to appear as Cousin Minnie Pearl. It was a night of wonderful entertainment.

Knowing Shelley (Singleton) and the group Classy & Grassy were in charge, we should have realized it would be such a tremendous success, I am guessing it was the biggest crowd ever at Fohs Hall.

With that being said, it did present a safety issue – both inside and outside.

Parking along both sides of North Walker Street was an issue. The side in front of the old hospital is posted and marked "No Parking." The side in front of Fohs

Hall is posted "Unloading Only." This is to allow emergency vehicles to be able to get through if needed. There is also no excuse for someone parking on privately owned property as they did during the event.

Happily, there was no need for any emergency vehicles to get through, but we have to be prepared.

The same is true of the inside, as fire laws are set as to the occupancy limit and aisles are to be left open.

Again, we did not have the need for emergency personnel, but we would have had trouble getting to some of the people in the audience if the need had arisen.

I loved seeing Fohs Hall being utilized the way it should be used. I think probably a hundred people were turned away because of no seating. I am fairly certain this has not happened

before this event.

Now, let's put our heads together and figure out a way to accomplish the task of making Fohs Hall the home of the Old Kentucky Hayride. We can find the solution, because this is our home and heritage.

Shelley Singleton, you and Brennan Cruce are to be commended for a job well done. I, along with most of Crittenden County, are excited for your next performance.

Phyllis Sykes
Marion, Ky.

(Editor's note: Sykes is an elected member of Marion City Council.)

Hayride eyes solutions to parking woes

To the editor:

First and foremost, we would like to take this opportunity to pub-

licly apologize to Marion citizen Mr. Ric Carder and Mayor Jared Byford for any inconvenience that was caused due to illegal parking of vehicles that belonged to individuals who were attending our first Old Kentucky Hayride on March 16.

Contrary to Ms. Linda Schumann's statement in the article, we were not made aware that we were responsible for any individual's decision to park along the city streets near Fohs Hall, be it legal or illegal. Ms. Schumann stated that Fohs Hall Inc.'s "rental agreement makes the renter ultimately responsible for performance parking." However, we were not presented with any such agreement.

We have many questions about who is ultimately responsible for individuals illegally parking on city-owned streets, liability, etc.,

and hope to get those questions answered in the days to come – certainly, before our next event on Nov. 2.

We realize with an event the size of the Old Kentucky Hayride, that the limited parking issue was bound to rear its ugly head. Going forward, we want to do nothing short of what is legal, permissible and respectful.

Secondly, our intent with the show was to help the people of our community and to revive the beautiful and historic Fohs Hall with the heart of Julius Fohs in mind. Never did we intend to upset or inconvenience anyone, and we certainly did not intend to cause any issues with the city.

At this time, we are researching and exploring our options. We have been offered two significantly larger venues, at no cost, to host the

event. One is inside our county; another is outside of our county. We certainly appreciate the willingness of those who want to see our efforts succeed and grow. We would, however, love to see the show continue at Fohs Hall, in the venue it was born in.

Rest assured, there will be another Old Kentucky Hayride in November as planned. We'll get these kinks worked out and will do our best to provide you with another night of top notch entertainment, and we plan to stock the shelves of our local Food Bank while doing it.

We love our community.

Shelley Singleton,
Marion, Ky.

(Editor's note: This letter was submitted by Singleton on behalf of herself and Old Kentucky Hayride co-producer Brennan Cruce.)

Gipson retiring after 28 years with City of Marion

STAFF REPORT

After 28 years, City Treasurer Melinda Gipson is leaving the public sector. She is set to retire at the end of the month.

Gipson was hired as a city clerk in February 1991 and was named treasurer eight years later. She has seen myriad changes in city government, including a number of city administrators pass through, a new city hall in 2005 and a move from traditional accounting with pencil and paper to computerized spreadsheets and online transactions.

"Everything was done by hand," Gipson said of her early days in a dingy and cramped city hall on East Bellville Street. "If you had to look up anything, you had to flip through files. Everything is much quicker now."

Despite the number of

changes over the years, some things have been lasting. Gipson has built an enduring friendship with City Clerk Pam Enoch, with whom she has worked for more than two-thirds of her time with the city. And despite seven election cycles, she's on only her second mayor, Jared Byford. She served her first 26 years under Mayor Mickey Alexander, with whom she had worked at First Federal Bank in town.

Life in the public sector can often be tough, with red tape from burgeoning state and federal regulations, and public opinion can sometimes be bitter. But Gipson is happy with her employer.

"I love my job," she said. "It's a good place to work, and I wouldn't change a thing if I could. I never had to dread coming

to work."

Leaving is more a game of numbers than anything. She was eligible for full retirement through the state's beleaguered pension system after 27 years. Staying any longer served little benefit toward retirement.

And Gipson is quick to defend the City of Marion in the face of criticism leveled by the public.

"People don't understand," she said, "we are very lucky to have what we have. I hate seeing remarks on Facebook."

The most trying time for Gipson as treasurer was during the 2009 ice storm, when the power was out for an extended period. Payroll was met with hard currency distributed to employees after meeting late Farmers Bank & Trust Co. President Gareth Hardin inside

a darkened bank to withdraw cash.

But even the worst disaster to hit Crittenden County in more than 80 years had its rewards for Gipson.

"During that time, we went door-to-door checking on people to make sure they were alright," she said of herself and other city employees.

Layten Croft, who previously worked as the city's E-911 dispatch coordinator, was named last week as Gipson's replacement as city treasurer. She was the only person to apply for the position.

"She's going to do great," Gipson said of her successor. "We are very lucky she wanted the job."

Croft returns the compliment.

"We're not eager to see her go," she said. "We'll all miss her tremendously."



Melinda Gipson (seated) is retiring as city treasurer after 28 years as an employee with the City of Marion. Layten Croft (also pictured) has been named her replacement.

TAPESTRY

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is "Remove the Veil!" Saturday will be its debut before a crowd of local listeners, many of whom don't know what to expect from the troupe of professional musicians from across the country. While The Tapestry has performed together for some time to combine musical genres in unexpected fashion, this weekend's

performance takes things to a new level.

"Of all the products that Tapestry Productions has to offer, 'Remove the Veil!' is the one that is pretty much a straightforward, guns-blazing rock concert," said Crider of this weekend's performance, adding that a light show underscores the rock atmosphere. "Nothing about 'Remove the Veil!' actually looks like an opera, because we're not doing an opera."

For a taste of what's in store Saturday, a YouTube video at <https://bit.ly/2U1hj3S> offers a 6-minute, 36-second preview.

"I just want people to know for sure that this show is a perfect event for someone who thinks they've never even heard opera and is certain they don't want to," Crider added.

Tyner-Belt began discussing with Crider the possibility of bringing The Tapestry to Marion more than two years ago. In just two days, the countless conversations and work to generate sponsors to help fund the event will come to fruition.

"This is really like a dream come true for me,"

she said. "I've really been pushing this. It's very exciting."

And with good reason.

CAF has been working with a \$16,000 budget to offer the performance to the community, which is by some distance its most expensive undertaking to date. While the non-profit organization that has fostered the arts in Crittenden County for decades will foot most of the bill for Saturday's concert, the show would not have been possible without the help of more than 20 local corporate and private sponsors.

That helped keep ticket prices affordable at \$10

and \$15, despite a rumor that admission would run \$200, according to Tyner-Belt.

"If you were somewhere else in the world, you may have to pay that much to see them," she said of the sponsors' and performers' efforts to keep ticket prices low for Crider's hometown audience. "This is something they feel very passionately and strongly about."

Gallery and balcony seats are still available for \$10. To purchase tickets, call Kim Vince at (270) 704-1446 or purchase online at TheTapestry.eventbrite.com.

Performers with The Tapestry will offer spon-

sors a special sneak peek of Saturday's show at an invitation-only dinner and social. On Friday, the professional musicians will visit with high school students and all members of the marching band in both group and individual settings.

Sponsors who are making Saturday's event possible are: Farmers Bank & Trust Co., First United Bank, The Peoples Bank, Fredonia Valley Bank, Par 4 Plastics, Alan and Doris Stout, Lynn and Kathy Bechler, Grant and Brandi Rogers, Zac Greenwell, Bart Frazer, Steve and Debbie Crider, Brad and Valarie Gilbert, Charlie and Nancy Hunt, Becky Tyner Belt and Dr. Gardar Gislason.

Jail revenue record high

March revenue at Crittenden County Detention Center was a record high, falling just short of \$222,000 for housing and transporting inmates during the month. That figure is roughly equal to all revenue anticipated in the current county budget from motor vehicle and insurance taxes. The detention center, including the 39-bed restricted custody center, has 172 regular beds.

Inmate count as of April 18

State inmates	119
Federal inmates	60
Other counties	12
Crittenden County	13
Total inmates	204
Weekenders/work release	5
Out to court	3
Actual total inmate bed count	212

March housing income

State housing	\$122,915.48
<i>(March 2017 state housing was \$98,626.98)</i>	
Housing days	3,922
Daily housing rate	\$31.34
Federal housing, transport payments	\$90,424.80
Housing days	1,845
Daily housing rate	\$42.00
Other county housing	\$8,060.00
Housing days	253
Daily housing rate	\$32.00
Weekend/work release	\$512.00
Housing days	16
Daily housing rate	\$32.00
Total housing	\$221,948.28

March Crittenden inmate expense

Cost to house local violators	\$12,864.00
Housing days	402
Daily housing rate	\$32.00
Average daily population	12.97

EMS

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its agreement to purchase the public hospital last fall, privately-owned RHG agreed to continue contributing \$100,000 each of the next three years to help fund Crittenden EMS.

With the new Com-Care deal, the service provider offers one 24-hour crew in the county, another daytime shift for non-emergency transfers and around-the-clock on-call staffing for backup. The company maintains complete control of staffing, billing and overall management of Crittenden EMS. It will also provide all vehicle maintenance.

The county, meantime, must maintain the building that houses the ambulance service on the campus of the local hospital, offer emergency dispatching through the City of Marion's E-911 Center and replace ambulances as needed. As of last week, Holder said Com-Care is

asking to have only one vehicle with more than 200,000 miles replaced. The private business anticipates putting \$10,000 toward that purchase in order to maintain a fleet of four dependable ambulances based in the county for Crittenden EMS.

Before agreeing to another year of management under Com-Care, some magistrates had questions they wanted answered about operational procedures. Magistrate Greg Rushing said the biggest

complaint he gets from people in his district, even above road issues, is why they often see a Crittenden EMS ambulance based in Fredonia.

"Because we share assets (with Caldwell County)," Holder offered as an answer to Rushing's question.

Holder said he understands concerns that an ambulance based in Fredonia could not respond in a timely manner to an emergency call on the other side of Crittenden

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Runway extension makes airport better economic development tool

STAFF REPORT

A million-dollar extension of its airstrip will put Marion-Crittenden County Airport on the map.

Already, the general aviation airport is on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) charts, but a 600-foot extension at the western end of the asphalt runway and taxiway scheduled for completion this summer will bump the public facility to another map altogether — one that makes it more attractive for landing corporate jets.

"Five thousand feet is an important threshold for us," said airport manager and airport board Chairman Jim Johnson. "The extension opens the airport up to charters who operate jets."

The lengthening will be funded 100 percent from state funding through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Department of Aviation, money that comes from taxes on fuel sales across the state at facilities like the Marion airport. No local tax dollars will be used.

"The people using the airport are basically funding this project," Johnson added.

The airport dates back to 1982, when it was designed as a turf airstrip. In 2003, however, it was closed and a paved runway was installed, opening in 2006. At the time, Johnson said local officials had hoped for a longer runway than was allowed by federal authorities.

"We asked for 5,000 feet when we first built the airport, but the FAA allowed us only 4,400 feet," Johnson said. "We



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

A 600-foot extension of the runway and taxiway at Marion-Crittenden County Airport will make it more attractive to pilots and owners of corporate jets.

knew then the importance of 5,000 feet."

That's because at just under a mile of pavement, 5,000 feet is considered the balanced field length for most private and corporate jets. That is key for pilots, jet owners and their insurance companies. It is the distance that complies with safety regulations for those jets, allowing them enough length to either continue takeoff with one engine not working or halt the takeoff before the end of the runway.

Jets can operate legally on a 4,400-foot strip, but for purposes of insurance, the extended runway makes the airport, identified as 5M9 by the FAA, more attractive as an economic tool for the community.

"The beauty of the airport is, it's a tremendous asset to the local economy," Johnson explains. "The decision-makers, the people who decide what's going to happen where and when, they are riding around in airplanes."

Those captains of business and industry, he said, want to get up at their home and have

breakfast before a day of business travel and be back in time for their child's ballgame that evening. That is most possible with jet aircraft.

Last Wednesday, the contract for extending the paved runway was awarded to Herring Construction Co. in Eddyville. It is scheduled for completion in July.

Also on the horizon is the construction of three more hangars at the airport that could allow up to nine more aircraft to be based at Marion. A federal project, Johnson hopes to advertise for bids in the coming weeks. Currently, up to 27 planes can be hangared at the local airport.

The increased rental income and growth in fuel sales after the runway extension will help the airport to become even more self-sustaining than it already is.

Johnson said the local airport is much more than an economic tool for Crittenden County. It could literally be a lifeline in the event of a major disaster.

Marion-Crittenden County Airport is one of three airports, as recently

designated by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, that would survive a catastrophic earthquake, offering an outlet for critical disaster relief response and supplies for the entire New Madrid Fault Zone area. That is because of the elevation of the airport, 650 feet above sea level, and the geology on which it lies.

"Every other one in western Kentucky is considerably lower on different types of soil," Johnson explained. "And we are closest to the Purchase Area."

Because all major land access into the county is funneled across bridges that could be compromised in an earthquake, "our airport might be the primary mode of transportation for a while" in the event of a major tremor, Johnson explained.

He hopes the community continues to support the airport because of its potential impact for every resident, not just the ones who take off and land on its airstrip.

For the public, a Flight Start program next month will allow adults who would like to learn to fly learn more. It is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 18. The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1619 in Marion is offering this free event, which includes a flight experience and an introduction to a certified flight instructor who will explain the process of becoming a pilot.

For more information, visit EAA.org/FlyingStart.

A similar EAA Young Eagles program for youth is tentatively scheduled for June 15.

THANK YOU

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love and support extended to our family during our time of loss. We have been overwhelmed by the impact Joe made on so many. We know we made the right decision to live out our lives in Crittenden County. We have been truly blessed.

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Marion firefighters confer Friday morning following a blaze that destroyed the Blackburn Street home from which Beth Hodge, her children and her boyfriend narrowly escaped.

FIRE

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at the front door," Stinnett said, telling his side of the story. "She yelled to me, there's something at the front door and it's red."

Seconds later, Hodge realized the home was on fire. She pulled her sleeping children from their rooms and rushed them toward the back door away from the red glow.

Stinnett, who was upstairs, was initially overcome by smoke.

"I passed out," he said. "I don't know if the fall woke me back up or what."

After regaining consciousness, Stinnett was able to break open a glass window on the back of the house to get some oxygen. Then, he crawled below the smoke to safety.

The home is located on Blackburn Street in a busy neighborhood near the country club. Once the family was outside, neighbors starting coming to their aid, Stinnett said.

The family lost all of its belongings.

"Everything that mattered made it out though," Stinnett said, except for a family pet.

Hodge said the outpouring of kindness and help from the community has been comforting.

"I think I am still in shock. It hasn't hit me

yet," she said, four days after the fire. "There was not time to panic, things just happened instinctively."

The couple figures it took less than three minutes to wake up, realize what was happening, get out of the house and back a pickup truck away from the burning home. At that point, flames had already completely engulfed the home.

The house was destroyed despite valiant efforts by the City of Marion and Crittenden County Volunteer fire departments. Firemen were on the scene within minutes, but the blaze had already become too fierce to stop.

Marion Fire Chief Red Howton said the fire appears to have started somewhere near the garage area of the home. The couple reported having an electrical issue in the laundry room before going to bed. They heard a pop and detected what smelled like a hot wire. Stinnett turned off all electrical current to the room and waited for about an hour before going to bed, thinking everything was okay.

Crittenden County Assistant Fire Chief Dylan Crabtree was among the first to respond to the blaze. He said everyone was out of the home by

the time he arrived. The occupants had gone across the street to a neighbor's home and called for help.

Crabtree entered the burning home. He said the fire was in the attic, and the ceiling collapsed on top of him. From then on, firemen had to fight the blaze from outside.

The fire departments were on the scene until well after daylight putting out hot spots.

"People have been so gracious and nice. It's just been wonderful, all of the donations and stuff," Hodge said.

They will still need assistance, however. Her children are boys age 10 and 6. Their sizes are posted on social media. And co-workers at The 88 Dip, where she waits tables, have been a big help, she said, gathering items for the family and getting the word out about what they need. Storage space would come in handy right now, Hodge said. She and boys are staying with her mother, but think they've found a new home. Storing the items that have been donated could become an issue until she's in her new home.

If you'd like to donate funds to the family, an account has been set up at First United Bank.



Hodge

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Belts touch up bucket list with cool trip to Antarctica

STAFF REPORT

Sharon and Raymond Belt have always enjoyed experiencing new places through travel.

The local real estate agents have been in business here for right at 50 years. That's a big figure, but it's somewhat secondary to another number they've achieved. That number is Seven.

In recent years, the Belts have conducted an aggressive assault on their bucket lists. The urgency grew a few months back when doctors recommended that Sharon do the things she most enjoys while her health permits. Heart bypass surgery and a bone marrow disease have started to whittle away a her otherwise good health. She's taken the advice to heart and has continued beating a trail around the world.

The daughter of a preacher, Sharon says she's been blessed in many ways and counts visiting the Holy Lands among her greatest

thrills. Recently, she and her husband, both in their late 70s, completed a lifelong pursuit of visiting all seven continents on Earth.

"A doctor here had told me this, and then my oncologist in Florida said it, too," recalls Sharon. "They told me that I might not be able to travel much longer, so do it while you can."

Morphing that prediction into encouragement, Sharon and Raymond recently set sail for Antarctica, the last continent on the globe they'd not seen in person. And, although it's an unowned land mass largely uninhabited by humans, the couple say its beauty was breathtaking and awe-inspiring.

"You just couldn't help but be moved. I just felt so blessed to know that God had allowed me to be there," she said.

Their globe trotting began in the late 1960s and their heels haven't cooled since that first trip

to Jerusalem.

"Since I was a kid, I had always wanted to go to the Holy Lands," Sharon said.

For Raymond, his bucket list was topped by trips to Normandy and the Panama Canal. He's a history buff and enjoyed the backdrop to those trips.

Beyond living in the United States, they got their start on the six-continent sojourn to Asia with that first visit to the Middle East. Then, it was Europe and South America. They've visited numerous countries on their way around the world. In Europe alone they've been to Germany, Spain, France, England, Russia, Italy and various Scandinavian countries. East Asia is a place they've longed to see and are hoping that plans come together soon in order to fulfill that craving.

"We have to pick a trip where I don't have to do a lot of walking," Sharon



Sharon and Raymond Belt have been in business in Marion for almost 50 years and while they've built a successful and enduring legacy in the local real estate industry, they've also taken time to enjoy their marriage though traveling abroad.

said.

They've been to islands of the South Seas, Australia, Cuba and Columbia, Uruguay and Argentina in South America. They've stood on the rock at the Strait of Gibraltar and marvel at Casablanca, the Moroccan port city in north-

west Africa made famous by a 1942 Hollywood film starring Humphrey Bogart.

"As a kid dad had raised us to know geography," explains Sharon. "We'd put a pin on our map when we'd hear about places on the news."

The couple, who have lived and worked here their entire adult lives, enjoy sharing a love of travel with their daughter and grandchildren, who often join them on trips.

"I would really like to see China and Japan," Sharon adds.



The Young Men's Club met recently at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Pictured are (front from left) Braiden Brasher, Klayton Murray, Braxton Hullett, Darius Hughes, Austin Burns, Izak Siego, (back) Braxton Winders, Ethan Hill, Gabe Mott, Preston Turley, Ian Ellington, Payton Riley, Devon Nesbitt, Caden McCalister, Brock Langston, Tyler Boone, Ben Dobyns, Hunter Boone and Gaige Courtney.

Young Men's Club aims to mentor younger boys with high schoolers

STAFF REPORT

Some of the coaches at Crittenden County High School have recognized that creating a relationship among young men in the community might just lead to a better path in life for some.

Gaige Courtney, with help from fellow CCHS coaches Ethan Hill and Jared Brown, have developed a Big Brother type mentoring program they call the Young Men's Club.

It meets regularly, creating a time for fellowship, food and friendship developing among high school boys and middle schoolers.

"We meet at the school once every other week and then one weekend a month, we do something outside of the school like this at the park," Courtney explained recently during a Saturday picnic at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Hot dogs and basket-

ball were on tap on this particular day. Although the older boys doing the mentoring are all student-athletes, Courtney said that wasn't necessarily by design. Courtney is an assistant football and basketball coach who grew up in Crittenden County before going off to college to play football at Kentucky State.

He's been back home coaching and teaching for several years and said it was after he and the other coaches began discussing voids in the community and within the student body based on their observations in the school system. One of the biggest things, he said, was a need for positive role models.

"It just so happened that the guys I knew would be good role models happened to be athletes," Courtney said.

But this group is look-

ing for anyone who can be a guiding light to younger boys. Right now it includes a dozen mentors, but as the effort grows, Courtney said others will be sought. There are currently 10 young boys coming to the program.

Through their jobs, the coaches have identified the handful of mentees that they believed could benefit from this program. They're always fishing for others.

"Our goal is to help shape these young men so they become mentors one day," Courtney said. "We want them to learn and to see the joy in serving others."

Plans are to continue the program through the summer with regular rendezvous and perhaps a fishing trip or two.

For more information on this program, contact one of the teachers or the high school.

Spring cleaning Sat. in Fredonia

There will be a community cleanup day in Fredonia starting at 9 a.m., at Buddy Rogers Park. For more information, see What's Happening in Fredonia Facebook Page.

A concert is coming up May 3 to benefit the ball-park.

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Logging, rafting once common practice

Did you ever think that our forests were a part of the history of Crittenden County and that our creeks were at one time large enough for the rafting of large logs? Here are some interesting tidbits about our past forests.

Appearing in The Crittenden Press in October of 1890 is a statement from someone worried about our forests at that time. He states, "upon the heels of the stove men came the tie hunters, (for the railroad tracks) and now the hoop pole hunters are penetrating our forests. Between the three, there will soon be nothing left but the persimmon sprouts.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

Not much has been documented about the logging and rafting trade in our past history. I guess with our once free flowing creeks now being much smaller in size and more congested with nature's debris, it's hard to imagine the floating of a large raft of logs on our creeks of today.

Mr. Joseph N. Dean in one of his writings told about logging on the Piney Creek near Deanwood. This is the only story I have found about the logging and rafting business in our county. (I believe this story may have taken place in the mid-late 1800s)

Many times in rafting did Uncle Matt Dean or his helpers stumble off into cold, deep water, and have to swim out or be rescued by others.

Logs to be rafted were floated down small creeks into Piney, Tradewater and then into the Ohio River, then down to Golconda, Metropolis or Paducah.

Jim Ellis was a dealer in all kinds of timber, and bought timber on all

these streams. The logs were usually collected in backwater, cut from the forests and put alongside-by-side in the creek. Then a whallen (a small tree split open) was laid across each side of the raft and fastened by wooden pins to each log. There were often 50 or more logs in a raft. It required two or more men to float the raft downstream.

Spike poles, 12-foot poles with spikes and hooks combined and fixed at the end, were used to pull or push the raft from trees and other obstructions along the stream. The speed was slow in backwater, but in headwater, though faster, it was more difficult and dangerous.

Mr. Ellis devised a two-wheeled log wagon. These wheels were about 12 feet in diameter. The logs were swung under the axle, and the front ends lifted by a device that secured them. With three or four yokes of oxen he could haul-in the largest logs, some of them six feet in diameter.

When this monster of a wagon went from Weston over the old Flynn Ferry road, it created more excitement among the country people than a circus. One fall, Mr. Joseph Nathan Dean, the writer of this piece of history, and his brother, Thomas Marion Dean, assisted their father in rafting logs. This raft was made up of fine walnut, poplar, oak, and other local tree logs.

One trying event was at the long Oxbow Bend in Piney at the place now owned by George Hill. The water was over the cutoff and Mr. Clement wanted to save a day's run around by using the cutoff, but when the raft was about half through,

it hung. We pulled and pried in vain to move it. Father took the ax, got off into the deep, cold water, and finally found and cut a bush under the raft that had caught between the lowest logs. We soon had the raft over and into the main channel where we tied up for the night. It was late in the evening and Father was cold and wet.

The next day we at last got the long raft to the mouth of Piney, where the headwaters of Tradewater River were in sight. We proceeded to anchor our raft, as night was coming on.

In order to pull his end of the raft to the bank so as to tie-up, my brother hooked his spike pole over a limb; the raft was swinging out, so he lost his balance from the pull and went off into the cold, 20 feet of water. When he came up he had to swim to the raft and crawl upon it. He was glad the raft was soon secured to trees, and father ready to lead off toward home.

Father was a good woodsman. As by special instinct he led us through the night, around many sloughs formed far out by backwater, eight or ten miles to our home. It was a long, rough walk, and we were late and tired when we got home.

It seems we were to go back Monday and resume the voyage down Tradewater, thence on to market. But when the site was reached, not a trace of the raft could be found. Though father had his brand on the end of every log, not one of them was ever heard of. Father bore the loss of labor, and price of the valuable timber with his usual calmness. The logs in that big raft, sold at present price of such timber, would have brought a small fortune for those days.

But this is only another "might have been." In 1932, Rev. James

F. Price, noted historian, shared some of his knowledge of our forests.

Any mention of Crittenden County would be incomplete without referring to the wonderful forests of giant timber that once covered the fertile hills and valleys with a growth of verdure scarcely ever equaled.

The entire county was forest clad, but the largest and finest timber was along Piney Creek in the eastern part of the county. Many kinds of timber grew in these rich valleys, but perhaps the most noted were the white oak and yellow poplar.

There was an immense white oak near Piney Creek below the old Piney mill. A stock from this tree twelve feet long and seven feet in diameter was shipped to St. Louis for exhibition at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1903.

John Imboden made a ferry boat, the two gunwales, of which were made from poplars. The gunwales were 16 by 48 inches and 40 feet long. This was the ferry boat used at the Montezuma Ferry across Tradewater. It was used for many years.

Many of these yellow poplars were from five to seven feet in diameter and would be from 50 to 70 feet before there were any limbs. The sapwood on these large trees would be from a half-inch to an inch thick. The heart would be a nice yellow, soft, easily worked and made the finest lumber. Just a few years back these fine oaks and poplars would have been worth \$75 or \$100 (1932).

May of 1934 timber is still being harvested in large quantities. A new industry has been created in Marion, known as the Boston Header Mill, located at the I.C.R.R. yards.

The Boston Heading Mill located just east of the Illinois Central Sta-



As mentioned in the article, many of the large trees in the county were cut and sawed into ties for the railroad that was becoming so popular through the area. In this vintage 1900s picture of a sawmill that was located near Sheridan, you can see many of the ties being made ready for shipment to Marion, probably by wagons and oxen. The men in the photo are unknown, photo was shared by Dave Wilson, who was a descendent from the Wilson-Bebout family near Sheridan.

tion, loaded two cars of heading timber last week and will equal that record this week.

In addition to the legal tender distributed among the laborers it also pays high market price for white oak timber, of which Crittenden County has a good supply.

Approximately 15,000 pieces are required to load a car. Eight pieces are required for a head. Heads are sawed here both for whiskey barrels and beer kegs, the only difference being that the beer heads are much shorter.

The most interesting part of the milling operations, of course excepting the money angle, is the operation of the large circular saw, or "header." This is done by a colored man named Sam Allen,

who hails from Paducah. Sam is said by authorities on the subject to be the best in the United States. A man of average stature, he handles the guide and large white oak bolts like a machine, getting the proper thickness on every one with uncanny ability and unusual speed.

The forests of today aren't as plentiful as they were years ago. Timber is being harvested in large amounts over most areas of the county.

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

Heritage group hosts Chautauqua event May 2

NEWS ITEM
The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society, together with Kentucky Chautauqua, will present Lilley Cornett: A Voice for the Forest at the Fredonia Lions Club Building on West Shelby Street in Fredonia at 7 p.m., May 2.



Hurt

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The story of the Lilley Cornett Woods, how it shaped itself in the mind of one man and captured the imagination of a state, is a story worth telling. This story is the story of one man, Lilley Cornett, of a pioneer family, uneducated and of no particular distinction. He

was certainly a common man, but one who had an uncommon vision. His 500 acres on Line Fork Creek in Letcher County is all the remains of a primeval paradise.

Bought on a miner's wage in the '20s and '30s, Mr. Cornett's woods is the only place in Kentucky that still looks like it did before the arrival of Europeans in the 18th century.

David Hurt portrays Lilley Cornett for Kentucky Chautauqua. A retired farmer, Hurt has picked the guitar and banjo on front porches from Reelfoot to Red River. He

has acted at Stage One in Louisville as well as in Lexington theaters. Hurt also portrays Grandpa Jones for Kentucky Chautauqua.

Kentucky Chautauqua is an exclusive presentation of Kentucky Humanities with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and from: Christina Lee Brown, the Carson-Myre Charitable Foundation, the Cralle Foundation, the Elsa Heisel Sule Foundation, Farmers State Bank, the Hayswood Foundation, the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Morehead State University, Mountain Telephone, Murray State University, Paducah Bank, People's Rural

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Following the program, there will be refreshments and a short business meeting.

The Fredonia Valley Heritage Society is for anyone interested in learning more about the heritage and history of the Fredonia Valley and for those who want to see the history of our community preserved for future generations.

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Forever heading God's purpose here

The reasons are as clear to me today as they were the first time He told me to come.

It sure wasn't because there was a need for more buildings called churches, as there were already 40 in this county of about 9,000 people.

God's main reason was, "Tell them for Me, without holiness, no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14.



Lucy TEDRICK Guest Columnist Religious and Political Views

The overriding preaching here is still, as it was then, no one can live holy. We all sin more or less in word, thought or deed, every day.

Also the message God gave Paul to tell the world that division among God's people, and being called by any man's name, is carnal (sinful), 1st Cor. 3:3,4.

In the same chapter, verse 9, Paul told them

that Christians "are God's husbandry, God's building."

Included in this division process is not only calling a church by any other name than God's, but it is church joining - making people think one joins the church through man's help.

It is very plainly written in Acts. 2:47 that Jesus adds to the church such as should be saved.

We all know Jesus came here and died to save us from our sins. But the other truth that has been so neglected is that He ascended into Heaven to send back His Holy Spirit as a second work of God in our hearts so we can live a holy life.

Too many have taught it all comes at once. It does not.

Remember, Jesus told the disciples in Luke 10:20 their names were written in Heaven, yet still sent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost to live in them as He had

promised in John 14:17.

God did not tell me I had to convince anyone, or judge anyone, or save anyone. All of that is His job.

My job has been, and still is, as it was from the beginning when God sent prophets, priests and preachers.

It was the same to Isaiah, as I've mentioned before. "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression." 58:1.

After all these long and arduous 58 years, I fear He now considers the message to most, as was Jeremiah's. "Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee; thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeys not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receive correction. Truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth."

Jeremiah 7:27,28.

He was one of the last prophets before God sent Babylon against Israel and killed thousands, spreading thousands around the world to be hated by most everyone.

How very true God's warning: "Be not deceived, God will not be mocked. What you sow, you will reap." Gal. 6:7.

People can mock Christianity, God's Holy Word, but they will not mock God!

God's Word is for all to read, so they will understand and pray for the Holy Spirit to help them find the true meaning.

Please remember Jesus's Words: "The Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge you in the last day." John 12:48

Rev. Lucy Tedrick, pastor at Marion Church of God, shares her views periodically in this newspaper. She can be reached at (270) 965-3269. Her opinions are her own and are not necessarily those of this newspaper.

Faith-Based Events & Outreach

Sugar Grove Cemetery group meets

Sugar Grove Cemetery Association will meet after morning worship service on May 5 at Sugar Grove Church.

Pleasant Hill Church hosts May Meeting

Pleasant Hill Church of Regular Baptist will hold its 118th annual May Meeting beginning with evening services at 7 p.m., on Friday and Saturday this week, and concluding with Sunday School and Church at 10 a.m., until noon on Sunday. The community is invited to attend the services. Traditional songs and hymns will be sung. There will be special music for each service along with congregational hymns. Dinner will follow the Sunday Service. Elder H. Wade Paris, D.M. of Missouri will be the speaker. Dr. Paris has conducted services for the past 15 years at the May meeting. Pleasant Hill Church is located east of Marion off of Ky. Hwy. 120 on Pleasant Hill Church Road.

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Easter Stories

Local churches celebrated Easter in a various ways last weekend. At top left is Marion Baptist's Sunday worship which was moved to the Family Life Center in order to accommodate the large crowd. Above, Sunday School teacher Bonita Hatfield was honored by her class, which she started 15 years ago on Easter Sunday. And at left, Deer Creek Baptist Church held its final production of Watch the Lamb, an Easter story with cast and crew from the church.

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AREA DEATHS

— Lynn —

Billy Ray "Bill" Lynn, 83, of Marion died Monday, April 15, 2019, at Crittenden Hospital in Marion.

He was the owner of Lynn Insurance Agency and a member of Marion Baptist Church.

Lynn is survived by two children, Allen Lynn and Paula Stalion, both of Marion; a brother, Fred Lynn of Marion; two sisters, Robbie Fritts of Morgantown and Lois Faye Anderson of Danville, Ky.;



Lynn

three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Lynn; his parents, William Earl and Wilma Lynn; a brother, Charles Lynn; and a sister, Dorothy Wade.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Mapleview Cemetery in Marion.

Donations may be made to the Marion Baptist Church Youth Group.

Dinsmore

Ben Grayson Dinsmore, 83, of Marion died Sunday, April 21, 2019, at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center in Paducah.

He was a member of Mexico Baptist Church.

Dinsmore is survived by his wife, Joyce Dinsmore of Marion; two children, Jerry (Teresa) Dinsmore of Dawson Springs and Kathy (Jeff) Francione of Silver Creek, Wash.; a sister, June Murray of Elizabethton, Tenn.; a brother, Howard Dinsmore of Elizabethton; two grandchildren, Kristen Hardin and Taylor Trimm, both of Princeton; and three great-grandchildren, Layla, Gavin and River Hardin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Enoch and Katherine Dinsmore; three brothers, Henry, Lawrence and Carson Dinsmore; three sisters, Shirley Carver, Lena Shelburne and Louise Livingston, and four half-siblings; Millie Holloway DeLoach, Arthie Williams, Stanley Dinsmore and Sophie Bowers.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Mexico Cemetery in Crittenden County.

Donations may be made to the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Center.

Arflack

Clifton Earl Arflack, 85, of Salem died Sunday, April 21, 2019, at Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation Center in Marion.



Arflack

He was a retired press operator at Moore Business Forms in Marion. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean War and member of Burna American Legion Post No. 217. He was instrumental in donating to the American Legion Post No. 217 Veteran's Memorial.

Arflack is survived by a brother, Robert (Wanda) Arflack of Salem; two sisters, Mary Black and Betty Loveless, both of Salem; several nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and -nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma Jo Loveless Arflack, and his parents, Fred and Eva Lee Kirk Arflack.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem with Rev. Tim Fouts officiating. Entombment was at Salem Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Mary Hall Ruddiman Canine Shelter, 24 Just-A-Mere Road, Marion, KY 42064.

Blackburn

James Allen Blackburn, 77, of Marion died Monday, April 22, 2019, at Baptist Health Paducah.

He is survived by his wife Anna Weldon Blackburn; two brothers-in-law, James (Jackie) Weldon of Portage, Ind., and Larry (Cheryl) Weldon of Bowling Green; nine nieces; and seven nephews.

Blackburn was preceded in death by his parents, Clem and Lela Blackburn; three brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services were scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with burial at Asher Cemetery in Caldwell County. The family was scheduled to receive visitors from 1 p.m. until service time Wednesday at the funeral home.

Tabor

Doug Tabor, 82, of Princeton, a native of Crittenden County, died Monday, April 22, 2019, at Baptist Health Paducah.



Tabor

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Princeton and former co-owner of Tabor's Chevron in Marion. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Tabor is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty Holt Tabor of Princeton; two daughters, Candy (Rod) Murphy of Lyon County and Dee Dee (David) Ramage of Caldwell County; three sons, Tony (Sheila) Tabor of Crittenden County, Marty Tabor of Lyon County, Jere (Mary) Tabor of Livingston County; two brothers, Jimmy (Betty) Tabor and Tommy (Mary) Tabor, both of Marion; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon Tabor and Esther McGee Tabor Phelps.

A memorial graveside service will be held at 11 Friday at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Princeton with Rev. Lester Watson officiating.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Western Kentucky Veterans Center, 926 Veterans Dr., Hanson, KY 42413.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Earth Day cleanup

Brynn Porter (left) and Payton Maness, both seventh-graders at Crittenden County Middle School, pick up trash Monday along South Main Street in Marion as several other classmates lend a hand. Middle school science teacher Neal Bryant's students used the ideal spring weather Monday to clean up the school campus and community in celebration of Earth Day.

New E-911 dispatch coordinator named

STAFF REPORT

Luisa Phillips last week was named the new coordinator of the City of Marion's E-911 Dispatch Center.

Phillips, of Providence, replaces Layten Croft as coordinator. Croft was named city treasurer at last week's city council meeting.

As coordinator, Phillips oversees the city's center



Phillips

that responds to emergency calls and dispatches emergency professionals and equipment. Other dispatchers include Frank Pierce, Aaron O'Neal, Kevin Hurley and Beverly Davidson. Croft will still be available to fill in at the center.

— PAID OBITUARY —

Peek

Janell G. Peek, 47, died Friday, April 19, 2019, in Clarksville, Tenn.



Peek

She was born June 7, 1971, in Salem. She was the daughter of Ella Regina Peek and the late Oliver Wayne Peek. She was 1989 graduate of Crittenden County High School. She was an employee of the Kentucky Department of Corrections for 11 years. She was also an employee of Treehouse Foods for five years.

She was a great mother, an example of life and a tireless warrior. Now that she is in a better place, we are left with her great love and her teaching of life. Her unforgettable, compassionate and kind spirit will continue to shine light on all of us. Her contagious smile will continue to bring us hope and peace.

Peek is survived by three daughters, Akeisha Peek, Laykin Peek and Asia Peek; her mother, Ella Regina Peek; six siblings: Tonya Bailey, Terah Maxie, Kathy Coburn, Pam Arnold, Jill Van Winden and Tim Peek; two brothers-in-law, Bill Bailey and Bendelle Maxie; and seven grandchildren: Kaveyah White, Keyshawn White, King McGregor, Kaydin McClendon, Kendall McClendon and Kennedy McClendon.

She was preceded in death by her father, Oliver Wayne Peek; a sister, Shawna Peek; and her grandparents.

A memorial service will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Tourist Welcome Center at 201 E. Main St. in Princeton.

Crittenden included in fed disaster declaration

FROM STAFF, WIRE REPORTS

A disaster declaration related to late winter flooding was issued last Wednesday to Crittenden and 56 other Kentucky counties by President Donald Trump.

The approval came at the request of Gov. Matt Bevin.

Last week's declaration deemed that a major disaster exists in Kentucky and covers 57 counties, including Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon, Union and Webster counties. Caldwell County, which does not lie along a major river, was not included.

The President ordered aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe weather from Feb. 6 to March 10. Federal funding is available to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides.

(Editors' note: Kentucky Today contributed to this story.)

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SBDM parents being sought

Each Crittenden County school soon will be electing parents to serve a two-year term on School Based Decision Making Councils (SBDM). Councils are made up of three teachers, two parents and the school principal, which take charge of providing direction for the school. Parents must have students enrolled in the district for the 2019-2020 school year. Information for each school includes:

- Crittenden County Middle School will be accepting nominations through 3 p.m., Friday. Elections will take place April 29-May 1 during school hours.

- Crittenden County Elementary School will be accepting nominations through 3 p.m., Friday. Parents may vote during school hours May 6 or during the PTO meeting at 5:30 p.m., May 6.

- Crittenden County High School is accepting parent nominations through 4 p.m., May 3. The parent member election will be held on May 7.

Calendar

- There will be a **Community Christmas nutrition class** Monday. Recipes will be Pineapple Fried Rice and Chicken and Ranch Mushrooms. Call (270) 965-5236 to pre-register. These classes qualify as a required class for the holiday charitable program.

- A special **Kentucky Chautauqua performance** about the Kentucky Derby will be presented at 1 p.m., May 4 at Crittenden County Public Library. Eddie Price will portray Roscoe Tarleton Goose, who won the 1913 Kentucky Derby on the back of Donerail at 91:1, the longest odds of a Derby winner to date.

Extension

- Leader Lesson "Tablescapes & Centerpieces" at 10 a.m., May 2 at the Extension Office. Angie York, Lyon County FCS Agent, will be teaching the class. This lesson will teach about balance, proportion and creating amazing center pieces on a budget.

- **Challengers** will meet at noon, May 8 at the Extension Annex.

- Crittenden County FFA members and Ag Agent Dee Heimgartner will present "**Container Flower Gardens**" at 9:30 a.m., May 11 at the CCHS FFA Greenhouse. There will be a \$10 charge for this class. You can pay the day of the class. Participants will learn how to create combinations for container flower gardens and will take home a planter. Call the Crittenden County Extension Office to register at (270) 965-5236.

4-H events

April 4-H events include:

- Cooking Club - April 25, 3:30-5 p.m. Extension Annex



American Private Enterprise System March 26-27 taught Crittenden County High School students the interworkings of various local businesses. Seated (from left) are Morgan Barnes, Kyron Hicks, Shelby Brown, Hannah Bell, Trinity Hayes, Shelby Cooper, (standing) John Duvall, Skyler James, Connor Parshall, Ellie McGowan, Jagger Hayes, Tanner Way and Jaimie Burt. Above left, Scott Solowey of Par 4 Plastics shows students some of the raw materials used in the injection molding process. Above right are top four finishers of the program (from left) Ellie McGowan, Tanner Way, Kyron Hicks and Jagger Hayes.

Students learn the basics of American business

Thirteen Crittenden County High School students learned the inner workings of American business by participating in the American Private Enterprise System program March 26-27 at the Marion United Methodist Church.

The program was conducted in cooperation with the high school by the U.K. Cooperative Extension Service and local businesses such as Par-4 Plastics, Farmer's Bank, Hunt Law Group and Johnson's Furniture. Participants for the program are selected from the top students in the junior class.

The program had Senior John Duvall return as Junior Leaders to take on a leadership role and assist with the program. John Duvall attended the state and national conference last summer and was awarded National Outstanding Youth Leader and earned a \$600 college scholarship.

Students were quizzed on the material they learned, and winners received cash

awards based on test scores and an all-expense paid trip to the Kentucky Youth Seminar later this summer on the campus of the University of Kentucky. Top four students were 1st- Ellie McGowan winning \$35, 2nd -Tanner Way winning \$15, 3rd- Kyron Hicks winning \$10. Jagger Hayes came in 4th place earning an opportunity to attend the Kentucky Youth Seminar. Leslea Barnes, County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development will accompany the students to Lexington.

While at the state seminar, students compete for scholarships and cash prizes based on their knowledge of the business system. They also hear from national business leaders and participate in making real-world business decisions.

Winning the team building tower exercise were Shelby Brown and Connor Parshall.

Students who were selected for participation studied the principles of various types of business organizations and the economy

through presentations and discussions with local business leaders.

Locally, students discussed the following topics with their presenters:

- How America is Organized to Do Business, presented by Ryan McDaniel, Par4 Plastics

- The Role of Government in Our Economy, presented by Wes Hunt, Assistant Crittenden County Attorney

- Our Economy, How it Works, What it Provides, presented by Todd Perryman, Farmers Bank & Trust Company

- Investor Owned Corporations and Limited Liability Companies, presented by Ryan McDaniel, Par4 Plastics

- Ecommerce, presented by Pam Collins, School Board Member

- Cooperatives, presented by Leslea Barnes, 4-H Youth Development Agent

The youth learned about the responsibility of serving on a cooperative or corporation board of directors, presented by Michael Parshall and Chuck Beavers, both with Par4 Plastics. They studied

board cases to determine what action a board should take on particular situations and presented those conclusions to the group. They also participated in an entrepreneurship exercise by developing a business plan. Groups then made a marketing presentation and presented their businesses to the entire group.

Local business tours included: Farmers Bank & Trust Company, Par4 Plastics & Johnson's Furniture.

Patti Merrill with Johnson's Furniture talked to students about the challenges local business face with keeping up with current marketing trends and led the students to help her develop a social media marketing campaign. After group ideas were presented, the youth toured Johnson's Furniture and helped with creating images to use in an Instagram campaign.

The local program is coordinated by Crittenden County Extension Agent Leslea Barnes.

Senior Center

The Crittenden County senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day, and is \$3 for those 60 and older and \$5 for those under 60. Reservations are encouraged but are taken up to a week in advance.

Menu and activities include:

Thursday - Menu is chicken and brown rice casserole, buttered spinach, wheat roll, banana pudding and margarine.

Friday - Menu is baked spaghetti, broccoli salad, Mandarin oranges and garlic breadstick. Birthday cake will be served in celebration of April birthdays. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Monday - Menu is beef stew, brown rice, cole slaw, cornbread and chocolate pudding. Ladies exercise with Full Body Fitness Studio begins at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday - Menu is chicken pot pie, baked potato with sour cream, margarine, green beans, Mandarin oranges and wheat bread.

May 1 - Menu is BBQ pork on whole wheat bun, baked sweet potato, pinto beans and snickerdoodle cookie. Blood pressure checks will be available. Bingo begins at 10:30 a.m.

Fohs college funds offered

The Fohs Hall, Inc. Scholarship Fund expects to award up to \$2,000 in scholarships for the academic year 2019-2020. Deadline for applications is May 31. Each year the Fohs Hall, Inc. Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to students with a demonstrated history of community service. The scholarships require a good grade point average, but they are not primarily academic scholarships. Fohs Hall, Inc. scholarships are available to anyone pursuing post-high school education or training and are not limited by age of the applicant. Vocational training qualifies.

Special consideration is given based on demonstrated financial need. Obtain an application form by calling Linda Schumann at (270) 965-3332.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Fohs Hall Scholarship Fund may mail it to P.O. Box 1, Marion, KY 42064.

Applications available for June conservation camp

Interested in trees, bugs and critters?

If so, the Crittenden County Conservation District invites high school students entering their junior or senior year to attend a week-long camp exploring forestry and related fields.

The Kentucky Forest Leadership Program will be held June 2-7 at UK's Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center, approximately 20 miles west of Somerset in Jabez.

Educational topics include forestry, entomol-

ogy and wildlife. Students will be introduced to forestry careers, develop life-long learning skills and gain insight in how humans, wildlife and natural resources interact. Examples of activities include fire management, forest evaluation, water quality evaluation, insect or

wildlife biology and population surveys and habitat assessment.

Campers are responsible for a non-refundable \$50 registration fee and transportation to camp. The Conservation District will pay the remaining \$450, which covers food, lodging and materials. Applications are being

accepted through May 3.

This is not a recreational camp, and only 30 students statewide will participate.

Visit the Crittenden

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We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone for all the kind words, cards, gifts, food and most of all prayers for us during the sickness and passing of our loved one, Shirley Crowell. Also, we want to thank Crittenden County Health and Rehabilitation, Dr. Greg Maddux and Crittenden Hospital for the care you gave to her.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS
Upcoming Games

CRITTENDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
THURSDAY
Baseball at Lyon County
Softball hosts Lyon County
FRIDAY
Baseball at University Heights
Softball at Graves County
Fresh Softball at McLean County
SATURDAY
Baseball DH at Mayfield
Fresh Baseball hosts Webster
MONDAY
Baseball at Webster County
Fresh Baseball at Trigg County
Softball hosts Hopkinsville
TUESDAY
Track at Harrell Inv. at Murray

BASEBALL
Fredonia youth league

Anyone interested in playing coded youth baseball at Fredonia can register starting at 6 p.m., Friday, May 3 or from 2-4 p.m., on Sundays on May 12, 19 or 26 at the park. There will be a division for T-ball ages 4-6 and coded little league for ages 7-10. For more information, call Bayley McDonald at (270) 601-0973.

BASKETBALL
Turley back in Ky.

Crittenden County alumnus Allie Turley has been named the new girls' head basketball coach at Madison Southern High School in Berea, Ky. Turley, 39, is a 1998 graduate of CCHS and the nephew of Kentucky basketball hall of famer Curtis Turley. Allie Turley has been in Florida for several years where he's been a high school science teacher and basketball coach at a couple of high schools and a small college. He is also formerly the director of basketball operations for the women's team at Eastern Kentucky University. Turley's wife was recently hired for a position with the University of Kentucky, which prompted the move back to Kentucky, he said.



What mean these stones?

Schools researching championships to commemorate them with banners

STAFF REPORT

There's a seldom quoted story in the Bible that describes how Hebrew leader Joshua had the Israelites build a stone monument on the west bank of the Jordan River to commemorate their triumphant crossing into the so-called Promised Land.

Joshua told his followers, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' You are to tell them..."

Perhaps that is where we get an inherent urge to memorialize events.

Crittenden County High School is on a mission to create some "stones" of their own, even though they're much belated in some instances.

With the encouragement from Superintendent Vince Clark, the CCHS athletic department and student council have undertaken the project to hang banners in Rocket Arena recognizing district, regional and state champions in athlet-

ics.

Crittenden County Athletics Director Sean Thompson said a rendering of the banners has been completed and much of the research has been done. He credited school librarian and student council sponsor Jennifer Bell with helping ramrod the project. Additionally, The Crittenden Press and local sports historian Andy Hunt have been instrumental in providing information for the undertaking.

Thompson said the original plan was to have the banners hung by graduation this spring. However, some setbacks may postpone their unveiling until the next school year.

While mainline sports are among those that will be recognized, there is an effort to find records for cheerleading, band and perhaps other activities.

Anyone with additional information that would benefit this project is encouraged to contact Thompson or Bell at the high school.

TEAM SPORTS

Football
State Champions
1985
Regional Champions
1963, 1985, 2008
District Champions
1963, 1985, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2008, 2017, 2018

Volleyball
District Champions
2006, 2018

Soccer
District Champions
2015

Girls' Basketball
Regional Champions
2011
All A Regional Champions
1998, 1999, 2001, 2008, 2011, 2017
District Champions
1978, 1984, 2011, 2017, 2018

Boys' Basketball
All A Regional Champs
2000
District Champions
1951, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1998, 2018

Softball
District Champions
2015, 2018

Baseball
District Champions
1957, 1986, 1993, 2000, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012

INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

Golf
Regional Champions
■ Melissa (Jones) Tabor, 1979 and 1980
■ Lauren Gilchrist, All A Classic 2018

Track & Field
State Champions
■ Jeremy Croft, long jump, Class A, 1994
■ Clark Wheeler, High Jump, Class A, 1970
■ Jim Willoughby, 880 Yard Run, Class A, 1974
■ Tim Hill, 100 Meters, Class A, 2004
■ Tim Hill, 200 Meters, Class A, 2004



PHOTO BY ELLIE MCGOWAN
Crittenden's Ian Ellington scores against Webster Monday with Braxton Winders rounding third and close behind.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Rockets Baseball Leaders
Through April 22 (25 or more at bats)

Player	AB	H	RBI	Avg.
Caden McCalister	28	13	8	.464
Payton Riley	48	20	5	.417
Trace Adams	46	17	9	.370
Ian Ellington	32	12	3	.375
Ben Evans	39	11	4	.282
Jayden Carlson	37	10	6	.270
Maddox Carlson	45	11	8	.244

Lady Rocket Softball Leaders
(40 or more at bats)

Player	AB	H	RBI	Avg.
Ashlyn Hicks	50	26	13	.520
Matthia Long	53	25	19	.472
Jenna Potter	48	20	10	.417
Brandy Book	53	21	29	.396
Ellie Smith	51	20	12	.392
Jessie Potter	47	17	8	.362
Kalli Champion	61	21	14	.344

SECOND REGION

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BASEBALL	SOFTBALL
Lyon County 15-5	Webster Co. 17-4
Henderson Co. 12-9	Henderson Co. 16-2
Hopkinsville 10-6	Christian Co. 16-3
Union County 10-8	Lyon County 14-7
Christian Co. 9-5	Crittenden Co. 10-8
Trigg County 9-8	Trigg County 11-11
Crittenden Co. 8-7	Livingston Cent. 8-6
Madisonville 8-7	Madisonville 8-7
UHA 8-8	Hopkinsville 8-11
Caldwell Co. 8-8	Caldwell Co. 7-10
Livingston Cent. 5-9	Hopkins Central 6-12

JUNIOR VARSITY RECORDS

■ Crittenden County High School's JV Rockets are 9-2 this season.
■ The softball JV Lady Rockets are 5-4-1 on the season.

SOFTBALL

Lady Rockets need a win Thursday for 5th chance

A disappointing loss at home to Trigg County on Tuesday has put the Lady Rockets in a position where it must beat Lyon County on Thursday if the girls hope to win at least a share of the Fifth District regular-season championship.

Trigg ripped 16 hits and took advantage of five Crittenden County errors to win 10-2 going away, posting five runs in the last two frames.

Although the weather forecast for Thursday doesn't look too good, Crittenden knows it will have to beat a team it hasn't bested in two previous tries in order to keep their title hopes alive.

"If we beat Lyon, it could force a three-way tie and coin toss for the district, if we take care of Livingston later," said Lady Rocket Stephen Smith.

Against Trigg, Crittenden pitcher Jenna Potter gave up just five earned runs, striking out four and walking one. Offensively, however, the girls couldn't get going. Potter had three of her team's seven hits. Ellie Smith had two more.

CCHS lost to Lyon County in the All A Classic championship game and had a big lead in their first meeting at Lyon before a late-inning meltdown.

Lady Rockets rock Storm
Crittenden County posted back-to-back five-run innings in the third and fourth to overcome the Lady Storm 15-8 at Marion on Monday.

The Lady Rockets were down 8-7 when they got hits by Ashlyn Hicks, Kalli Champion, Brandy Book, Ellie Smith and Emmie Smith to take the lead for good in the home half of the fourth.

Book and Jenna Potter drove in three runs apiece and Hicks and Matthia Long knocked in a couple each. Long and Emmie Smith doubled in the game and seven



PHOTO BY ELLIE MCGOWAN
Lady Rocket infielders gather at the pitching rubber just before the start of an inning Monday. Crittenden beat Hopkins Central in the contest at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

Lady Rockets had a multi-hit game, headed by Potter and Ellie Smith with three apiece.

Potter pitched a complete game, allowing seven earned runs, striking out nine and walking just one. Hopkins Central had 11 hits in the game and Crittenden made five fielding miscues to let the Storm stay close.

Hayes, Hicks rattle Cougars
Jada Hayes and Ashlyn Hicks had three hits apiece as Crittenden County whitewashed McLean County 13-2 last Tuesday at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

The Lady Rockets ripped Cougar pitching for 16 hits, including five doubles. Brandy Book, Jenna Potter, Ellie Smith and Kalli Champion had two hits apiece and Champion had two RBIs.

Potter pitched a complete game, going five innings because of the mercy rule. She struck out five and walked no one. Just one of the two runs she yielded was earned.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
Pre-Season Jamboree

There will be a pre-season jamboree Saturday, April 27 at Marion-Crittenden County Park featuring multiple age groups of youth baseball and softball teams. This will be the official kickoff to the little league sports seasons in the Lakes Area Baseball and Softball League. Only Crittenden teams will be participating in this day-long event.

GOLF
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Deer Lakes Golf Course will host the Livingston Hospital Foundation 4-Person Scramble on Saturday, May 11 at the 18-hole course in Salem. There will be a 9 a.m., shotgun start. Contact the pro shop to register at (270) 988-4653.

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TRACK AND FIELD
Hutchings ties mark

Crittenden County High School junior Natalie Hutchings has tied the school record in the high jump. Hutchings jumped 4-feet-10 inches in a meet earlier this season at Morganfield. The leap was good enough to tie the girls' track and field school record, which is also held by Breanna Cozart. Cozart's jump came in 2008 in the Class A First Region meet.

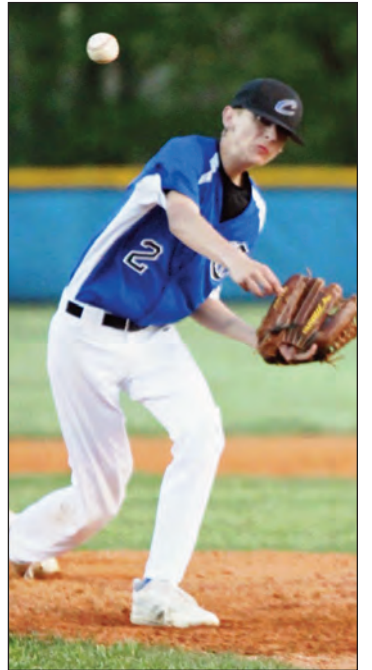


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Rocket pitcher Erik O'Leary pitched well in relief Monday as CCHS beat Webster.

Gordon B. Guess Field in Marion on Monday.

The Rockets trailed 6-0 out of the chute, but rallied with five runs in the home half of the fourth, then tacked on two more in each of their final two at bats to improve to .500 on the season.

Junior Erik O'Leary was stellar in a relief role on the mound. He came on with one out in the fourth and finished the game for a victory. O'Leary struck out one and walked none, scattering two hits over the game's final 3 1/2 innings. He had spelled starter Jayden Carlson.

The defense put a charge into the team with great plays in the outfield, particularly catches by Payton Riley and Braxton Winders. There were also two outfield assists in the game and three double plays by the Rockets.

Offensively, the Rockets used eight hits, led by sophomores Braxton Winders and Ian Ellington with two apiece, to score its win. Trace Adams, Ben Evans, Payton Riley and Jayden Carlson each had RBIs.

BASEBALL

Rockets beat Trigg Co.

Sophomore Ian Ellington pitched a complete game won and Crittenden County won its first regular-season district game since May of 2017 with a 6-3 victory at home Tuesday night.

Ellington struck out eight, walked two and gave up two earned runs in his second win of the season.

Jayden Carlson paced the offense with two hits, scored two runs, stole a base and knocked in one run.

The Rockets are on the road Thursday against streaking Lyon County, winners of 11 straight.

Rocket defense sparks win over Webster County

Thanks to some spectacular defense, Crittenden County came from behind to beat Webster County 9-6 at

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Former teammate says Sestina could be UK darling

When it comes to Nate Sestina, any information from Matt O'Reilly is likely to be biased because the two became such good friends during their basketball careers at Bucknell University where they were on the team together for four years.



Larry Vaughn
UK Sports Columnist
Vaughn's Views

Now Sestina is coming to Kentucky as a graduate transfer and O'Reilly says the 6-9 Sestina is someone Kentucky fans are going to love.

"He is super family oriented and generated his values through his love for his family and God and that shows. He'll do anything for you if he loves you and he has a pretty infectious attitude," O'Reilly said. "He's from a very small town (Emporium, Pa.) and that frequently shows, but that's not a negative thing by any means.

"He's very down to earth, values the important things in life, and is a really fun guy to be around. He used to be incredibly shy, but he's grown a lot as an individual and his personality and warmth has become one of his strongest traits. Can't say enough good things about the guy.

"If you're looking for a media darling and fan favorite, Sesti is your guy! He's warm, humble and definitely isn't hard on the eyes. He will most definitely fill that role."

O'Reilly is from California but knows plenty about Kentucky basketball because he played his senior season at Prolific Prep, a team that came to Kentucky to play in several basketball showcases while he was there.

"We played in a couple of tournaments, playing primarily at McCracken County High School. We were met with ridiculous hospitality — credit to Melanie Burkeen, a member of BBN, and the entire Burkeen family who welcomed us with open arms and made us feel like family," O'Reilly said.

"One of my teammates and close friends Josh Jackson actually took an unofficial visit to Kentucky on one of our trips and I joined him. I have had a couple of close friends join BBN, like Skal Labissiere for example, and have seen the ways in which it can change your life."

Sestina was redshirted his freshman year due to an injury and then played behind Zach

Thomas and Nana Foul-land for two years before averaging 15.8 points and 8.5 rebounds per game last season while shooting 53.6 percent from the field and 38 percent (41 of 108) from 3-point range. He scored in double figures in 27 of 31 games.

"What impressed me the most about Nate over his time at Bucknell has been his patience and his diligence. He has been steadily on his grind, working hard to achieve great things, yet he remained patient waiting for his time to showcase the hard work he put in," O'Reilly said.

"He never got down or pouted playing behind two amazing players in Zach Thomas and Nana Foul-land, just remained patient and worked and ultimately you can see the ways it worked out for him. That's very rare in a guy as gifted and hard working as Nate is."

That's why Sestina's teammate doesn't say his decision to commit to Kentucky as much as a transfer from Bucknell as it is a "decision to set himself up for success" in the future.

"He didn't choose to leave Bucknell. He loves the school and our teammates unconditionally and every player and coach that he's been around in his time here understands that," O'Reilly said. "He chose to take a chance on himself, knowing he's given everything he had to Bucknell for four years."

"It is always surprising to see someone go to



Sestina

Kentucky. However, he deserves it, and any real fan of Bucknell knows that!"

Kentucky's roster again will be in flux. Reid Travis, last year's graduate transfer, has graduated. Sophomore PJ Washington along with freshmen Keldon Johnson and Tyler Herro have left for the NBA. Sophomore Jemarl Baker is transferring. Kentucky has five freshmen coming in along with Sestina to go with returning players Ashton Hagans, Emmanuel Quickley, Nick Richards and EJ Montgomery.

"Sesti has learned a lot from some incredible leaders here at Bucknell and is ready and able to take on that same role at Kentucky," O'Reilly said.

Some wonder exactly how he will fit in at UK after playing in the Patriot League. Travis was a two-time all-conference selection at Stanford. Sestina was a second team all-conference pick last year.

O'Reilly says not to worry because Sestina will be just fine.

"I think that Nate provides coach Cal with a talent that is quite different from what Kentucky has seen recently. He is tall, unexpectedly strong and no doubt a front court player. However, his ability to really stretch the floor while also rebounding at an extremely high level will greatly benefit Kentucky, as coach Cal knows," O'Reilly said.

"He will also be a huge addition in regards to experience and leadership. Seeing the ways in which Travis was a key for this year's Kentucky team, Nate is a great fit to continue that trend. He is experienced, wants to win, loves his teammates and works extremely hard. His presence in a locker room full of young lottery talent is extremely valuable."

Travis had to adjust to the enormous spotlight that is on Kentucky basketball daily. O'Reilly knows Sestina will have some of the same adjustments to make after playing at Bucknell and not being highly recruited out of high school.

"Coming from a tiny town, moving towards a small school in Bucknell, Nate had to make a number of adjustments. These adjustments will be far greater as he moves to Kentucky," O'Reilly said. "However, Nate has matured steadily every year that I've known him, and he has the drive and support system to be suc-

cessful regardless of the circumstance."

Because he wants to focus on his senior season and helping Louisville Christian Academy win a state championship, offensive lineman John Young has decided to make his college choice on April 29.

"I have visited all the schools I want to see," the 6-6, 285-pound Young said. "I have never been close to committing to any school. I never wanted to rush. I wanted to take all my visits so I could make an informed decision. I haven't exactly made my final decision. I just put a deadline on it to get it done. I have found a couple of schools with great academics, great football, great coaching staff. So I've got an idea about what I want to do."

Young is a four-star recruit ranked among the nation's top 25 offensive tackles and one of the top five players in Kentucky. His final six schools are Kentucky, Louisville, Purdue, Ohio State, Georgia and Michigan.

Young says he has "always been a Kentucky fan" and has watched UK football his whole life, including going to games. His father is a former Louisville cheerleader, his mother went to Western Kentucky and his 21-year-old sister, Sarah, goes to Louisville.

"I have gotten a lot of phone calls from fans, people that have been important in my life," Young said. "I love all the supporters. Fans of all

the teams have been very gracious. The final decision will be mine but my parents and sister have been a big part of this process. I would never go where my family didn't want me going."

Young says his sister is "really important" in his life. That's why she's been a vital part of his recruiting process and has gone on a couple of official visits with him.

"I am seriously listening to her. She has always been someone I can talk to about stuff I might not be comfortable talking to my parents about," the offensive lineman said. "She's a huge part of this process. She's not a big sports person but she knows football. Having her around is such a great asset for me. I love having her around. She is leaving me alone and not pushing any one school. She's just there to help."

Most recruiting analysts consider Young a lock for Kentucky. But he says new Louisville coach Scott Satterfield has impressed him.

"I have hit it off with the new coaching staff. I was not a huge fan of the old one (Bobby Petrino)," Young said. "They have talked to me a lot and I think they can turn the program around."

He says he is "comfortable" around Kentucky coach Mark Stoops and his staff — and notes again that he's always been a Kentucky fan.

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FESTIVAL

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Extension Service Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences at the time, for launching what would become the overall festival.

"It started as a fundraising event for the Homemakers," Ford said.

Initially, Fohs Hall was the epicenter of the festival, with a lunch served, quilt show and guided bus tours of the Amish community leaving from the historic building. It began as one day, with Hunt, Ford and other Homemakers acting as tour guides for people from around the world who spilled over from Paducah.

The draw to Marion during QuiltWeek for quilt enthusiasts the world over is clear, Ford explains.

"They're anxious to see the traditional quilts," she said. "That is what they want to see. They say that over and over."

At the Paducah quilt show, most of the entries are machine-quilted, not sewn by hand like the traditional quilts that comprise the bulk of entries at local quilt shows.

"Some of the older quilts have such small stitches, its almost a lost art," Ford added.

Though individual groups still host their own events, like the Homemakers' annual Backroads Quilt Show at Marion City Hall, Marion Tourism Commission has taken on promotion and coordination of the overall community celebration of quilting and tours of the Amish community.

With separate events

and self-guided tours through the Amish community, it is difficult to gauge just how many people the annual Amish Tour and Backroads Festival draws to Crittenden County each year. But estimates are in the hundreds, with visitors from numerous states and several countries.

Ford said the local quilt shows have become a place for people to meet annually and catch up with one another.

"I am proud of what it has become. I think all the Homemakers would say that," she said. "It has turned out to be a nice tourist attraction."

Events scheduled this weekend for the festival include:

- Self-guided tours of the Amish community with maps and information available both days at Marion Welcome Center.

- Welcome Center Quilt Show featuring antique and collector quilts both days.

- Woman's Club Quilt Show at club headquarters on East Carlisle Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

- Marion United Methodist Church Quilt Show in the sanctuary off South College Street 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

- Backroads Quilt Show at Marion City Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

- Amish Market and Craft Bazaar on Marion Commons both days.

- Friends of Crittenden County Public Library book sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Student CREWs giving back

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County is a tight-knit community that supports its youth year-round. For the first time ever, those same students have the opportunity to return the favor through Civic Responsibility Engagement Week, or CREW.

This real-world experience is the result of months of planning by Crittenden County High School Principal Mandy Irvan and her administrative team. It is designed to allow students the opportunity to both explore future career interests and give back.

"Our students learn and grow from giving back to the community (that) does so much for them," said Irvan. "This week is about giving them an authentic learning experience and having our community partners share with them in their learning. Authentic audiences make their work more meaningful."

Students in grades 9-11 are taking part in service learning projects under teacher supervision at locations throughout the county, including Mapleview Cemetery, Crittenden County Animal Shelter, Marion-Crittenden County Park, Mary Hall-Rudiman Animal Shelter and Tolu Community Center. Some students are remaining at the school and making improvements on campus, such as painting the high school annex and making repairs and improvements at Rocket Stadium. Many community partners have donated supplies, including paint, mulch, lumber and hardware.

About two dozen CREW members put in hundreds of man-hours this week at Marion's two largest cemeteries - Mapleview and Old Marion Cemetery.



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High school students (from left) Braydon Hill, Lathen Easley, Seth Peek, Ethan Shewmaker and Luke Mundy level and sow grass on a gravesite Monday at Mapleview Cemetery as part of the school's Civic Responsibility Engagement Week.

Bill and Marlene James, two Mapleview Cemetery Board members who oversaw activity there, were impressed with their work ethic.

"We got two or three months worth of work done in two days," Marlene James said, adding that the labor expense for the amount of work completed would have made many of the projects cost prohibitive to complete all at once.

CREW members hauled off brush, filled in low-lying areas, cleaned and mulched landscaping at the cemetery entrance, and performed general maintenance such as trimming trees and fixing monuments at the old cemetery.

"I just can't say enough good about these young people," said Mapleview President Dianne Newcom. "What a blessing it has been to work with them. They are very polite and hard working."

"We as a community should be very thankful

that we have the young people we do and teachers and school system we have. They are very willing to give back to our community."

Sophomore Trace Adams and a team of other students have been making improvements to the soccer fields at the park. He's enjoyed the change of pace this week and is thankful for the chance to give back.

"As a Rocket baseball player, I know first-hand how fortunate we are to have a community who backs us," said Adams. "I'm glad to get the chance to say thank you by taking part in CREW."

Coinciding with CREW is job shadowing for seniors. Irvan said job shadowing gives soon-to-be graduates valuable exposure to future careers.

"Exposure to potential career paths allows our students to make decisions for their own futures. This can either help them be more motivated toward success or help them real-

ize they may be better suited for another career, saving them time and money," said Irvan.

Senior Shelby Summers has an interest in public relations and is shadowing the marketing department at Baptist Health Paducah. She has visited many different areas in the hospital, including neurology, orthopedics and patient relations to see how marketing interacts with all service lines to share common messages with its stakeholders.

"Through this shadowing opportunity, I hope to gain a better understanding of how marketing and public relations go hand in hand with the healthcare field," said Summers.

CREW will wrap on Friday, but Irvan plans to make the event an annual occurrence.

"CREW gives students exposure to skills they may not even realize they have and allows them to discover a passion for helping others in a community that does so much for them."

QUILT

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the quilting world and introduce possible enthusiasts to what many believe is a "dying art."

However, despite the naysayers, Eldridge feels the craft is far from dwindling.

"Most say quilting is a dying art, but I see more and more people getting into it all of the time. It's a lot of hard work, but the results are beautiful," Eldridge said.

Although the craft of quilting has not been lost, the techniques and purposes have changed since it began to blossom. Where quilting was once considered a necessity as a source of warmth, the majority today are used for display to brighten up a room, to comfort a baby or to showcase at exhibits around the world.

With 50 quilts under her belt, Eldridge requires up to three months at a time to complete them, depending on size and intricacy. She has made many exclusively for family and friends and strives to make each quilt unique by utilizing various shapes, sizes and patterns. However, she includes a hint of turquoise in many of them as her signature.

Eldridge often uses a technique many quilters call "appliqué," which is the process of sewing smaller pieces of fabric onto a larger background, making for a dynamic and colorful piece. Her most recent project was creating a quilt out of the neckties of a client's father, a gift said to tell a story full of sentiment.

Inspiring Eldridge's passion for the art, her sister dabbled in quilting frequently and left her tools and a variety of educational books with Eldridge when she died from breast cancer in 2001. Eldridge took the books into her possession, sparking an interest that has become a hobby.

She studied the books frequently and learned extra tips and tricks through workshops she attended. Eldridge recalls her and her grandmother sewing clothes when she was younger, and she says that lent itself to her skills and precision needed for her quilting projects today.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Rose Eldridge's quilts come in a variety of patterns and colors. At top, the quilt hanging on the wall, one she dubs "Starburst," was completed last year and was one of the most challenging she has quilted. The quilt on the bed was also made by Eldridge. Just above, this quilt was made for Sheila Blackburn out of her father's t-shirts. Eldridge said she really enjoyed making this one.

"Quilting became very therapeutic," Eldridge recalls. "I love going out to work on them, whether I'm piecing blocks or doing finishing touches. I will turn the radio on, and it takes me to another world. I think that is what draws many people in."

Eldridge will be on hand Saturday, along with some of her quilts, at the Backroads Quilt Show. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside Marion City Hall, with the Peoples Choice award announced near the close of the show.

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