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ONE DOLLAR

Back to the Opry!

Cutter and Cash and The Kentucky Grass are heading back to the Opry in June. Fresh off their first appearance on that coveted Nashville stage earlier this month, the local entertainers are now scheduled to be part to of an Opry Sunday special hosted by Brenda Lee. Patriot Tours is once again putting together trip packages that include chartered bus transportation and tickets. The show starts at 4 p.m., June 9.

Grad Week Schedule

Crittenden County High School's schedule for Graduation Week ceremonies have been announced and there are some changes this year. Graduation will be on the football field and Class Night will be on Tuesday instead of its customary time later in the week. This is one of the larger graduating classes in recent years, so the school decided to move commencement outdoors to accommodate an anticipated large crowd. Graduation is at 6 p.m., on Friday, May 24. Guests may sit in the bleachers on either side or bring lawn chairs to sit in a designated section on the field behind the graduates. Class Night on Tuesday, May 21 and Baccalaureate on Wednesday, May 22 will be in Rocket Arena at 6 p.m., each night. In case of inclement weather for Friday's graduation, the ceremony will be moved back to Rocket Arena. Due to safety regulations, there is a limited amount of seating available inside the arena. Therefore, each senior would be given 11 tickets in advance of Commencement Week activities to share with family and friends for entry into graduation.



Crossing the isle

A new dating survey has discovered that 16 percent of single Kentucky Republicans would be unwilling to cross the isle to look for a chance of walking down one. According to DatingAdvice.com, almost 3-in-4 singles in Kentucky (71%) remain open to dating across the political spectrum. This was above the national average of 63%. However, some say it's not an option. As for Democrats, 13% say they would not date a Republican voter.

Voter postcards

Voters are getting a postcard this week regarding their new precinct. Changes have been made in virtually all precincts, including precinct name changes. A few hundred voters will be moving to a new precinct for the first time in the May 21 primary. The card coming to your mailbox will provide details about precincts and current representation on local government such as magisterial and school board. Information on when and how to vote is included on the postcard. If you do not receive one, contact the county clerk's office.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Fiscal Court meets in special session at 3:30 p.m., on Friday, April 26 to consider presentation of its Fiscal Year 2025 budget and payments for its new office complex.

County considers broad nuisance law

STAFF REPORT

Consideration is being given by Crittenden County magistrates for a broad nuisance ordinance that would help protect county property owners and hold accountable those who let pets roam freely to harass or kill livestock and individuals who let trash pile up on their properties.

Although the topic has arisen at various times over the past 25 years, county leaders have never had an appetite for developing such regulations. When the City of Marion created planning and zoning strategies in the 1990s, the county had an opportunity to participate, which could have allowed regulations to extend five miles beyond the city limits. However, the county did not accept that opportunity.

The city has its own nuisance law, which was actually used more than two decades ago to prosecute a case against chicken broiler houses on the edge of town.

The fiscal court now appears open to some type of measure to curb complaints that have been mounting about blight, free-ranging dogs and cattle running at large to name a few.

"I don't think we want to get into zoning and planning or full-blown code enforcement," said Judge-Executive Perry Newcom, "but we need something to address these issues."

Sheriff Evan Head told magistrates during last week's regular fiscal court meeting that one local farmer recently lost multiple goats to a neighbor's dog. The county's animal control officer investigating the situation found the dog with

carcasses of the goats and took the dog into custody. It was later released to its owner.

"It seems like it's always the smaller livestock," Head said. "You don't know how hard it is to tell someone that has lost \$5,000 worth of goats that there is nothing I can do. His only recourse is to sue the dog owner in civil court."

Head said he receives "dog calls" every week. The sheriff cited another situation where a landowner has inadequate fencing for livestock.

"We've had to shut down Highway 91 multiple times because their cows and horses are getting into the road," the sheriff said. "I cited them in March and so far we haven't been called back."

County Attorney Bart Frazer said livestock owners who have trouble with free-

ranging pets are generally justified in shooting them if they are harassing or killing livestock.

Magistrates have asked the county attorney to draft a model ordinance that they can consider at a later time, perhaps at next month's regular meeting on May 16.

There was also some discussion among county leaders about implementing a building permit ordinance. Judge Newcom said state building inspectors have suggested it might be the best way to help them know where development is taking place and that structures – particularly tiny houses – are properly inspected for plumbing and power. Newcom said it would also benefit the county's property valuation administrator, who is responsible for assessing property for tax purposes.

Spring tourists typically seeking Amish goods

STAFF REPORT

Marion can expect some day-tripping tourists this week because of the annual American Quilters Society AQS Quilt Week in Paducah. However, local tourism director Michele Edwards believes traffic will more than likely be down a bit, continuing a recent trend.

"It's just been like that ever since COVID," Edwards said, pointing to the spring of 2020 when America was largely closed for business due to the pandemic.

There is no organized Backroads Tour in Marion. That also stopped with COVID and hasn't been resurrected. Still, Edwards anticipates a recognizable bump in the number of tourists from Wednesday through Saturday this week.

"The Amish community is open and thriving," said Edwards. "That's what most people come for."

Maps of Amish community stores and artisans are available at the Marion Welcome Center on Main Street. There are 15 locations on the map. Edwards said one bakery in the Amish community is temporarily closed. Otherwise, all Amish locations shown on the map are open and continue to be a strong draw. A handful of new greenhouses are also open this spring. Edwards reminds everyone that those businesses are closed Sundays and on Ascension Day May 9.



A couple of women from West Paducah were visiting Marion last week and stopped by the Welcome Center on Main Street to pick up a map of the Amish community.



Qualifying issues to get a prescription card:

Epilepsy multiple sclerosis, chronic nausea or vomiting, cancer, severe or chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Cannabis on minds of local leaders

STAFF REPORT

City and county officials have been responding to a new Kentucky law that will make medical cannabis available in every community across the commonwealth.

After the matter was broached at last week's Marion City Council and Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings, it appears that the county is taking a posture of prohibiting businesses that would sell medical cannabis products while it remains unclear what position the city might take.

Magistrates voiced their opposition to allowing the sale of so-called medical marijuana in its jurisdiction; however, the city

could opt to allow it within its borders.

Kentucky legislators in March of 2023 approved the state's Kentucky Medical Cannabis Program and Gov. Andy Beshear signed it into law. Last week, Gov. Beshear signed House Bill 829, which among other things, moves up a timeline for cannabis business licensing from Jan. 1, 2025, to July 2024. That means applications are just around the corner.

City council members were virtually expressionless when the matter was discussed in its regular meeting. Magistrate Dave Belt quickly reacted to it during last Thursday's fiscal court meeting.

He expressed a desire to pass a prohibition immediately. After some further discussion, magistrates asked the county attorney to style an ordinance of prohibition and have it available at its May meeting.

County Attorney Bart Frazer pointed out that cities and counties have until Jan. 1 to decide if they want to exercise prohibition rights against the sale of medical cannabis.

Cannabis, unlike alcohol, which is prohibited unless local options are taken to make it legal, will be legal statewide unless local options

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2 arrested in airport burglary, another sought

STAFF REPORT

A traffic stop in Lyon County last week solved a burglary at Marion-Crittenden County Airport even before anyone knew it had happened.

About 7 a.m., Friday, Lyon County Sheriff Brent White observed a 2018 Ford F150 King Ranch pickup truck driving carelessly on US 641. After the sheriff's vehicle

pulled behind the truck, the driver abruptly turned off the roadway at a closed business, heightening suspicion.

Further investigation led to Sheriff White detaining Jacob R. Walker, 33, of Marion, who was driving the vehicle, and a passenger, Mika R. Kitrel, 35, of Metropolis, Ill. Kitrel originally portrayed herself as someone else.

In the bed of the pickup

were multiple items which raised suspicion. Sheriff White was able to identify some of the items and upon contacting the owner, it was determined that the items and vehicle had been taken from the airport in Marion.

Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head was alerted and after joining the investigation, he determined that six hangars at the airport had

been burglarized. More than \$50,000 in property was discovered stolen from the airport.

Surveillance video indicated that Walker and Kitrel, and perhaps a third individual, were inside hangars going through personal items belonging to pilots for about three hours. The pickup

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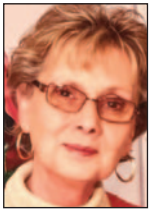
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Deaths

Hastings

Linda L. Hastings, 77, of Benton, died Sunday, April 14, 2024. She was born June 6, 1946 in Detroit, Mich., to Fred and Ruby Latham Stinnett. They moved to Crittenden County when Linda was 2 years old. She always considered Kentucky her home. She worked in the secretarial field for some wonderful companies and made many friendships through the years. Surviving are her husband and best friend of 35 years, Richard Hastings; a sister, Barbara Butler; a stepson, Cole (Jael) Hastings; two step grandchildren, Asher and Emilie; a sister-in-law, Brenda Stinnett; and eight nieces, Cynthia, Debbie, Lisa, Kim, Jennifer, Kathy, Chase and Julia.



She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Bob, Mark and Clifton Stinnett; a nephew, Bill Adams; a sister-in-law, Clara Stinnett and two brothers-in-law, Harold Adams and Monroe Butler. Services are at 1 p.m., Thursday April 18 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mexico Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m., until service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society or the charity of your choice.

Brantley

Jo Ann Brantley, 77, of Marion, died Monday, April 15, 2024 at Baptist Health Madisonville. She was a member of Marion

First Christian Church. Surviving are a daughter, Kimberly Jo Koscinski of San Antonio, TX; two grandchildren, Sydney and Jacob Koscinski of San Antonio; two nephews, John Hamilton of Marion and Jason Brantley of Iowa; and a niece, Nari Hadden of Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents, Bennie and Mary Brantley; a brother, Bennie Brantley, Jr.; and a sister, Mary Fritts. Services are at 2 p.m., Saturday April 20 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from noon until service time at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 13770 Noel Road, Suite 801889, Dallas, TX 75380.

Flahardy

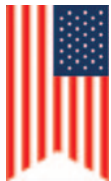
Michael K. "Mike" Flahardy, 67, of Lexington, formerly of Marion, died Friday, April 12, 2024. Surviving are his wife, Sheila of Lexington; two children, Aaron of North Carolina and Amber (Jonathan) Hartman of Virginia; and six grandchildren, Mason of North Carolina, and Mikalah, Nathan, Kaitlin, Steele and Dean of Virginia; five brothers, David (Nelda), Richard, Larry/Dwain (Linda), Donald (Cynthia) and Randolph/Randy (Phyllis); two sisters, Penny Bodnar and Barbara (Bud) Byrge; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Randolph "Todd" and Lobertha Flahardy; a



brother, Kenneth Flahardy; and a sister, Mary Connors. In accordance with his wishes, Flahardy was cremated and his ashes will be scattered during a celebration of life Saturday, April 27 at the family cemetery in Ridgeway, Ill. Orndoff Nickie Dale Orndoff, 72, died Thursday, April 18, 2024 at his home in Nortonville. He was a pilot in the river industry. Surviving are a son, Stephen (Jenny) Orndoff of Nortonville; three grandchildren, Stephen Orndoff, Jr., Gabriel Orndoff and Luke Orndoff. He was preceded in death by his parents, W. A. "Cat" and Mary (Barger) Orndoff; a sister, Irma Dean Perrin; and a great-great-grandson, Jaxton Orndoff. There will be no service at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Faughn

Dale Faughn, a distinguished teacher, military veteran and accomplished individual, died Sunday, April 21, 2024 at the Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson. He was born Nov. 8, 1925 in Lamasco. His legacy is one of dedication and excellence in various aspects of his life. He dedicated 61 years to the field of education after earning a master's degree in education and being recognized in both the National Teacher Hall of Fame and the Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame. He visited 28 uni-



versities and colleges during his career, providing recommendations for improvement. Faughn trained as a scout sniper and served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the battle of Iwo Jima and witnessed the historic raising of the flag on Mt. Suribachi. He was a charter member of Unity Baptist Church of Fredonia and held the Guinness World Record for oldest regular blood donor in 2016 (and continuing to donate blood up to 2023), serving as the Kentucky Poet Laureate, appearing on prestigious game shows like the \$64,000 Challenge and Jeopardy, receiving a Science award from a U.S. President, and being one of the top candidates in Kentucky for the tragic Challenger Space Shuttle mission in 1986. Surviving are Phillip Faughn (Renee) of Dixon, Stephen Faughn (Pam) of Fredonia, Mark Faughn (Kay) of Princeton, Paul Faughn (Debbie) of Hanson, Ruth McClure of Princeton; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Wayne and Dora Faughn; his wife of 71 years, Virginia Faughn, two sons, Timothy Faughn and Nathan Faughn; a brother Herman Faughn; two sisters, Ilene Faughn and Lillian Faughn; a grandson, Cody Brent Stewart Faughn; and a son-in-law, Rick McClure. Services are at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 27 at Fredonia First Baptist Church Activities Building (Old Fredonia School). Visitation will take place from 4-8 p.m., Friday, April 26 and from 10 a.m., until the service on Saturday, April 27. Bro. Mark Faughn, Bro. Ken Cummins and Bro. Danny Sherrill will officiate.

Community Calendar

Call (270) 965-3191 to share your organization's meetings in this free, weekly community calendar.

Thursday, April 25

- Line dancing class is at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
- Homemaker Cooking Club meets at 1:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex.
- Crittenden County Public Library Board meets at 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 27

- Former employees of Moore Business Forms will meet at noon at La Delicia in Marion. Call (270) 704-6787

Monday, April 29

- Beef Quality Assurance training is at 6 p.m., at the Extension Annex. Call the Extension Office at (270) 965-5236 to register.

Tuesday, April 30

- "Let's Play Pickleball" will be the Extension leader lesson at 10 a.m., at the Extension Office. Pickleball, America's fastest growing sport, is across between ping pong, badminton and tennis.



McKinney on Wall of Fame

Jacob McKinney joined the Crittenden County Public Library's Wall of Fame after reading 1,000 books before he began kindergarten last fall. This year's summer reading program begins in June. The library will host a free event, Prime Time Family Reading, from 3:30-5:30 p.m., every Thursday in May with dinner, door prizes, giveaways and presentations by professional storytellers.

Board buys vehicle, OKs contracts

The Crittenden County Board of Education approved several payments April 18 related to the ongoing Crittenden County Middle School construction project along with the following:

- Purchase of 2024 suburban for use by food service, utilizing food service funds.
- The contract for vision teacher Crystal Moore for the 24-25 school year at a rate of \$65 per hour, unchanged from this year.
- Annual contract for \$130,000 for the 24-25 school year with Penny-rile District Health Department for two school nurses and one clerical assistant. The cost is the same rate as the current school year.

Beard earns KSBA award

Crittenden County senior Allie Beard recently was presented Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) "First Degree Scholarship." The scholarship is awarded to eligible high school seniors who will be first in their immediate families to complete a postsecondary degree program. Beard joined only three others across the Commonwealth in receiving a \$2,500 scholarship. "Knowing only four of us across the state were selected makes me feel accomplished and incredibly grateful," Beard said. "I knew right away that Allie was perfect for it," said CCHS guidance counselor Laura Poin-dexter. "She has spent countless hours in my office talking about her goals and dreams. She is always striving to achieve, and I am so proud of the wonderful



Pictured with CCHS senior Allie Beard (center) following receipt of the Kentucky School Boards Association scholarship are (from left) board member Eric LaRue, Superintendent Tonya Driver, board members Tim Grau and Bill Asbridge, board chairman Chris Cook and board member Ryan McDaniel.

things in store for her future." Beard plans to attend Murray State University in the fall, where she will major in biology and

complete pre-med coursework. Eventually she hopes to obtain a doctorate in anesthesiology.

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Tell us in writing why your mom is deserving of special recognition. One winner will be chosen and featured by The Crittenden Press and showered with gifts from The Press and our sponsoring partners.



Crittenden County auctioned a variety of items and fixtures from the former courthouse in downtown Marion on Saturday. For sale was everything from bathroom urinals and court benches to bubble gum machines. County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom said the county made a few thousand dollars after expenses. The bubble gum vending machines sold for more than \$100, but courtroom benches went for less and no one wanted the bathroom fixtures. “We wanted to give everyone a chance to have a piece of courthouse history if they wanted it,” Newcom said. The courthouse will be torn down soon to make way for a new justice center.

Crittenden County Detention Center



DETENTION CENTER REPORT

APRIL 2024

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count is an average for last month.

- Federal Inmates \$57 Per diem
- State Inmates \$35.34 Per diem
- Lyon County Inmates \$36.00
- Other County Inmates \$32.00

MARCH	
Total Receipts	\$354,286.41
Disbursements	\$320,641.24

JAIL CENSUS	March 2024 Avg	Feb. 2024 Avg	Monthly Average 2023
State Inmates	82.67	87.45	99.25
Federal Inmates	77.7	77.86	57.85
Other County Inmates	20.17	20.76	12.78
Critenden County Inmates	17.21	17.21	13.81
TOTAL INMATES	197.82	203.28	183.75
Highest Daily Count	205	211	—
Lowest Daily Count	189	201	—

Last Month REVENUE	February 2024	February 2024	Monthly Average 2023
State Housing Payments	\$87,007.08	\$89,622.24	\$105,704.89
Federal Housing Payments	\$132,867.00	\$128,706.00	\$85,958.25
Federal Transport Payments	\$13,714.87	\$13,744.00	\$8,245.58
Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$19,944.00	\$20,196.00	\$14,880.00
Other County Housing Payments	\$1,472.00	\$1,312.00	\$666.67
Weekend/Work Release	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$296.00
TOTAL HOUSING		\$253,580.24	\$208,736.23

Last Month ANALYSIS			
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$20,768.00	\$15,968.00	\$14,986.67
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	649	499	468.33
County Daily Housing Rate	\$32.00	32	\$32.00
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	21.63	17.21	15.44



Trash Sculptures

Awards were doled out last month for the Crittenden County 4-H’s annual trash sculpture contest. Honors are presented by the West Kentucky Regional Recycling Center. Pictured are (front from left) Emarie Cox, Mattie Moss, Shane Hunt, Tia Belt, Blakelee Green, (middle) Jenna Fuller, Jacey Ramey, Jessica Ramey, Londyn Newcom, Charlotte Vince, Bryce Dayberry, Mady Perez who won the teacher award, (back) Abigail Ramey, Abigail Korzenborn who was regional champion in her age group, won \$260 in prize money and was Beset of Show in the county and Caroline Martin.

4-H Winners Piggy Bankers

Winners of the 4-H Piggy Bank Contest sponsored by Farmers Bank in correlation with Kentucky Saves Month are (from left) third place Macie LaRue, bank representative Danielle Myatt, second place Charlotte Vince, and first place Kanyon Piper.



Cumberland River Homes resident keeps eye on UK changes

In the midst of a Kentucky basketball transition, there is one man really fired up about Coach John Calipari taking the Arkansas job. That man is none other than Troy Toby.

Troy is an incredible gentleman, who is part of the phenomenal community at Cumberland River Homes. We had a visit recently, and our biggest discussion was how horrible the situation had become in Lexington. We both agreed it would be fate alone to get Cal out of Rupp Arena.

Fate has a funny way of working things out, in more than just sports.

Born in Louisville, Troy is one of two children of the late Don and Thelma Toby. His parents saw a need for a group home in the area and helped de-

velop what is now known as Castlewood Group Home in Lexington. Troy spent over 20 years there.

After his parents moved to Benton upon retirement, they were looking through a newspaper just like this one, and saw an advertisement for Cumberland River Homes. Troy was soon moved to Salem and has found a beautiful environment to experience life. And yes, a place to watch plenty of games on a television sports package just for him.

Troy’s love for sports comes from his father, Don, who took him to many sporting events growing up.

Troy tells me whether it’s basketball or baseball, it doesn’t really matter to him; he just enjoys the game.

He is sharp on all of the stats, players and coaches and has his own opinion on what they should do on the playing field.

Cumberland River Homes Day Training Manager Jimmie Yates tells me Troy is a true asset to their community, and it is completely evident in seeing him in the spotlight.

Troy also enjoys singing, listening to music and to giving the girls who help care for him at CRH a run for their money. His “Honeys,” he calls them.

Troy keeps them entertained and most definitely in line – two of them that I will not name are his favorites and it’s no secret who they are: Kenzie McKinley and Yates. I was also put on the list during my visit but the jury is out on whether I will be there upon return. I’m wondering, too, where Mark Pope will be on his list? Troy’s mother and father gave him the best opportunities and remind me much of how much family means to us.

I thank God daily for



Troy Toby and CRH’s day training manager Jimmie Yates look over some ball cards. This spring Press columnist Kayla Maxfield is regularly visiting Cumberland River Homes in Salem to bring stories about its residents to our readers.

my own family being so close knit, and Troy feels the same way about his. Between his brother, Ken, and nieces, Troy is well loved.

As well as his biological family, Cumberland River Homes also sees Troy as family and it is a beautiful reminder of how fate is evident all

around us. Cumberland River Homes is located in Salem and also provides at-home care.

AIRPORT

Continued from page 1 truck left the airport at 3:08 a.m.

Walker was arrested in Lyon County and charged with criminal trespassing, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of fentanyl and receiving stolen property over \$10,000 (automobile). In Crittenden County, Walker has not been officially charged, but Sheriff Head said pending are six counts of felony burglary. Charges are also pending against Kitrel.

In Lyon, Kitrel was charged with criminal trespassing, first-degree possession of controlled substance (methamphetamine), third-degree possession of controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, receiving stolen property over \$10,000 (automobile) and theft of identity of another without consent.

Kitrel and Walker were lodged in the Crittenden County Detention Center.

Marion Police Department assisted both agencies and also charged Kitrel with five Kentucky arrest warrants and one Illinois arrest warrant.

Sheriff Head said another man, Jason Miller, 45, of Marion is also wanted for questioning in the case. Anyone with info on his whereabouts is asked to call police.



MARCH 2024

Activity Report

Here is Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head's monthly activity report for his department.

	2023 Avg	
	March	Monthly
Collision Investigated	5	5.25
Complaints	63	54.58
Papers Served	34	28.83
Service Attempts Failed	3	8.17
Total Service Attempts	74	56.17
Transports	3	3.17
Special Detail	59	37.83
Training Hours	74.25	11.42
Verbal Warning	37	11.25
Criminal Citation	8	5.33
Officer Assist	1	4.75
Building Checks	82	59.92
Total Manhours	823.5	486.46
Bailiff Court Hours	87	47.48
Cases Opened	9	9.58
Felony Arrests	3	3.67
Followup Investigations	21	9.42
Misdemeanor Arrests	10	6.92
Motorist Assists	12	6.08
DUIs	1	0.42
Traffic Citations	17	6.42
General Policing	146	69.83
Call for Service	8	23.75
Vehicle Inspections	67	-
Meet w/Schools	1	-

SHERIFF EVAN HEAD



heart scans Give Mom the Gift of Heart Health this Mother’s Day

A heart scan, or CT Cardiac Scoring, is a Computed Tomography (CT) exam used to evaluate the coronary arteries for plaque and other anomalies to determine if you are at risk for heart disease. The exam only takes 15 minutes, there is no prep and it is non-invasive. Answer the questions below to find out if you are at risk.

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- Men Over 45, Women Over 55

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Crittenden Press Letters to the Editor

Cumberland River Homes fundraising

To the Editor: Cumberland River Homes is a 501c(3) non-profit in Salem. We provide supports for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. These supports include staffed residential living, family home providers, day training, community access, supported employment, etc. We are undertaking a huge project in the acquisition of run down and falling down buildings in downtown Salem. The purpose of the acquisition and demolition is to rebuild additional space to

expand services for the individuals we serve. These individuals are the most underserved of our population, 95 percent have no family involvement in their lives and opportunities for integrated, normal lives are few. We want to change that. The new facility will include employment training, a store and restaurant where they can have employment and integration opportunities. Additionally, it will include providing space for the expansion of positive behavior supports, community access and case management areas. We are out of space, and the need for the services we provide is unmet. Kentucky has over 5,000 individuals on a waiting list to receive services. We are having a fundraiser to launch this project. It will be

a family festival on the parking lots of Salem Baptist Church and Cumberland River Homes on May 11 from 10:30 a.m., until 5 p.m. There will be all kinds of activities and live music throughout the event. We would appreciate your consideration of supporting our efforts with a donation that will be used exclusively to improve the quality of life for many. Donations are tax deductible and can be made to Cumberland River Homes, 111 N. Hayden Avenue, Salem, KY 42078. Please come join us, you might find me in a dunking booth.

Jim Wring
CRH Director
Salem, Ky.

Endorsing Bechler

To the Editor: On April 18 Murray College Republicans overwhelmingly voted to endorse Lynn Bechler in the race for Kentucky's first State Senate district. Lynn's decade-long tenure in the state house proved beyond a doubt that he can be counted on to deliver for his constituents and our conservative values. Throughout his time in Frankfort, Lynn was consistently recognized for his advocacy for pro-life issues, gun rights and fiscal responsibility. As a state representative, he was not just a reliable conservative vote, but a true leader as demonstrated by his sponsorship of several key bills such as legislation banning sanctuary cities, protecting women's

sports from transgender confusion and rolling back overreaching pandemic mandates. Over the last four year's voters have watched as so-called Republicans in the senate voted for huge tax-and-spend budgets, established a DEI commission, and failed to pass the bill allowing for the School of Veterinary Medicine at Murray State. It's clear we need to elect someone to shake up the Frankfort swamp and Lynn Bechler is the man we can trust to do just that. The Murray College Republicans encourage every registered Republican across the 1st State Senate District to cast their vote for Lynn Bechler.

Bill Nichols
President
Murray College
Republicans

Downtown Salem update

Owners of six Salem buildings involved in a partial collapse earlier this year are submitting timelines for demolition or repairs. Building inspections conducted in early March indicate all but two structures are repairable without substantial work. Mayor Gary Damron said two property owners will need to make tough decisions fairly quickly. Buildings owned by Cathy Reece and Christine Hunter have the most severe damage. Before the city stepped in and closed businesses on the north side of Main Street, Reece had moved her dog grooming business out of personal concern in February. Since then other businesses adja-

cent to Reece's have been closed until each is repaired to meet state guidelines. Salem City Commissioners have discussed reports submitted by structural engineers hired by each property owner and all received passing grades, according to Damron, except Reece's building and another vacant building owned by Christine Hunter. "Most received recommendations for minor repairs, things that are unique to each property," Damron said. "Ewin Ledbetter has started on his repairs, and there is a lot more to do, but that is the only movement so far." He said Reece's inspection report references demolition and is the



most urgent in the downtown district. Businessowner Elliot West is approved to re-open her flower shop after the front of Reece's building is braced. Engineers advised she must close during Reece's demolition, but she is thankful she has a path forward.

No pay raise: Magistrates

Magistrates last week forewent giving themselves at pay raise, but Crittenden County will be giving a few other elected officials a 3.4-percent raise based on the Consumer Price Index. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2025, starting July 1, the county attorney, assistant county attorney, coroner and deputy coroner will be receiving

the pay hike. Magistrates, who earn \$778.50 monthly, opted to keep their pay the same for the coming year. Pay rates of all other county elected officials are set by the state.

Day chosen for appeals board by fiscal court

Charlie Day, branch manager at First United Bank in Marion, was chosen by magistrates to serve a three-year term on the Tax Assessment Appeals Board. Day will replace Mark Williams on the board. Williams' term had ended. Other members are Steve Watson and Rosanne Chandler. The board hears appeals of tax assessment matters filed by local taxpayers.

CANNABIS

Continued from page 1 are exercised to outlaw it. So, while businesses can apply for a sales license starting July 1, there is a risk of doing so early because cannabis products they want to sell could soon be prohibited in various towns and counties. The state's medical marijuana bill is quite narrow, allowing prescriptions for only residents with epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, chronic nausea or vomiting, cancer, severe or chronic pain and post-traumatic stress disorder. A proposal to this

year's general assembly to expand the law to 21 qualifying conditions failed to gain adequate support. Schools will also need to respond to the new law by deciding whether they will allow students with a prescription to use medical marijuana on campus. Medical cannabis that will be sold to prescription card holders will be in the form of edibles, oils, tinctures, vapes and raw plant material. Recreational marijuana use is still a crime in Kentucky, although it is no longer an arrestable offense on its own merit.

Grand jury indicts seven this month

STAFF REPORT Crittenden County Grand Jury issued seven indictments this month, including those for burglary, illegally possessing weapons and dangerous driving on public roads. A grand jury does not determine guilt or innocence. It merely decides whether enough evidence exists to continue prosecution of a case in circuit court. Following are those indicted during April. •Douglas K. Burke, 62, of Marion was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), second offense; and misdemeanor charges of DUI, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia; and a traffic violation for reckless driving. A status hearing is set for June 13 in his case. Burke was arrested after crashing a moped on West Mound Park at around 4:12 p.m., on March 14. •Charles L. Harbert, 20, of Salem was indicted on a Class C felony charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct and second-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot). A pretrial conference is set for May 9. Harbert was arrested after police had gone on March 16 to a home on East Bellville Street looking for him to serve two warrants. Harbert ran from the residence and was chased down the street before being apprehended. He resisted arrest, according to the citation, and was tased. A handgun was found in his right front pocket. •Shawn Michelle King, 48, of Joelton, Tenn., was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of substance (methamphetamine); misdemeanor charges of DUI, operating on a suspended or revoked driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia; and a traffic violation for having an open alcohol beverage in a vehicle. King's case has been heard in circuit court and it is set for final sentencing on May 9. King was arrested at a state police traffic check point at 7 p.m., Feb. 25 on KY 365 at the US 60 intersection. •John E. Lutz, 34, of Marion was indicted in two criminal cases. In the first case, he's indicted on a Class C felony charge of attempted first-degree assault of a police officer, two Class D felony charges of first-degree wanton endangerment of a police officer and first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle); misdemeanor charges of second-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot); and failure to maintain vehicle insurance; and traffic violations for reckless driving, disregarding a stop sign, improper turning and improper passing. Court records indicate that Lutz had fled from a Caldwell County deputy around 9 p.m., on March 13. When Crittenden County Deputy Boyd Bates attempted to stop the vehicle on Mott City Road, Lutz allegedly rammed the deputy's cruiser and was traveling 90mph in a 45mph zone. He later crashed at the intersection of US 641 and Mott City Road just south of Marion. In the second case stemming from a previous case, Lutz is indicted on a felony charge of theft of a motor vehicle plate/decal; a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana; and traffic violations for failure to have a vehicle registration. A pretrial hearing is set for June 13. •Coy McDowell, 27, of Sturgis was indicted on a Class D felony charge of third-degree burglary and a Class A misdemeanor charge of possession of burglary tools. McDowell is scheduled

for a pretrial conference on May 9, but he was also sentenced earlier this month to a six-month sentence for contempt of court following an outburst on front of the judge. •Walter Timmerding, 63, of Covington, Ky., was indicted on a felony charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), second offense; and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. A pretrial conference is set for May 9. Timmerding was arrested in November 2023 after Sheriff Evan Head located him and another person sitting in a vehicle at a residence where multiple reports of trespassing had been received. •Matthew J. Lawson, 27, of Cadiz was indicted on felony charges of theft of a firearm and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Court records indicate that on March 22 Lawson took a Smith and Wesson handgun he was not authorized to have.

50 YEARS AGO

April 25, 1974 ■ The three-day Rocket Festival '74 grew into a huge undertaking by the students and faculty at Crittenden County High School. The festival included numerous activities ranging from games for children to a tour of CCHS Hall of Fame featuring outstanding students from days of old. The fundraising effort was planned to earn additional money for curriculum materials and supplies. ■ Paul E. Mick, president of the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce, presented the 1974 President's Award to Jim Hatfield. Hatfield was recognized at the conclusion of the Chamber's annual meeting for his distinguished community service. ■ The Crittenden County Fiscal Court fixed the fate of the old jail building as it decided to allow a new library to be built on the lot after completion of the new jail. Some efforts had been made to save the old structure, but the costs of repairing the building proved too great.



nual Back Roads Tour Quilt Show. The winning entry was nearly 100 years old and was pieced by her grandmother. She called her quilt "Recycled" because it was made from scraps of material from other items. ■ Children at Tiny Tot Day Care got an interesting lesson in environmental stewardship while celebrating Earth Day. The students' lesson started about a month prior as they began watching the three stages of the butterfly from caterpillar to cocoon and then to three beautiful painted lady butterflies. ■ Rocket hurlers Derek Sherer, Brandon Sherer and Brad Guess combined for a no-hit shutout as Crittenden County made short work of Christian Fellowship Academy, defeating the Eagles 10-0 for the first time in two years.

10 YEARS AGO

April 25, 2014 ■ Layten Maxfield graduated from the public safety dispatching academy at the Department of Criminal Justice Training after five weeks of

courses. ■ It was a magical spring break for Justis Duncan. He and his family explored the sights and sounds of Disney World, Sea World and Universal's Islands of Adventure. His mother, Jeania Short, said the vacation was made possible by the Make-A-Wish Foundation in concert with the Give Kids The World Village, a 70-acre non-profit resort where the family stayed in Florida. ■ Crittenden County High School social studies teacher and Horizons Club instructor Kim Vince took six high school students to China on a cultural experience. "I think the students took away an understanding of a different culture. I said from the beginning that they are just people," Vince said. "We had one of the greatest guides you could ask for. He was very accommodating about telling us as much as he could about Chinese history."

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

25 YEARS AGO

April 29, 1999 ■ Isabelle Vaughan displayed her award for Best of Show in the an-

It’s always best to finish what you start

A few years ago, I finally decided that I needed to read “War and Peace.” I chose it as my nighttime reading. Yes, there were nights when I dozed off. There were paragraphs that I read multiple times. It took me about three months to get through it – on some tired nights I read only a page or two. When I finished, I realized that Tolstoy was not. I pushed through the two epilogues. The fascinating thing was that after I finished the second one, I finally had a slight grasp on my three months investment. The extra time and effort made the previous time more meaningful. Most events have an



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

equivalent to an epilogue. I have a practice of staying to the end of sports events, concerts, or movies even if my team is losing badly or I am disappointed. There have been a few times when the expected outcome changed suddenly – especially at sports events. Watching young men and women compete and grow up when the reality of winning or losing sets in after the game is over is a blessing. Winning and losing reveal character, especially those games that are not close or end with heartbreak for one side. Staying to the end and watching the responses of players, coaches, fans,

and family members can be fascinating. There is a feeling of disgust that overcomes me when fans pour out of stadiums or arenas at high school or college events. The same sort of emotion hits at recitals when the parents of children who are early in the program do not show the courtesy to stay for the others. The children are watching and learning. Teach them to read the whole book. This makes their events and recitals about “us” rather than “me.” It teaches them, in an extremely low-risk environment, to stay even if it costs them something or is unpleasant or a little boring. It teaches them to finish what they started and help others cross the finish line as well. We live in a world of highlights and big plays. Sports gambling has reduced some watching to split screen scoring plays only in football. It has us

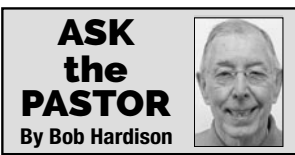
chasing statistics and cheering for spreads to be covered, or not. Many consume news in the same way – highlights seen through the lens of how things benefit “me.” Of course, we want summaries and highlights. That’s not the problem. What is a problem is when the summaries, highlights, and big plays become the only way we gather our information. This leads some to live their lives in pursuit of one sensational event or action after another. There can be no levelling off. What can then get lost is a deeper understanding of life. Things are then staged to produce a desired response. The beauty of what happens when human beings interact is lost to the desire to be seen by producing drama. We see this happening in some parts of American Christianity as well. It is no longer enough for people to gather for worship

of God and fellowship with other believers. It requires noise, smoke and a show because attracting people (being seen) has superseded calling people to discipleship. I think this happens when we don’t read the whole book. The Bible is a lengthy and complex book. As literature it is diverse, grammatically challenging, and contains the best poetry in the world. (Read Job if you are in doubt about this.) It has, within its pages, all the correctives we need when we begin to head off into the ditches of life or theology. The thing is some of us enjoy the ditches we inhabit (me included). Some of us are so settled in our ditches that we forget we are in one and those we teach don’t even know there is a road. The corrective for this is to read the whole book.

Especially the parts we do not like or seem irrelevant. We also must remember that people are like books with a context. We do not often get to see the preface, prologue or acknowledgements. It is those things that can have a profound influence on what parts of The Book we read and how we read it. Reading the whole book, trying to understand the context of others, and staying until the end of events will all serve to make our lives more relational. It will be less about highlights, being seen, and preferences, and more about depth, seeing, and service. Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.

Should I become a vet or go into the gospel ministry?

Question: When I was young, I decided I wanted to be a veterinarian working with large animals. Recently, I’ve been feeling a call to some area of gospel ministry. How can I know whether to pursue a path of veterinarian work or that of the gospel ministry? A: When we trust and obey Jesus, we put ourselves in the position for Him to do amazing things in our lives. Either path can be filled with adventure and meaning for



you. The familiar saying is true, *Where God Guides, He Provides*. Of course, I can’t tell you which vocation to pursue, but here are ways you can discern God’s will. The primary way God reveals His will is through the Scripture.

The words of the Bible are inspired and as we read them, God speaks to our hearts and directs our paths (Prov. 3:5 & 6). In your prayers, ask God to show you which direction He would have you to follow. God answers prayers. He will give you peace of mind about the direction you should follow. Also, it’s important you spend time talking to trusted, mature Christian friends and leaders about your direction

in life. Seek their counsel and let them speak insights into your lives. Whether you go into veterinary medicine or full-time gospel ministry, God calls all Christians to become an active, vocal witness that others may follow Christ and experience His blessings. Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you’ll catch men” (Lk. 5:10). Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday’s 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church’s clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 4-5:30 p.m., third Wednesday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

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Saturday, May 4 - E.J. Saint

**Meal to follow Saturday service
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THANK YOU

The family of Barbara Riley would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits and support given to us during this difficult time. Special thanks to those that provided food and gifts of sympathy. Thank you Bro. Steve Tinsley for the kind words and the staff of Myers Funeral Home for coming together to provide a beautiful service honoring her life.

Sons,
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Pastor: Tim Burdon
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Sunday Night Service: 6 p.m. where everyone
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87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion
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Sun. Evening services, 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening services, 7 p.m.

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Opera House provided local entertainment

The Opera House
Marion once had an Opera House, also known as the Town Hall. It was located on West Bellville Street on the second floor between what we knew as the Western Auto Store (now the fire station) and Gilbert Funeral Home, which was then Tucker Furniture and Casket Store.

Located on the ground level were Tucker and Foster Garage, Givens Cafe', Souder's Restaurant and Meat Market, R. F. Wheeler Grocery and Moore and Pickens Millinery (where Alan Stout's law office was located).

The opera house was higher than the two end stores and you entered by a double-wide stairway leading from the sidewalk between the Western Auto Store and the store next to it. It was one long room over these stores.

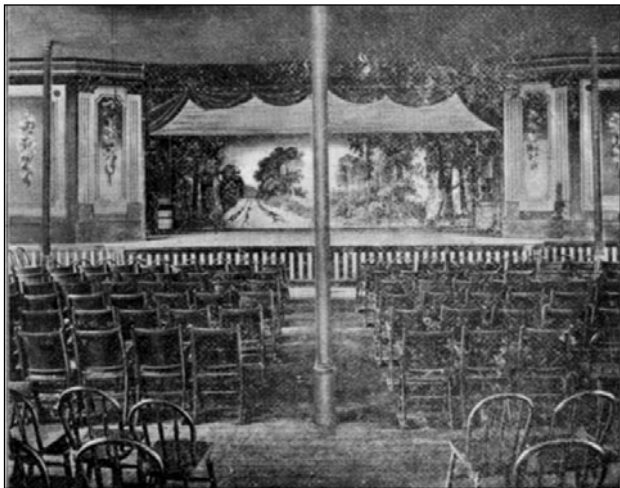
Marion's Opera House was the setting for many entertaining events for the community. The inside was decorated very artistic, as the walls were covered with colorful tapestries, and a handsome detailed painted screen set the backdrop for the stage.

The entrance hall was also adorned with lights and beautiful pictures, the whole effect giving the theatre a very pleasing appearance. The Opera House provided all kinds of entertainment for the citizens of Marion and the surrounding area. Local plays and musical entertainment, all kinds of traveling shows, which included magic, hypnotism shows and recitations by actors. The Marion city schools also held plays and graduations there.

Hypnotism Act
In the early 1900s one of the programs was a hypnotism act. Stanley W. Hart, known as the Laugh King, gave a series of demonstrations of hypnotism. After a pleasing explanation concerning the science of hypnotism, Dr. Hart invited those desiring to test their susceptibility to come on stage. A number of young men



The town artist's drawing of the Opera House and surrounding buildings before it burned was published in the 1895 illustrated edition of The Crittenden Press. Also known as the City Hall, it was a gathering place for all kinds of programs.



Also published in that same edition was a rare look inside the Opera House. Shown are the detailed painted screens and hand painted backdrop for the stage.

responded and were made to dream that they could not open their eyes, could not put their fingers together, that they were fishing, driving a horse race and a dozen ludicrous things.

With his brother, J.S. Hart, he performed several tests in catalepsy truly wonderful, the most remarkable being the human bridge, the young man being hypnotized and suspended by head

and feet between two chairs and a committee of five men sat on him, an aggregate weight of 975 pounds.

Two subjects were placed in a state of anesthesia and two that pins thrust their arm and cheek, showing the utility of hypnotism in minor, major or dental surgery.

Dr. Hart was a graduate of the New York Institute of Science, the leading college of hypnotism

of the world.

Fiddling Contest
In April of 1902 the Opera House was the scene of a fiddling contest. The old time melodies charmed the audience for over two hours and it proved to be among the most successful entertainment Marion has ever enjoyed.

The Opera House was packed with people, and 34 old fiddlers decorated the stage with their goodly appearance and charmed the listening throng with their old time melodies.

When the curtain rose, the 34 violins were pouring forth the stirring strains of "Dixie" and the audience rose to its feet and cheered and cheered.

After this came the contest between six of the fiddlers with the "Arkansas Traveler." Dr. W. F. Randall form Hopkinsville won the prize.

The greatest interest centered on the contention for the decision as the "best Old Time Fiddler." All of the old pieces were heard in this, Dan Tucker, Yankee Doodle, Old Black Joe, Billy in the Low Ground, Leather Breeches, Natchez under

the Hill, Fisher's Hornpipe and Devil's Dream. Each fiddler chose his own piece.

The prize hung in the balance until J. H. Johnson of Fords Ferry, the man with the green fiddle, stepped to the front and began his medley of all these old tunes. His soft tones of the zephyr, stormed, screeched and cooed. In a minute he had the crowd with him and in two minutes had demonstrated that he was the master of the occasion, and throughout the evening he was the favorite. He won the capital prize.

Marion's own boys won the plaudits of the audience. Those present and entering the contest were James M. Loovorn, Charles M. Davis, William Marvel, W. S. Crider, Forrest M. Brightman, W. S. Duvall, James H. Johnson from Fords Ferry, Moses A. Nelson from View, Ellis Dalton and Edgie Gregory from Dycusburg and from Blackford, Leeson Lawson, Gus Quirey and Barney Thurman.

Every contestant carried home a handsome silk handkerchief and a pair of socks. James Johnson, the winner, who lives at Fords Ferry, played a fiddle made by a Fords Ferry man, Mr. Lee Yeakey. He is an artist craftsman.

Edgie Gregory, doubly talented, of Dycusburg, edged in with his banjo to the delight of the audience.

Fire Claims Opera House
Marion's Opera House was the place for the entertainment of Marion and surrounding areas from the late 1800s until January 10, 1921. Once again the fire demon claimed this busy business block of Marion. No one was

certain where or how the fire started, though some thought it started in the butcher shop.

The fire was discovered by Harry Moore and he promptly gave the alarm to the telephone operators, who promptly notified the fire chief and the light plant. The fire whistle immediately sounded.

The opera building was very combustible and the fire spread rapidly. When the fire department arrived on the scene the blaze was so well underway that it defied all efforts to extinguish it. Soon the buildings on each side were ignited, those occupied by the Marion Hardware Co., Moore and Pickens, and the dry goods store of Dave O. Carnahan.

The newly organized fire

department worked like veterans. Through their efforts the onward sweep of the flames was checked at the Foster & Tucker garage.

When this burned section was finally rebuilt, the Opera House wasn't rebuilt. A beautiful old piece of architecture was lost to future generations of Marion, as so many were in those early days, due to the destruction of fires.

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 24-03: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #23-03 ADOPTING THE CITY OF MARION, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 07/01/2023 THROUGH 06/30/2024 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a regular meeting held on April 15, 2024, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a special called meeting of the City Council held on April 4, 2024, at 5:00 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

	General Fund	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	ABC Fund	Municipal Aid	LGEA Fund	Rest./Motel	Total
Revenues								
Property Tax	464,127 382,956						299,500 266,500	
Payroll/Net Profits	583,761 480,000							
Intergovernmental Payments	333,050				155,992 65,934	200		
Interest & Miscellaneous	5,267,655 165,330	10,600	4,938 3,500	91,000 80,000	493	9	50	
Insurance Tax	210,000				400			
Water Sales		618,951 575,000						
Sewer Sales			426,006 420,600					
Service Chrgs.		7,500 30,000						
Penalties		15,000						
Environmental fee			692,142 705,000					
Loan Proceeds			5,000,000					
Franchise Fees								
	114,500							
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,973,093 \$1,685,836	\$652,051 \$611,200	\$6,123,086 \$6,129,100	\$91,000 \$80,000	\$156,485 \$66,334	\$209	\$299,550 \$266,550	\$14,295,474 \$8,839,229
Expenditures								
Administration	1,007,508 557,322	37,575 26,575	153,545 147,177	89,500 79,540				
Appropriations (Lake George relief)	19,000 7,768							
Police Dept.	543,284 533,284							
E911 Dept.	293,850							
Fire Dept.	62,484							
Street Dept.	105,000 95,000							
Lights	91,191 80,000							
Planning and Zoning	25,218 20218							
Building Fund								
Water Plant		5,082,909 374,520						
Sewer Plant			5,355,426 5,325,426					
System Maint./Debt	254,541 206578		235,814 195,010					
Public Transp.					121,425 101,425	1,525 1,425		
Tourism							299,550 265,554	
TOTAL EXP.	\$2,147,535 \$1,658,987	\$5,375,025 \$607,673	\$5,744,785 \$5,667,613	\$89,500 \$79,540	\$121,425 \$101,425	\$1,525 \$1,425	\$299,550 \$265,554	\$13,779,345 \$8,240,428
Projected Net Increase (Decrease):	\$4,825,558	(4,722,974)	\$378,301	\$1,500	\$35,060	(1,316)	\$0	\$516,129

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

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Carport sale May 2-3, 8942 U.S. 60 East next to Nunn Switch Rd., Marion. Heavy rain postpones until next week. End table, white Christmas tree, small narrow table, lot of different size shoes, purses, Christmas decorations and pictures, lots of men's and kids' clothing, kids' shoes, adult clothes up to 3X, new shoes, new clothes with tags Nike, Dockers, Magellan, Tom, Old Navy brands, toys, home décor, picture frames, toys, new bras, bathing suits, puzzles, throw pillows and lots more. (270) 883-0299. (1t-17-p)

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notices

Notice is hereby given that on April 17, 2024 Michelle Leigh Logan of 115 West 900 North, Clesterton, IN 46304 was appointed executrix with will annexed of Gordon Lewis Dickey, deceased, whose address was 306 South Main St., Marion, KY 42064. Hon. Robert Frazer, P.O. Box 361, Marion, KY 42064, agent for service of process.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the agent for process with will annexed on or before the 17th day of October, 2024 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-17-c)

Notice is hereby given that on April 17, 2024 Melinda Gipson of 100 Twin Lake Rd., Marion, KY 42064 was appointed executrix of Charles O. Freeman, deceased, whose address was 100 Twin Lake Rd., Marion, KY 42064.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executrix before the 17th day of October, 2024 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-17-c) LaDelicia Mexican Restaurant, dba La Cantina with an address of 109 Morningside

Drive, Marion, KY 42064 hereby declares intention(s) to apply for NQ4 Retail Malt Beverage Drink License, Quota Retail Drink License and Special Sunday Retail Drink License. The business to be licensed will be located at 109 Morningside Drive, Marion, Ky. 42064. Doing business as La Cantina. The owner, Graciela Bruce of 346 Rail Road Hill Road, Grand Rivers, Ky. 42045. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE3, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days (KRS 243.430) of the date of this legal publication. (1t-17-c)

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bid notices

The Crittenden County Board of Education will be accepting sealed bid(s) for a 2024 Chevy Suburban LS (call Wayne Winters (270) 965-3866 for spec list). All bids must be received by Tuesday May 7th 2024 at 1 p.m. at which time they will be opened. Bids will be received at the Crittenden County Board of Education, 601 West Elm, Marion, KY 42064 and must be marked "SEALED BID". The Crittenden County Board of Education reserves the right to decline any or all bids. Please contact Wayne Winters with any questions at (270) 965-3866, or wayne.winters@crittenden.kyschools.us (1t-17-c)

The Crittenden County Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for trash pickup and pest control services for the 2024-2025 school year. Please submit sealed bids to: Crittenden County Board of Education,

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be made. Please contact Bridgette Porter with any questions regarding bid specifications at (270) 965-3525. (1t-17-c)

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Special Called session of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court will be held at the County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, KY on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. for the primary purpose of approving final Construction payment application, Fiscal Year 2025 Budget presentation and review, Fiscal Year 2025 employee benefit review, Public Hearing for proposed FY 25 CRA / LGEA fund use, and First Reading of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) FUNDS.

A public hearing will be held by Crittenden County Fiscal Court at the County Office Complex, 200 Industrial Drive, Marion, Kentucky, on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. during a special called meeting of Crittenden County Fiscal Court for the purpose of obtaining citizens comments regarding the possible uses of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) funds.

All interested persons are invited to the hearing and to submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments, should call the Office of the County Judge Executive at (270) 965-5251 or e-mail comments to cct@crittendencountyky.org by 3:30 p.m. CST, Thursday, April 26, 2024, so that arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2024-01: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE 911 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARION AND CRITTENDEN COUNTY FOR 911 EMERGENCY SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Marion, Kentucky, at a special called meeting held on April 22, 2024, at 5 o'clock p.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Marion Code of Ordinances, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at its regular meeting of the City Council held on March 18, 2024, at 5 o'clock p.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to execute the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement dated June 30, 2021 with the Crittenden County Fiscal Court regarding 911 Emergency Communication Services. The full text of the Ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the City Building, Marion, Kentucky, where it is available for public inspection.

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 24-O-003: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE 911 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARION AND CRITTENDEN COUNTY FOR 911 EMERGENCY SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING THE JUDGE/EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE SAME

Notice is hereby given that the Fiscal Court of Crittenden County Kentucky, at its regular meeting held on April 18, 2024, at 8:30 o'clock a.m., gave second reading and passed and adopted an Ordinance relating to the Ordinances of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court, which Ordinance had been given its first reading at a special called meeting of the Fiscal Court held on March 19, 2024, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. A summary of the Ordinance is as follows:

This Ordinance authorizes the Judge/Executive to execute the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement dated June 30, 2021 with the City of Marion, Kentucky regarding 911 Emergency Communication Services.

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

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April 18, 2024

INVITATION FOR SEALED BID FOR REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 119 SHADY LANE MARION, KENTUCKY

The City of Marion, Kentucky, a City of the Home Rule Class, has declared as surplus property the real estate located at 119 Shady Lane consisting of approximately .3 acres with improvements and identified as PVA Parcel Map 058-30-07-003.00 and being the same property conveyed by the Master Commissioner, by Deed dated March 14, 2024, and of record in Deed Book 250, at Page 261. Crittenden County Court Clerk's Office.

Sealed bids will be accepted in person at City Hall or by US Mail, postage prepaid, at 217 South Main Street, Marion, Kentucky 42064. Sealed Bids must be received at City Hall no later than **12 p.m. (Noon) Central Standard Time Friday May 3, 2024**. The bid opening shall occur in public at 12:05 p.m. Central Standard Time same date. Bidders or an authorized representative must be present at the bid opening. In the event the bidding is successful, the prevailing bidder must be prepared to deposit no less than 20% of the bid to the City on that date and to close and tender balance of funds in full to the City within 30 days. The prevailing bidder is responsible for all closing costs, including deed preparation, transfer tax, and recording fees and should have a title examination performed at their own expense prior to closing. The City of Marion reserves the right to reject any and all bids and a reserve is set in the amount of \$3,000.00.

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REDUCED - Crittenden County - 66.5498 Acres - \$360,000
This property offers an idyllic rural lifestyle with all the comforts of home. The 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom, 1,664-square-foot residence provides the perfect backdrop for a peaceful life.

Crittenden County - 71.46 Acres - \$232,250
Situated in an area renowned for its big bucks, this all-timber hunting tract offers an exceptional opportunity for avid hunters seeking their next trophy.

Crittenden County - 83 Acres - \$285,900
Nestled along the picturesque Piney Creek, this diverse hunting tract offers an idyllic setting for outdoor enthusiasts and wildlife aficionados alike.

Crittenden County - 115.86 Acres - \$446,000.00
Nestled in an area renowned for its big bucks, this diverse hunting tract offers an idyllic setting for both deer and turkey enthusiasts. Includes 31+/- acres of open ground throughout.

Crittenden County - 598.28 Acres - \$2,700,000.00
This stunning 2BR, 2.5BA, 2,720 S.F. home epitomizes comfortable living on a large acreage hunting tract. Includes a 3,854 S.F., 4-bay shop, complete with a bunkhouse. Located on the Ohio River.

Crittenden County - 16 Acres - \$169,000.00
Nestled within the embrace of tranquil countryside, this charming 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom home offers the perfect retreat from the hustle and bustle of city life. Includes a 32' x 48' metal barn.

Crittenden County - 50.5498 Acres - \$200,000.00
Embrace the best of both worlds with this exceptional property, offering a harmonious blend of hunting opportunities and potential for livestock farming.

SOLD - Crittenden County - 237.03 - \$799,000.00
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FRIDAY
Baseball hosts Hopkins Central
SATURDAY
Softball hosts Webster County
Softball hosts Ballard Memorial
Track at Murray Invitational
MONDAY
Softball hosts Livingston Central
Baseball at Webster County
TUESDAY
CCMS track at Murray

5th District Standings

DISTRICT SOFTBALL STANDINGS		
Team	Overall	Dist
Trigg County	12-11	3-0
Livingston Central	19-3	2-1
Lyon County	9-10	2-2
Crittenden County	9-11	0-5

DISTRICT BASEBALL STANDINGS		
Lyon County	13-4	4-0
Livingston Central	8-13	1-2
Trigg County	7-8	1-2
Crittenden County	13-8	1-3

Games through 4-23-24

RUNNING

5K benefit at M-CC Park

There will be a 5K and fun run to benefit Livingston Hospital Foundation on Saturday, April 27 at Marion City-County Park. Registration is at 8:30 a.m., and race at 9 a.m. Contact Tiffany Roberts at (270) 704-1360 to register or for more information.

BASKETBALL

Fraliex takes Trigg post

Michael Fraliex has been hired as Trigg County's boys' basketball coach. He is cousin to Crittenden County skipper Matt Fraliex. A Caldwell County native, Michael had been coaching at Hopkins Central. Former Trigg skipper Mason Burgett has filled the vacancy at Hopkins Central. Fraliex's teams were 51-79 at Hopkins Central. He is a Fredonia native and former Western Kentucky University player.

OUTDOORS

Turkey harvest slows

Harvest figures have slowed a bit in Crittenden County over the past week of wild turkey season. The 23-day spring season opened April 13 and runs through Sunday, May 5. Local gunners bagged 167 birds over a three-day start to the season, then harvested around 100 over the next seven days. As of Tuesday, Crittenden hunters had checked a total of 290 spring turkeys, that includes 31 over the two-day youth hunt. Of those, 259 were gobblers and 24 were jakes. Last year's total harvest was 413. Livingston County hunters have taken 225 birds so far. Its overall take in 2023 was 341.

Bowfishing tournament

Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission will host its annual Kentucky State Championship bowfishing tournament on Saturday, May 4. Registration is at 6 p.m., at Crittenden County Fairgrounds. For more information, call Will Miller at 270-963-5898. First place earns \$1,000.



Crittenden County second baseman Hudson Stokes covers the bag on an attempt to throw out a stealing runner while shortstop Quinn Summers provides backup.



Crittenden County seventh-grader Brodi Rich has pitched in some high-leverage situations for the Lady Rockets this season, including starts in all three All A Classic Tournament games. She has thrown 22 innings so far this spring.

BASEBALL

Duncan no-hits H'Christian

Rocket freshman Jaxton Duncan threw an abbreviate no-hitter in a 20-0 win over Heritage Christian Tuesday. CCHS won by the mercy rule in 3 innings. Kaiden Travis and Asa McCord had 3 hits apiece, accounting for 60 percent of CCHS's offense. Hudson Stokes, Chase Conyer and Jeremiah Foster joined Travis and McCord with 2 RBIs each.

Crittenden folds in 4th

Crittenden County was trailing 3-0 in the top of the fourth when Caldwell County battered the Rockets with 11 runs and won 14-1 in 5 innings Monday at Marion. Jeremiah Foster and Asa McCord pitched. Foster allowed 12 runs, but only 2 were earned as Crittenden committed 4 errors. The Tigers had 15 hits, all singles. Crittenden managed just 4 hits. Quinn Summers doubled and Tyler Belt, Chase Conyer and Kaiden Travis singled.

SOFTBALL

Walk-off beats CCHS in historic offensive contest

Crittenden County and Lyon County played 8 innings of epic softball Monday in Eddyville, scoring a combined 39 runs and together recording 39 hits. The biggest hit of all was from Lyon's Gracyn

Wynn, who tagged a three-run walk-off homer to center-field on a 2-2, 2-out pitch in the bottom of the eighth. The game lasted almost 3 hours as Lyon won 20-19.

The runs total for a single game ranks 13th in KHSAA history and the combined hits ranks No. 2 all-time, actually surpassing 38 hits registered by Crittenden and Caldwell County in 2021.

CCHS had trailed 14-4 at one point early, but rallied to take a 19-15 lead in extra innings.

Three CCHS pitchers were used, including Anna Boone, Elliot Evans and Brodi Rich. Boone left the game in the second with a dislocated finger after trying to field a ball. She will be out for at least 2 weeks. A dozen Lyon runs were earned as CCHS made four errors.

At the plate, Crittenden had 23 hits. Elle McDaniel drove in 7 runs on 5 hits, including 2 doubles. Jaycee Champion had 5 hits, including a triple and 5 RBIs. Others with multiple hits were Evans, Andrea Federico, Rich, Hannah Jent and Morgan Piper.

Loss at Calloway slugfest

Crittenden County threw everything it had at Calloway County Saturday, but couldn't stop the Lady Laker bats in a 15-9 loss at Murray.

Calloway was hitting a cool .171 as a team before the game started, but its bats



Crittenden County shortstop Aubrey Conyer holds a tag on Livingston Central's Emersyn Ramage while the dust clears during last week's All A Classic championship game.



Aubrey Grau, Ella Geary, Mary Martinez and Presley Potter combined to set a distance medley relay record Friday.

clubbed Crittenden's three pitchers, Elliot Evans, Anna Boone and Brodi Rich for a combined 12 hits. Four CCHS fielding errors made matters worse.

Still, Crittenden outthit the hosts. Andrea Federico had 4 of the Lady Rockets' 14 hits and Elle McDaniel and Elliot Evans had 2 apiece. Federico doubled and homered and Evans doubled.

TRACK AND FIELD

Chuck Gullo Twilight Relays

Crittenden County's girls track and field team finished 11th overall in the Chuck Gullo Twilight Relays Friday at Marshall County.

Karsyn Potter's third-place finish in the discus and fifth-place in the shot put were CCHS's scoring highlights.

The Lady Rocket distance medley relay team set a school record with a time of 15:27.30. The relay team consisted of Aubrey Grau running 1200 meters, Presley Potter running 400, Mary Martinez running 1600, and Ella Geary running 800. The previous record at 16:14.5 was run in 2012 at Murray's Jimmy Herrall Relays.

Also for Crittenden County, Mary Martinez ran a personal best to finish seventh in the 1600 meters.

GIRLS

1600 Meters 7. Mary Martinez 5:57.89, 18. Aubrey Grau, 21. Ella Whitney.
100 Meter Hurdles 16. Willa Suggs 23.50.
4x100 Meters 11. Crittenden 1:04.27.
4x200 10. Crittenden 2:09.80.
4x400 7. Crittenden 5:01.01
4x800 5. Crittenden 12:14.22.
800 Meter Medley 13. Crittenden 2:20.50.
Distance Medley 8. Crittenden 15:43.42.
Long Jump 15. Ella Geary 13-6, 17. Susana Suggs.
Shot Put 5. Karsyn Potter 26-6.5, 26. Layken Gilchrist, 29. Madison Walker.
Discus 3. Karsyn Potter 98-09, 21. Aubrey Grau, 24. Lauren Gilchrist.
Javelin 14. Madison Walker 53-0, 23. Lauren Gilchrist.

BOYS

1600 Meters 19. River Rogers 5:27.05, 24. Landon Starkey.
4x100 11. Crittenden 53.69.
800 Meter Medley 12. Crittenden 1:55.04.
Long Jump 20. Bobby Hazel 16-03.
Shot Put 22. Glenn Starkey 27-04.
Discus 26. Glenn Starkey 71-06.50.
Javelin 21. Glenn Starkey 52-04.

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Stage your home

According to the 2023 Profile of Home Staging conducted by the National Association of Realtors®, 81 percent of buyers' agents said staging a home made it easier for the buyer to visualize the property as a future home. Focus your attention on the living room, owner's suite and kitchen. Hiring a staging professional can be an investment that turns a



sizable profit.

Know your local market

A good way to price your home and gauge if it will sell quickly is to look at the average "days on the market" for similar homes nearby. If homes are selling faster than the average DOM, that suggests high demand, which can work in your favor.

Make added-value improvements

Focus renovation dollars on the types of projects that will reap the highest return on investment. Remodeling magazine annually reports the projects that offer the best ROI. In 2023, the project that reaped the

highest ROI was an HVAC Conversion/Electrification, which involved converting a fossil-fuel-burning furnace into an electric heat pump. The cost recouped was 103.5 percent.

Sell at the right time

Fewer people are shopping for homes in the dead of winter or during the middle of the school year, so putting your home on the market in spring typically brings out the largest number of interested parties, according to Opendoor. But this isn't the only time-related factor to consider. To sell for the most money, you want to list your home when you

have enough equity to pay off your current mortgage, the costs of selling, and the costs of moving, says Bankrate.

Boost curb appeal

Make sure that buyers see your home in a positive light when they pull

up for a walk-through. According to Home & Garden, improving landscaping can increase value up to 12 percent. Additional projects can include investing in a new front door and garage doors.

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previously been discarded.

Test soil. Soil testing kits are inexpensive and can reveal if the soil needs to be amended to help plants thrive in the months to come.

Mulch garden beds. Mulching benefits a garden by helping soil retain moisture and preventing the growth of weeds.

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Love of community drives PVA

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The seed for Todd Perryman’s noble pursuit into public service was planted in the rich, river bottoms of Tolu.

As a teenager, that’s where he watched his late father Ted Perryman’s attempts to save the Tolu School, raise money to turn it into a community center and serve on the Crittenden County Board of Education.

He has followed that lead and is The Crittenden Press’ honoree in the 10 Under 40 public servant category.

“My dad is one of the major reasons I did get into it,” Perryman says. “He always had a desire to help the community, and he told me, ‘That is something you should probably consider some day.’”

The younger Perryman was elected as a Crittenden County magistrate in 2017 and served four years before training his sights on the position of Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator.

He was elected and entered the office in 2023 at one of the worst times in history, according to his contemporaries across Kentucky.

He cut his teeth in an unprecedented local housing market marked by inflated home values directly related to COVID-19. Crittenden County property values were skyrocketing as a result of an influx of out-of-state buyers willing to pay two- to four-times the typical home and land prices.

“A 1,200 square-foot brick ranch in California sells for \$700,000 and they were coming here and paying \$200,000 and it was nothing to them,” Perryman said. “If one house sells for that price it’s not a trend, but once you start getting so many selling, that sets the new market.”

Perryman has a constitutional duty to assess property, for tax purposes,



at 100 percent their value, or “what we think it would bring on the open market.”

“Right now that’s tough,” he said. “We had a house last year that sold for \$224,000 and it was on the tax roll at \$80,000, so those are the types of sales that as a PVA I hate seeing because it was assessed at 34 percent of what it sold for.”

Perryman is seeing a slight leveling of the market as houses sit a little longer indicating people aren’t as quick to pay inflated prices.

Perryman took a familiarity with appraisals and a personal pact of fairness into the PVA office.

He gained familiarity with appraisals and property values while working as a loan processor, lender and overseer of daily operations in the loan department at Farmers Bank & Trust Co.

The most common question, or occasional dispute, Perryman answers is clarification of property lines. Every map in the PVA office was digitized 25 years ago, and while maps get close to revealing actual lines, he advises citizens that a land survey is the best way to answer property disputes.

Not long after taking office in January 2023, Perryman conducted an audit to determine whether there were property owners age 65 or older who qualified for, but were not receiving, a homestead exemption, or discounted property tax because of their age.

“I sent letters to over 100 property

owners and sent 30 birthday cards this year to anyone born in 1959 and turning 65 sometime this year, and got pretty good response to that,” he said.

His office has benefitted from improved quality of maps provided by the state, as well as upgraded tax roll software that communicates more easily with the sheriff’s office, which collects taxes. He also collaborated with county clerk Daryl Tabor to purchase a large multi-function printer capable of producing 24-inch by 36-inch maps that the public can utilize for a small fee.

His vow of fairness is evidenced by his own property tax assessment tacked to his office bulletin board, right next to one of his son’s drawings.

“I try to treat people fairly and have information so I can say, ‘This is what I’ve done,’ when reassessing their property,” Perryman said. “Most times people realize I have a job to do.”

Community is important to Perryman, who lives near his mom Donna and his wife Hannah’s parents.

He is a 2006 graduate of Crittenden County High School and a 2010 graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan.

“I always knew I wanted to come back, I wanted to be back where I called home and where I wanted to call home the rest of my life, to get married, raise a family and hopefully Clarke and Cape will feel same way about it,” he said, speaking of his 7-year-old and 10-month old, respec-



tively.

Outside the office, Perryman continues his father’s support of the Tolu Community Center by volunteering at the annual haunted house.

He also coaches local youth baseball, is a member of the Crittenden County Dugout Club and is the county’s appointment to the Crittenden County Economic Development District.

“Anything I can do to help Crittenden County, I’ll try to do it because this community means a lot to me and I don’t plan on going anywhere til the Lord calls me home,” he said.

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