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Derby winners find final resting place here

The Kentucky Derby is right around the corner, and did you know that many of the former champion thoroughbreds are still in the commonwealth? Burial places of 28 former Derby winners are in Kentucky, including one at the Kentucky Derby Museum where the ashes of Barbaro, the 2006 race winner, are buried beneath a 1,500-pound sculpture of the horse. Most burial places of the horses, including eight Triple Crown winners, can be visited, according to the Louisville Courier-Journal newspaper. But, you'll need to move about to find them. They are located in various places and information can be found online about where and when tourists can visit. For instance, Claiborne Farm in Paris is the final resting place of Secretariat, Riva Ridge and Unbridled. The 149th running of the Kentucky Derby will be Saturday, May 6 at Churchill Downs.

KY COVID death rate

A study has found that Kentucky's coronavirus infection rate and COVID-19 death rate were above the national averages, but the death rate was below average when states' rates were adjusted for their residents' health conditions and average age, according to a Kentucky Health News article citing research by a British medical journal aimed at comparing how states mitigating impacts of the disease. The study standardized COVID-19 infection rates for population density and the death rates for age and the prevalence of comorbidities, which is the existence of more than one disease or other health condition at the same time. Kentucky's unadjusted COVID-19 death rate from January 2020 through July 2022 was 472 deaths for every 100,000 residents. But after adjusting for age and comorbidities, the rate was only 341 deaths per 100,000 population—lower than the national rate of 372. The state with the lowest adjusted death rate was Hawaii and the highest was Arizona.

Market, park protocol

As warmer weather approaches and folks begin to spend more time outdoors, Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission and Marion-Crittenden County Park Board remind citizens that organized use of the farmers market and/or park requires an approved reservation. There is a small fee for commercial vendors at Imogene Stout Market on Main and a small cost for groups or individuals who charge an entry fee for organized events at Marion-Crittenden County Park. Call Marion Welcome Center at (270) 965-5015 to make a reservation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

•Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet in special session at 2 p.m., Friday, April 28 at the courthouse to review a proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.



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Retirement comes for last of 2 men who created Marion jobs

STAFF REPORT

When Dean Ingram clocks out from his manufacturing job for the last time Friday, he can rest assured that his contributions to Marion and the broader community have not gone unnoticed.

Ingram, 66, has worked in Marion manufacturing plants at Industrial Park South his whole life – except for a little entrepreneurial experience that ended up flipping the script on Siemens' role in the community.

It was Ingram and Dale Kemper who more than 20 years ago saw opportunity in an otherwise tragic closing of Marion's largest manufacturing plant. Ironically, it was the same one he retires from later this week. For Siemens has come full circle in Marion. Its predecessor, Potter and Brumfield, was an employment mainstay here for more than a generation before it sold to international company Tyco Manufacturing. Then a series of acquisitions and closures saw Siemens come and go. The electro-mechanical division of the German company that had made relays and other products in Marion was gone by January of 2000. The community was stunned by



Dean Ingram (left) and Dale Kemper posed for a photograph during a recent retirement event for Ingram.

the blow, losing about 300 jobs.

Ingram and Kemper were among the casualties when Siemens closed the plant,

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Bridge replacement jobs to close KY 120, Dam 50 Road

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Highway 120 will be closed for about a half of a year starting this fall for bridge replacement.

A Kentucky Department of Highways engineer told Crittenden County leaders last week that two of the overflow bridges at the Tradewater River at the Crittenden-Western County Line will be shut down for an estimated 180 days. Traffic will have to find a suitable detour, which could create some hardships for work commuters, farmers and commercial traffic.

"We're going to make one bridge out of

the two overflow bridges," said Bruce Benefield with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Traffic surveys indicate that between 500 and 600 vehicles travel along that KY 120 route on an average day.

Additionally, KY 387 (Dam 50 Road) will be closed for an extended period starting this fall for replacement of a bridge over Crooked Creek near Hebron Church Road. About 169 vehicles travel along that road in an average day's time, according to information provided by Keith Todd of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.



Just in Time for Spring Game

Rocket Stadium has a new scoreboard courtesy of Farmers Bank and Trust Company of Marion. Employees of Kenergy donated their off-the-clock time to hang the scoreboard. It is expected to be working by Friday, May 5 when Crittenden County will hold its first ever Blue-White Spring Game. More details on page 8.

PVA renewing assessments

STAFF REPORT

A number of Marion and Crittenden County property owners will soon receive a notice of updated 2023 property assessments from Crittenden County Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) Todd Perryman.

Property owners receive notices if their property has been re-assessed at a different amount from the previous year, or if this is the first year a property was listed on the tax roll in a taxpayer's name.

Properties with new development, such as construction of a new home, barn or other structure should contact the PVA office. Likewise, if a structure has recently been torn down or removed, that should be reported as well. Both instances will change a

property's assessed value for taxpaying purposes.

State law requires the PVA to update its assessment of all of the property in the entire county each year. However, physical inspections by PVA personnel are required once every four years. During the winter, PVA staff performed physical inspections of property inside the city limits of Marion. Due to that routine work, a majority of 2023 assessment notices will be going to city property owners.

Perryman explains that property assessments are based on a fair market value of the property and

any improvements such as a home or building.

Home values are determined by market prices of recently sold comparable properties. However, Kentucky PVAs have been advised by the state to assess property below current housing costs due to the recent inflated price in home sales.

Properties located between US 91 North and US 60 East, including the Sheridan, Midway and Tolu areas, are due for physical inspection for the 2024 tax year. You will soon see PVA personnel in a marked white Ford Escape conducting inspections and taking photographs of homes and other improvements in these areas.

CRISIS ANNIVERSARY

Long haul for water's final resolution

It has been reported time and again, but merits repeating: This water crisis plaguing in Marion is not going away any time soon. It's like a long-COVID cough. We're going to survive it, but be prepared for lasting effects for the long haul.

Pray for rain. Pray for rain. Pray for rain. Cross your fingers if that suits you better. Whatever your spirituality, we need a dose of divine intervention over the next few years while the long-term solution develops into a thirst-quenching future. The solution will include an expansion of Crittenden-Livingston Water District and will benefit the entire region as well as Marion. Sad to say, but many of us will never see it to fruition. It's going to be that long. I seriously doubt this writer's keyboard will strike the last word on the project. Progress will be measured in years, but the reward will be a generational solution to reliable drinking water for two or three counties.

Troubling is what the interim poses for Marion. The city's parachute is a tad bit larger than it was a year ago, but there's still reason for concern. Another drought like 2022 and we're going to be driving dirty trucks again, postponing lawn projects and watching our flowers wilt. There will be no pools filled in town and some businesses heavily reliant on water could find themselves developing contingencies and/or disaster plans again. Thank God our largest employers are not entirely reliant on large volumes of water, but the burden of dealing with this crisis over the long term will require understanding, flexibility and patience. Virtues that seem a bit scarce these days.

In its work to solve the ongoing water crisis, Marion seems to take a step backward for each one its takes forward. But such is life when federal, state and local governments try to get things done. The bureaucracy is maddening at times. That's why a two-year construction project will take 10-plus years to complete. We're starting on Year Two this week and, frankly, we're not much further along than we were last spring.

When Lake George's original wound started festering just over a week ago, hands started wringing again. A bit coincidental was the timing, almost a year to the week that the crisis began when someone noticed the levee was weeping. Could environmental factors be at play causing this earthen dam to weep more at this time of the year? Dam experts say levees are living, breathing animals affected by variations in temperature, water levels and soil and atmospheric conditions. The problematic pipe running through the levee is made of cast iron with bell housing type connections. It could have come loose or rupture somewhere, creating the original leak that had grown larger over the past few days.

Consequently, it appears that Schnabel Engineering and Marine Solutions, Inc., have at least temporarily solved the problem by fabricating a metal cap and fixing it onto the lakeside of the pipe. Tim Thomas, the city's water crisis consultant, said Tuesday that it appears the leak

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Chris EVANS
Press Editor & Publisher
About Town

Deaths

Witherspoon

Jeff Witherspoon, 50, of Princeton, died Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at Hendersonville Medical Center.

He was born on Oct. 29, 1972 in Caldwell County to the late Ronnie and Angelee Cotton Witherspoon. He was a member of Eddy Creek Baptist Church.

Surviving are two



daughters, Kylie Witherspoon and Kendra Manus, both of Marion; two sons, Bailey Wood of North Carolina and Jase (Chelsea) Manus of Murray; a brother, Ronnie W. Witherspoon of Caldwell County; eight grandchildren; girlfriend, Christy Anderson; several nieces, nephews and many special and beloved friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Steve Witherspoon and Neal Harper.

A memorial service

was held Saturday, April 15 at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Lynn Williams officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

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Members of the Crittenden County 4-H Emerald Club enjoy a tour of the State Capitol. (Parent volunteer Willa Suggs, Member Katrina Scott, Member London McCord, and others)

OpenGate sensors elevate school safety precautions

Safety of students was elevated at Crittenden County middle and high schools this Thursday with the activation of OpenGate metal detecting devices.

The Crittenden County Board of Education approved the purchase of six sets of the devices, in conjunction with Crittenden County Tomorrow, a non-profit organization that supports drug prevention and treatment and strives to provide educational opportunities to the county's youth.

The detectors are similar to those used by many concert and event venues and resemble tall metal pillars that students, staff and visitors walk between upon entering the building.

Superintendent Tonya Driver said the purpose of the devices is to further protect and enhance student safety, the number one goal of the district.



School personnel Laura Poindexter (foreground) and Debra Harmon walk students through the new process of entering the middle and high school buildings through OpenGate metal detection devices.

CEIA, the company behind OpenGate, describes the weapons detection system as an "automatic screening of people in transit," including their luggage, backpacks, and bags, for the detection of weapons."

Driver said weapons detection is the main objective of the devices but the sensitivity to metal can be increased to pick up vapes, which have increased at alarming rates over the last few years.

The system requires students to remove laptops and metal water bottles from their bags;

however, unlike a traditional metal detector, students can walk through with almost everything else in their backpacks including keys and cell phones.

Additionally, the devices are portable, and Driver said they can and will be used for sporting contests and events, including graduations and community assemblies.



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4-H tours Frankfort sites

By LONDON McCORD Reporter

Members of the Crittenden County 4-H Emerald Club traveled to Frankfort on Tuesday, March 28. Activities included visiting the Daniel and Rebecca Boone Memorial at Frankfort Cemetery, the Kentucky Military History Museum and the Kentucky His-

tory Museum.

Members enjoyed a picnic lunch at Cove Spring Park and seeing the waterfall there.

The highlight of the trip was visiting the Kentucky State Capitol, where Rep. Jim Gooch spent several hours with members, giving a tour and explaining what the General Assembly does.

Members also enjoyed a stop at Rebecca Ruth Candies and the Josephine Sculpture Park before heading home.

The Emerald Club is led by volunteer Brandi Potter.

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Signs of spring

Tuesday was opening night for youth baseball and softball at Marion City-County Park. Clockwise from top left are 10u Crittenden Bulldogs pitcher Alivia Mattingly, 8u Blue Jays catcher Sawyer Bock; third-baseman Ty Hardin; first baseman Mela Kate Penn backed up by Elizabeth Greenwell; and catcher Kora Belle Penn.



FBLA competitors excel at state
Five members representing Crittenden County High School FBLA placed in the top five at state competition last week. Each earned an opportunity to compete at Nationals, to be held in Atlanta, Ga., June 27-30. From left are Addie Hatfield, Laken Hunt, Allie Beard, Haylee Perrin and Natalie Boone. Hatfield, Hunt and Perrin placed fourth in Broadcast Journalism; Beard fourth place in Healthcare Administration; and Boone second place in Publication Design. FBLA sponsor is Misty Tinsley.



Martin earns black belt

Tripp Martin of Marion earned his blackbelt in karate April 14. Martin, 10, is the son of Heidi Martin and grandson of Sherry Rogers, both of Marion. In February, Martin competed in the West Kentucky Sports Karate Circuit, earning first place in weapons, forms and fighting.

Livingston events presented to board

Submitted by Andrew Sexton, Public Relations

The Livingston County Board of Education honored staff and reconized students April 10 including LiveRED staff award recipient Kari Garner. Garner serves as the school nurse at LCHS and is a highly valued member of the staff based on her true concern and compassion for students. Recently, she was recognized with a regional award, the WKCTC Unsung Hero Support Staff Award. There was several items of school news shared from the LiveRED Report. Family First and Cardinal Connection are currently working through Operation Preparation which seeks to bring in professionals and organizations to talk to students about career goals and required post-secondary training or education to reach those goals. There was a field trip to Atomic City for North Elementary students who reached their accelerated reader goal. The South Livingston PTO generated a lot of excitement last month with their Kiss the Pig Fund-raiser that resulted in \$5,200 raised, which will aid in the purchase of a shaded area and picnic table for the playground. Livingston Middle had

a trip to Baptist Health and special guests from Arkema visited the school campus. Both events provided students with information in those career fields. Livingston Central FFA students competed at Murray in various public speaking events. HOSA students attended the state leadership conference. FCCLA also competed at the state leadership conference, and Hailey Jo Johnson brought home third place in the state. There were also several items of interest communicated to the board. It was shared that the district placed an ad in the Livingston Ledger for their Progress Report Edition detailing the advancements throughout the district in the past year. During the superintendent's report, Dr. David Meinschein shared his vision for strategic leadership. The district has a commitment to put an administrative team and staff in place to fulfill the vision that "all students will graduate from Livingston County 'transition-ready' having the ability to pursue post-secondary education or begin a career with skills that are immediately transferable in a global marketplace." Updates were given on facilities and maintenance. The HVAC sys-

tems in all facilities are currently being updated with new controls. The new central office building construction is speeding up with the mezzanine level being added and interior walls being constructed. Meinschein gave some updates regarding recent Senate bills. Senate Bill 7 includes a requirement that prohibits districts to make payroll deductions for employees toward groups that are considered labor organizations or collect dues or fees associated with political activities. Senate Bill 150 requires school districts to provide parental notifications regarding curriculum and instruction on the subject of human sexuality. It also prohibits a district from requiring school personnel to use pronouns for students that do not conform to that student's biological sex. There were updates in other departments also. The district is choosing SCHOOLinSITES as the new website provider that will allow more creativity, better design and simpler updating of content on each website maintained by the district. The website will also be more user-friendly for the public. The board was also informed that the district has received the KETS second offer of assistance

in the amount of \$9,506.61. Kristy Nelson gave an update of the food service grants. Both North and South Elementaries earlier in the year each received a \$25,000 grant for new Combi ovens. Recently, the district was notified that both North and South elementaries will once again each receive a \$25,000 grant for each school to use in upgrading additional kitchen equipment. There were some items of business that required action by the board. The school board approved the 2023-2024 Preschool Calendar. They also approved the selection of Maverick-McConnel Insurance as the agent of record to bid the property, liability, fleet and workers compensation insurance for the district. In separate motions, the board approved payments to PFGW Architects, Winn Supply, Performance Services, and MP Lawson on the various facility upgrades as well as the new central office construction. Finally, the board approved a change order to address a flooring change in the new central office facility. The next board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., May 8, at Livingston Central High School.

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City, AOC close on agreement to use city hall for court

It appears that the City of Marion is close to reaching an agreement to provide temporary space for the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) during the demolition of the current courthouse and the building of a new one.

Crittenden County is scheduled to have a new justice center built. Originally the cost was to be around \$11 million, but that price tag has risen markedly due to inflation and could reach around \$19 million. The money is being appropriated by the General Assembly through the Justice Cabinet.

The AOC, which is responsible for circuit, district and family court and its clerks, judges and other administrators, has examined several places around Marion for its temporary location during what could be a two- or three-year process to build a new courthouse.

Terms of the tenta-



tive agreement between the city and AOC have not been formalized, but it appears there will be a daily fee paid to city hall when it's used by the court system, and a permanent upgrade to the audio and video capabilities of the council chambers will be among provisions in the agreement.

Razing the courthouse could begin as early as this summer or fall.

Library book sale will begin Thursday

Friends of the Library is hosting a spring book sale at the library Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. The sale will continue on Friday from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., and then Saturday from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m. The sale will continue during normal library hours May 1-5. Help will also be needed Friday, May 5 to pack up the unsold books.

Pinta will dock at GTB in Grand Rivers

The Pinta is coming to Green Turtle Bay in Grand Rivers. The replica 15th century ship will be docked there from May 5-14.

The Pinta was one of three Portuguese ships under the command of Christopher Columbus when he sailed westward from Europe and discovered the Americas. The Pinta was the first ship to sight land on the famous voyage of discovery on Oct. 12, 1492.

The replica is a floating museum for dockside educational tours. No reservation is necessary to take a self-guided tour aboard the ship. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$7 seniors and military and \$6 for children 16-under. Children 4-under are free.

Salem man charged

A Salem man was arrested last weekend on various charges after drugs and weapons were found in a home with children.

Aaron Cole, 34, is charged with posses-

sion of a handgun by a convicted felon, possession of more than eight ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was lodged in the McCracken County Jail after Livingston County deputies were called by Child Protective Services to assist with a home visit in Salem to assess the safety of children. Cole lives at the residence and was present when lawmen arrived.

Officers found 1.3 pounds of alleged marijuana and three firearms.

Local jobless rate same over 2 years

Annual unemployment rates decreased in 102 Kentucky counties in 2022, increased in 12 and stayed the same in Crittenden and five other counties, according to the Kentucky Center for Statistics.

Crittenden County's jobless rate was 4.1 in the each of the last two years with an estimated 157.5 potential workers out of a job over each of those years, the Labor Cabinet said.



Lake George Plugging

A team from Marine Solutions, Inc., in Nicholasville, Ky., was in Marion earlier this week to cap a pipe at Lake George, which had been leaking for a year and had gotten worse in the past few days.

WATER

Continued from page 1 has been reduced to a trickle thanks to the marine company's work.

Plans are to continue working toward a temporary solution for the Lake George levee so that it will hold backup raw water for Marion, as it's done for decades. There is some discussion about building a coffer dam around the leaking area so that more significant repairs can be made.

At this point, it does not seem probable that those longing for a complete Lake George resurrection will ever be rewarded. The lake could continue to exist well beyond this crisis, but on a much smaller scale. The mayor says she's not going to give up hope for Lake George's future.

"We need to get the levee repaired in accordance to the state's guidelines, up to the breach point. In my opinion, Lake George needs to be a permanent redundant raw water supply, even after the long-term plan of partnering with Crittenden-Livingston Water District is in place," Mayor D'Anna Browning said. "My hope is that if the state doesn't agree with this need, we can at least give the property to the county and through grants and other funding Lake George can once again be used as a prime recreational site."

Yes, for Marion's sake, the lake needs to be saved. In what form, I don't know. It just doesn't seem likely that it can be salvaged at its former glory. There was a time it appeared the state would help fund a temporary Lake George repair, at least to a level it could benefit Marion as a short-term backup source of raw water. The leak detected last week has drained about half of the water that had built up in the lake over the winter and early spring.

To recap quickly where we are: 1. Lake George was purposely breached in late April 2022 to prevent catastrophic failure, 2. Last summer's drought exacerbated

Marion's water woes to the point that the National Guard and local farmers had to bring raw water to the plant from other nearby springs and rivers; 3. The state helped pay for the water hauling and provided Marion with truckloads of bottled water, but so far no further funding has been received to help mitigate the crisis; 4. Crittenden-Livingston Water District has helped supplement Marion's water supply, 5. Lake George's leak was believed to be getting worse, but the problematic area is capped for now. Without Lake George's raw water, Marion is susceptible to real problems without normal rainfall.

Over the next few weeks there is likely to be some real progress made at Lake George, but you will not likely be able to see the it because city officials are restricting access to the lake area due to potential hazards.

What's still missing from this whole equation is money. Marion is already strapped, trying to pay for a new sewer plant built to specifications that could serve a much larger customer base.

One year into this crisis and there has been no real financial relief for this declared disaster. The state has hinted at substantial financial help, but there's been nothing to date - not even one of those large cardboard checks that politicians bring down for picture opps.

There's an election in a few days. Could the outcome have some bearing on what happens with the water crisis?

You bet.

Like former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill once said: "All Politics is Local."

Emerging safely from this crisis has to be political because money is political. Let's just hope everything gets sorted out before our largest employers start bailing out.

We're at one year from the date this problem started, and we're still trying to stop Lake George from leaking.

The following Crittenden County athletes competed in the Area 1 Special Olympics Track and Field Meet held at Calloway County High School April 22 (front from left) Kaitlyn Head, Carmen Orr, Amber Sisco, (middle) Andrew Holt, Tahla Trail, Billy Long, Sarah Phillips, Mandy McConnell, (back) Destiny Suggs, Austin Hazel and Jessica Hunter. The team earned five blue ribbons, five red ribbons, seven yellow ribbons and five 4th/5th place ribbons in running, walking, softball throw and long jump events. All athletes qualified for state level competition to be held in June at Eastern Kentucky University.



10 YEARS AGO

April 25, 2013

An unannounced search of the Crittenden County High School parking lot led to criminal charges against five students. According to a news report from Crittenden Superintendent of Schools, four students were charged by local law enforcement with possession of marijuana and/or drug paraphernalia. A fifth student was charged with possession of an unlawful weapon on school property. That person was charged with a felony, while the four drug charges that were filed against the other students are misdemeanors.

Crittenden County was one of five counties given money by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for road construction purposes. More than \$27 million in asphalt rehabilitation projects was distributed between the counties as spring construction season got underway.

Lilly Perryman and Kenlee McDaniel, both 9, combined their entrepreneurial and humanitarian spirit to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital during a yard sale. The girls set up a lemonade stand at Perryman's Higgins Road residence and raised \$20 for the Memphis Children's Hospital. They are the daughters of Kelly Perryman and Chad Perryman and Jennifer and Ryan McDaniel.

Crittenden County Rockets baseball team won its second Fifth District matchup making them 2-0 in district play by beating Livingston 3-2 at Marion's Gordon Blue Guess Field.

Travis Gilbert went six innings and Devin Belt closed out the win in the seventh by striking out two and picking off a runner at second.

The Lady Rockets' 12-under softball team won the WLBSA Tourna-

ment at Reidland. The team was 4-1, winning two elimination games against the Reidland bandits. Crittenden scored 66 runs in five games. Players are Chaylee Wolf, Ellie Smith, Emmie Smith, Hannah Cooksey, Jaycee Driver, Brandy Book, Jaylin Blackburn, Jenna Potter, Kirsten Deboe, Kenlee Perryman and coaches Stephen Smith, Billy Deboe and Randy Book.

25 YEARS AGO

April 30, 1998

More than 100 spectators circled the bandstand gazebo to hear campaign speeches from candidates for local and state office. Greg Sutton, Democratic candidate for state Senate, dropped by the political event to share his view with votes. Crittenden County Clerk Danny Byford also spoke to those who braved a few raindrops during the event sponsored by Main Street Marion.

Representatives from seven agencies in Crittenden and Livingston counties participated in a disaster drill at Hunter's Body Shop on U.S. 60 near Salem. The drill involved a mock head-on collision, involving seven patients whose injuries ranged from mild to fatal.

The Crittenden Press announced the marriage of Denise Wheeler and Trent Guess on March 21 at Sturgis Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Officiating the ceremony were Rev. Bert Owen and Dale Ford. In the bridal party were maid of honor Shana Wheeler and attendants Jayme Young and Casey Easley. Serving as best man was Troy Guess, and the groomsmen were Jeremy Wheeler, Jacob Guess and Aaron Davis.

Crittenden County High School Future Homemakers of America at-

tended the state FHA meeting. Attending the meeting were Tashena Belt, Melinda Tinsley, Kristi Buford, Christy Robertson, Katrina Korzenborn, Dawn Hollamon, Jessica Berry, Chastity Belt, Medara Roberts, Kimberly Hunt and Nancy Hunt.

Crittenden County High School senior Ashely Hamilton signed a letter of intent to play college basketball at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Ky. Joining Hamilton as she signed the scholarship were her mother, Denise Hamilton, and father Mike Hamilton, Lady Rocket coach Shannon Hodge, Lindsey Wilson assistant coach Jeff Marshall and the college's admissions counselor Claude Bacon.

50 YEARS AGO

May 3, 1973

Crittenden County hosted a walk-a-thon expected to raise over \$4,000 in a 15-mile walk. The walk-a-thon had 250 walkers all of whom were raising awareness and funds for the March of Dimes charity that works to help newborns and their mothers.

Dr. Lynn Bridwell and Houston Elder were inducted into the Murray State University Athletic Hall of Fame. Dr. Bridwell played baseball at Murray from 1958-61. Elder played football from 1933-35. Although both were originally from Marion, Dr. Bridwell was currently living in Marion and Elder in Ashland.

The Rockets took two and dropped two in a week of baseball action. The Rockets started the week by defeating the West Hopkins Rebels 9-3. Next, they beat South Hopkins 3-2. They were then defeated by the Livingston Cardinals losing by a home-run in an extra inning. They ended the week by facing the West Hopkins Rebels a second time on the Rebel's home territory. The Rebels ended up defeating the Rockets by one.

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

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We all need grace and encouragement

A couple of years ago I had a conversation with a young man who was in the process of discovering grace. He has a wonderful heart and a deep love and concern for God, for people, and for the earth. He was struggling a little because he had discovered that there were wonderful God-fearing people serving others who did not share his background. He had some questions and some doubts. He knew he was headed in a better direction but felt some guilt. What was worse was the pain he was experiencing over those he loved who simply were not able to see what he was beginning to see.

This happens at some point to every religious person I know who has taken their faith seriously. It happens to Christians, to Jews, to Muslims, to Hindus. There is a point at which we must move past what we have been taught and learn to take it on for ourselves. Most of the time, if we have grown up in a relatively healthy environment, we make some adjustments and can eventually settle in not

far from where we began. But sometimes radical changes happen, and we have a decision to make. Do we stay where we are and work within what we know, or do we break away and find another home (which will have its own difficulties)?

In a scene from Leo Tolstoy's Resurrection, he describes the dilemma that faces many who have grown up with religious expectations. The "thing not believed in" here is not God, but the religious observance society expected of him.

"When present at these services he had to pretend that he believed in something which he did not believe in, and being truthful he could not do this. The alternative was...to alter his life in such a way that he would not have to be present at such ceremonials. But to do what seemed so simple would have cost a great

deal. Besides encountering the perpetual hostility of all those who were near to him, he would have to give up the service and his position, and sacrifice his hopes of being useful to humanity by his service, now and in the future."

"And so he adopted all the usual sophistries... to be present at prayers, masses for the dead, to confess, make signs of the cross in front of icons, with a quiet mind, without being conscious of the service which gave him the feeling of being useful and some comfort in his joyless family life. Although he believed this, he felt with his entire being that this religion of his, more than all else, was not "the right thing," and that is why his eyes always looked sad."

Most Christians I know feel this at some level. There is a practical tug



Sean NIESTRATH Faith-based columnist Guest Columnist

Community Events & News

- 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.
- A benefit for The Meeting Place in Sturgis will feature live music and food vendors beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 13 at the amphitheater on North Adams Street in Sturgis. The Meeting Place is a Christian community outreach supporting individuals in recovery. Funds raised during the event May 13 will be used for remodeling and startup for The Meeting Place.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.
- Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem. Does your group have something planned? Let us know. We post notes here at no charge. Email to thepress@the-press.com or call (270) 965-3191.

God values every life and we should too

Question: I work in a public school system that spends lots of money and resources caring for and teaching some severely mentally challenged students. How is this good use of money?

Answer: We may have difficulty in seeing how God can work through mentally challenged people, but we don't see as God sees. He has put value in every person, regardless of how we view them or their usefulness. It's not our place to determine the value of anyone. From the most mentally and physically disabled including the unborn to the most aged, God values each one and has a purpose for them.

When David wrote Psalm 139, he sought to express his gratitude that God not only made him, but that God valued him. "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully

ASK the PASTOR By Bob Hardison

made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well" (13, 14).

Everyone is valuable because God makes each person remarkably and wondrously. Not because of anything he does or who he is, but because God creates each one. The wealthy has no more value to God than the poor, nor the genius than the person who is mentally challenged.

Let's celebrate God's creations. Each person is deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on the earth by the Master Creator. God values each person and we should, too.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

have not fully grasped it in their own lives. Grace solves the comparison game we play with others. Grace solves the judgment problem we have with others. Grace releases us of the pain and shackles of guilt which in turn causes us to feel less threatened by the freedom in Christ that others have. Grace keeps us attached to others who are in the same dilemma we are in. More importantly it keeps us attached to God through Christ.

This leads us back to the young man discover-

ing grace. There is no way to take that growth pain away. There is a mixture of joy and tears on that road. This is why we default to encouragement, even when we have hard conversations. We all deal with guilt. We all deal with loss. We all deal with pain brought on by ourselves and others. We all need forgiveness. We all need encouragement.

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.

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Spelling bees played important part of school experience

Before the days of computers with spell check and all the different kinds of cell phones that help you with spelling, spelling was a very important part of a student's school learning experience. You took it very serious and tried your best to learn all the words in your spelling book. Now the younger generation has learned a different kind of spelling known as texting, where a lot of words are just one or two letters. I have to have a cheat sheet nearby to even know what words the letters stand for, and at times it's best I don't even know. Give me the old days with whole words to write a sentence with. Here's some good times of long ago when spelling was important.

How It Came to Bee

The National Spelling Bee was launched by the Louisville Courier Journal in 1925. With competitions, cash prizes, and a trip to the nation's capital, the Bee hoped to stimulate "general interest among pupils in a dull subject."

Every fall, tens of thousands of schools enrolled in the program. During the fall and winter, schools would conduct spelling bee programs at the classroom, grade and/or school level, and send their spelling champions to the next level of competition as designated by their local spelling bee sponsors.

Here are some Crittenden County students who made it to the state level at Louisville in the 1930s.

Jan. 20, 1933 – Crittenden County Champion Chosen From Twenty-one Entrants.

Willard Hunt of Piney Fork school, the champion speller of Crittenden County and 1932-33, will be the county's representative at the annual Courier Journal Bee which will be held in Louisville April 19.

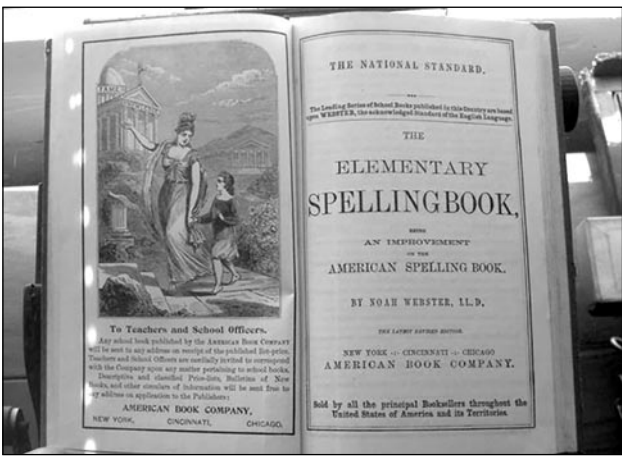
His ability to spell the word, "unconscious" after Wayne Watson, of Blooming Rose had missed it, gave him the county championship in the match held at the Marion Graded School Auditorium last Saturday.

Willard Hunt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt and a pupil of Mrs. E. V. Alexander. He is 14 years of age and in the seventh grade.

Twenty-one entrants competed in the Saturday contest. The winner will have all expenses paid to the state match by the Louisville Courier-Journal.

The final of this ninth annual spelling bee will be broadcast over station WHAS between 4 and 5 o'clock p.m., and every boy and girl in Crittenden County is invited to listen in.

The winner will be given



The National Standard Elementary Spelling Book used in the late 1920s and 1930s had some pretty difficult words in it for young students.

en a trip to Washington for the National Spelling Bee and other good spellers will share \$5 cash and dictionaries.



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

The winner of the state meet will be sent to Washington in the spring to represent Kentucky in the ninth annual National Spelling Bee with a week of sight-seeing thrown in.

The results of the ninth year Courier-Journal State Spelling Bee, tells that Samuel Hayes, 12 years old, from Clarkson in Grayson County, took advantage of the mistake made by the contestant from Madison County, on the word "monestary," to win the match and a trip to Washington. (Willard wasn't listed among the winners)

Jan. 18, 1935 – Thelma Boyd Of White Hall School Is Champion Speller

Thelma Boyd of White Hall School emerged victorious in the Crittenden County Spelling Bee held Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Grade School Auditorium here. "Modified" is the word which won for Thel-

ma Boyd the 1935 spelling champion.

Thelma is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd, and is a pupil of Miss Virginia Lee Elkins at White Hall School, a one-room school house near View which is in a remote section of the county, the instructor being forced to resort to truck and saddle horse in order to reach the building.

Thelma is 13 years old, and is in the seventh grade. Thelma has never been away from Crittenden County, and is looking forward to her trip to Louisville, where she will represent her county in the Courier-Journal statewide spelling bee.

Miss Elkins, who is one of the county's youngest teachers, will accompany her pupil to Louisville.

(Clara Mohler, representation from Akron Ohio, won the National Spelling Bee at Washington, DC on the word "intelligible.")

Jan. 31, 1936 – Spellers Meet Saturday For County Honors.

The county spelling meet will be held here in the graded school auditorium at Marion. Twenty-one entrants have been registered for the meet, several of whom have competed in previous contests.

The contestants and the school represented are: Thomas Col-

lins, Chapel Hill; Bruce Vaughn, Brown; Mary Jennings, Lone Star; all of whom have competed in previous contests; Bobby Enoch, Glendale; Lula May Hopkins, Odesa; Lucy Pritchett, Olive Branch; Denzil Hunt, Copperas Springs; Reed Kemper, Midway; Elizabeth Hunt, Pleasant Hill; James William Belt, Hebron; James McNeeley, Crider; Opal Daughtrey, Dycusburg; Hazel Winters, Mexico; Anna Riggsby, Hoods Creek; Pauline Crash, New Salem; Stella Gillis, Union; Edna Croft, Pleasant Grove; William Clark, Deer Creek; Frances Hardesty, Barnett; Geneva Boyd, White Hall and George McEwen, Marion Graded School. Geneva Boyd, White Hall entry, is a sister of Thelma Boyd, winner of the 1935 contest.

Feb. 7, 1936 – George McEwen, age 11, representing Marion Graded School, defeated 37 Crittenden County spellers in the county wide spelling bee.

Young McEwen is in the third grade and a pupil of Miss Rebecca Moore, correctly spelled "development" after Mary Jennings, 14, of Lone Star and a pupil of Miss Hazel Dameron, had failed to do so and he won the contest by spelling the word "persuade." McEwen is a son of W. W. McEwen of Marion. This is the first time in 12 years that a Marion student has won the county contest.

Bruce Vaughn, a student of Brown School,

was the 36th speller to go down missing "burglar," and was immediately preceded by Ann Riggsby of Hoods Creek, who failed on "judgment."

April 24, 1936 – Local Speller Wins Award In State Contest

George McEwen, Crittenden County spelling champion, was rated 31st in the state spelling contest conducted at Louisville last Thursday and Friday, and as a result was awarded a substantial prize by the Courier Journal, sponsors of the state meeting.

One hundred and nine contestants were entered in the written contest wherein a certain average and grade was necessary in order to become eligible for the oral division. A total of 44, of which McEwen was one, were successful in the eligibility list of the written contest, and as a result entered the oral match.

The written test was composed of 50 words, while the oral contest

was the old type of match wherein the last one remaining was declared the state winner. McEwen was the only school pupil entered in the meet that was of a lower than sixth grade ranking.

At the conclusion of the written test, winners were announced at a luncheon given to the contestants by the sponsors.

Young McEwen misspelled the word "ghostly." He was accompanied to Louisville by his instructor, Miss Rebecca Moore

Although these hard working students didn't make it on to the nationals at Washington, D. C., I would think they still had a wonderful, although nerve-racking experience, at the Louisville State Spelling Bee.

(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).

ELECTION NOTICE

MAY 3-10 EXCUSED VOTING BY
IN-PERSON ABSENTEE

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

Crittenden County Board of Elections will offer excused in-person absentee voting May 3-10 during regular business hours, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., inside Crittenden County Clerk's Office for the Primary Election for voters who will be unable to ballot in-person for Early Voting or on Election Day. Voters must attest to their reason for being unable to vote during Early Voting (May 11-13) or Election Day (May 16).

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Upcoming events

THURSDAY
Baseball at Trigg County

FRIDAY
Softball hosts Webster County

SATURDAY
Track and Field at Murray Invitational

MONDAY
Softball at Christian County
Baseball hosts Webster County

TUESDAY
Baseball at University Heights
Track and Field at Calloway County

BASEBALL | SOFTBALL
2nd Region Polls

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

SOFTBALL	
1. Henderson County	17-4
2. Madisonville	18-3
3. Livingston Central	13-2
4. Christian County	11-8
5. Webster Central	13-3
6. Caldwell County	11-9
7. Trigg County	10-11
8. Union County	14-9
9. Crittenden County	8-10
10. Lyon County	6-10

BASEBALL	
1. Lyon County	14-5
2. Christian County	13-10
3. Caldwell County	13-8
4. University Heights	8-5
5. Henderson County	9-11
6. Union County	7-10
7. Madisonville	4-15
8. Trigg County	8-12
9. Crittenden County	10-7
10. Webster County	9-10

GOLF
Women’s league begins

Women’s golf league begins next week at The Heritage Golf Course and Marion Golf and Pool. For more information contact Allison Evans 270-704-0447. Play will be each Wednesday starting May 3. A men’s league will begin June 1.

OUTDOORS
Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the key hunting opportunities currently in season or coming up:	
Turkey	April 15 - May 7
Spring Squirrel	May 20 - June 16
Coyote	Year Round
Ground Hog	Year Round

Turkey take ticks up

Crittenden County hunters had scored 310 turkeys as of Monday, according to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources harvest data. That was more than all of last year with almost two weeks left in the season. There were 216 turkeys taken during the youth hunt and opening weekend of the statewide season. As of early this week, Livingston hunters had harvested 247 birds, not far from its total of 261 in 2022.

SOFTBALL
Rockets in college

Three former Lady Rocket softball players are making an impact on their collegiate teams. Sophomore Chandler Moss pitched two of Shawnee College’s four wins this season. Moss has a .288 batting average in 73 at bats, including two home runs. She has pitched 78 innings with an ERA of 8.13. Ashlyn Hicks, a sophomore at Lake Land College in Illinois, has a .422 batting average in 128 at bats. She has two home runs and 30 RBIs. As a middle infielder, Hicks has a .933 fielding percentage. Hadlee Rich, a freshman playing at Southeastern Illinois College, has a .256 batting average in 82 at bats. Rich has a .771 fielding percentage as an outfielder. The SIC Faccons are 21-24. CCHS graduate and SIC freshman baseball player Logan Bailey has 34 at bats this spring and a .176 batting average.



Crittenden County freshman Quinn Summers (above) hustles from second to third base during the Rockets’ road win at Webster County Saturday. Summers continues to lead the CCHS club in hitting this season. He was batting .405 with 14 RBIs coming into play this week. At right, CCHS senior Brylee Conyer readies for a play during Crittenden’s Monday loss at home to Caldwell County. It was Conyer’s first action of the season after recovering from pre-season gallbladder surgery.



CRITTENDEN COUNTY SPRING SPORTS WRAPUP

TOP5 Extra-Base Hits	
Rocket Baseball	
Case Gobin	9
Chase Conyer	3
Jeremiah Foster	3
Tyler Belt	2
Quinn Summers	2
Minimum 20 ABs, through 17 games	



Livingston Central. Pitcher Case Gobin doubled and scored in the second inning and Hunter Smith hit a sacrifice fly to score Jeremiah Foster, who had singled earlier in the inning. Livingston tied the game at 2-2 in the home half of the second frame then Rocket Tyler Belt singled and scored on a Quinn Summers sacrifice in the fifth for the go-ahead run. Evan Belt singled and scored in the sixth and Gobin walked and scored in the seventh for some late insurance runs. Gobin pitched five innings and Foster went the last two, striking out five. Livingston fell to 4-11 on the season and the Cardinals are winless in district action.

Rockets walk off Webster
Five hits weaved around 13 walks was all the Rockets needed Saturday to beat Webster County 12-5 on the road. The Trojans, much improved this season, couldn’t find the pitching to stop Crittenden from opening up what was a close game until the final innings.

Casey Cates doubled and drove in two runs for the Rockets. He also reached base by being hit by a pitch. Quinn Summers, Case Gobin, Kaiden Travis and Keagan Young-Pearson each singled. Asa McCord threw five innings, striking out three and walking three while scattering six hits for five runs, just three earned. Foster went the final two frames, striking out seven and walking two.

SOFTBALL

Lady Rockets nipped by LCHS
The Lady Rockets lost a heartbreaker 6-5 at Livingston Central Tuesday. CCHS fell to 8-10 overall and 1-4 in the district and was scheduled for its final league game Wednesday at Trigg County. At Livingston, Andrea Federico hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning to give the Lady Rockets a 3-1 lead. However, miscues in the last half of the inning allowed the Lady Cardinals to take 6-3 lead. Still, Crittenden scored twice in the seventh and had bases loaded, but couldn’t pull off the upset as Livingston remains undefeated in district play and 13-3 overall. Elliot Evans pitched the entire game, allowed no earned

TOP7 Extra-Base Hits	
CCHS Softball	
Andrea Federico	9
Elle McDaniel	7
Anna Boone	3
Aubre Conyer	3
Hannah Jent	2
Jaycee Champion	2
Taylor Guess	2
Minimum 20 ABs, through 18 games	

runs, struck out three and walked three while scattering three hits over seven innings. Other hitters for CCHS were Evans, Jaycee Champion, Elle McDaniel and Anna Boone, who had three hits and drove in a run.

Girls can’t hold Tigers’ tail
Crittenden County jumped on Caldwell County early Monday at Marion, but couldn’t hold the lead. The Lady Rockets fell 8-5 after getting ahead 4-0 in the first inning. Errors were once again part of Crittenden’s undoing. Anna Boone and Elle McDaniel had two hits apiece and Hannah Jent had a single to drive in two runs. Others who hit safely were Elliot Evans and Jaycee Champion. Boone went the distance in the circle. She struck out nine and walked four while allowing a dozen hits.

Blazina will sit with Bears during NFL Draft

STAFF REPORT
Bears fans don’t get much bigger than the Blazina clan and this week three of them are heading to the NFL Draft as special guests of the team. Marion native Joey Blazina, 39, who now lives in Calvert City, won a Sweepstakes drawing for an all-expensed-paid trip to Kansas City for the three-day NFL draft that begins Thursday. He’s taking his brothers Lee, 49, and Johnny, 45. They fly from Nashville Wednesday. They will get to sit at the Bears draft table and meet NFL stars and early draft selections. “It’s a neat opportunity,” said Joey, who completes an application for the drawing every year. “You know it’s hard to believe I was drawn. I bet everybody in Chicago entered it. There are a lot of Bears fans.”



Here is a vintage photograph of the whole Blazina clan piled into a room to watch the 2006 Super Bowl. The Bears are a family tradition. The Blazinas grew up following the Chicago football team because their grandfather, John, had held season tick-

ets to Bears homes games from 1935 to 1994. In 1985, the team gave him an autographed Super Bowl championship football. All seven of the Blazinas a generation separated from grandpa have been unwavering in their support of the Bears. “I usually go to a home game every other year and it’s just a tradition that we all go to dad’s house and watch all of the games on television. We’ve done that for years. I will be 40 this year and I bet I’ve only missed watching three or four Bears games.” The Sweepstakes was billed as a trip for two, but Joey couldn’t let either brother down so he convinced the Bears to allow both brothers to go if one would buy his own plane ticket. Joey will keep the other prizes, which includes a replica 2023 Draft Helmet.

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CCHS hurdler Ethan Long (left) is neck and neck with a member of the Trigg County track and field team during a home meet at City-County Park April 20. Long finished third in the 110-meter hurdles event.

TRACK AND FIELD

CCHS girls win meet

Here are individual and relay results from last Thursday's meet at Crittenden County's track and field complex at the park. The Lady Rocket squad won the meet, and the boys' team finished third.

Girls 100 Meter Dash		
1	Crain, Fatu, Trigg	12.85
2	Gandee, Chloe, Lyon	14.44
3	Hunter, Savannah, LCHS	15.07
4	McGee, Gabbi, Trigg	15.17
5	Hall, Payton, CCHS	15.24
6	Stoner, Kodi, CCHS	15.60
7	Bloodworth, Kylie, CCHS	15.61
8	McDowell, Eryn, Lyon	16.02
8	Rich, Callie, CCHS	16.02
10	Freeman, Bella, LCHS	16.03
11	Hargrove, Allayah, Trigg	16.73
12	McGee, Ellena, Trigg	16.85
13	Hardesty, MaciBelle, CCHS	17.31
14	Gilchrist, Layken, CCHS	17.54
15	Herring, Richmond, Lyon	18.72

Girls 400 Meter Dash		
1	Crain, Fatu, Trigg	1:02.63
2	Hunter, Savannah, LCHS	1:13.81
3	Gandee, Chloe, Lyon	1:15.16
4	Potter, Karsyn, CCHS	1:17.09
5	McGee, Gabbi, Trigg	1:18.40
6	Burchett, Sonora, Lyon	1:19.54
7	McGee, Ellena, Trigg	1:45.19

Girls 800 Meter Run		
1	Geary, Ella, CCHS	2:46.78
2	Hubbard, Kyndal, Lyon	2:56.64
3	Grau, Aubrey, CCHS	2:57.59
4	Desrosiers, Jennessa, Lyon	3:10.23
5	Humphries, Addison, Trigg	3:20.58
6	Dollison, Ella, Trigg	3:28.13
7	Smith, Alex, Trigg	3:35.16
8	Moore, Bella, Trigg	3:40.21

Girls 1600 Meter Run		
1	Martinez, Mary, CCHS	6:08.57
2	Geary, Ella, CCHS	6:19.43
3	Grau, Aubrey, CCHS	6:24.98
4	Hubbard, Kyndal, Lyon	6:47.59
5	Desrosiers, Jennessa, Lyon	7:05.53
6	Moore, Bella, Trigg	8:05.15

Girls 100 Meter Hurdles		
1	Thomas, Alliyah, Trigg	17.99
2	Suggs, Susana, CCHS	22.11

Girls 300 Meter Hurdles		
1	Thomas, Alliyah, Trigg	50.21
2	Suggs, Susana, CCHS	1:01.10
3	Humphries, Brooke, Trigg	1:04.52

Girls 4x100 Meter Relay		
1	Trigg County 'A'	1:00.55
2	Crittenden County 'A'	1:08.16

1) Rich, Callie, 2) Hardesty, MaciBelle, 3) Gilchrist, Layken, 4) Bloodworth, Kylie.

Girls 4x200 Meter Relay		
1	Trigg County 'A'	1:58.05
2	Lyon County 'A'	2:11.04
3	Crittenden County 'A'	2:20.63

1) Rich, Callie, 2) Hall, Payton, 3) Hodge, Zoey, 4) Stoner, Kodi.

Girls 4x800 Meter Relay		
1	Trigg County 'A'	13:30.53

Girls High Jump		
1	Hall, Payton	CCHS 4-04.00

Girls Long Jump		
1	Geary, Ella, CCHS	13-05.00
2	Suggs, Susana, CCHS	11-10.50
3	McGee, Evonna, Trigg	11-07.50
4	Dollison, Ella, Trigg	10-05.75

Girls Shot Put		
1	Potter, Karsyn, CCHS	25-03.00
2	Lee, Kaley, Lyon	24-06.00
3	Norwood, Alivia, Trigg	24-02.00
4	West, Leauna, CCHS	22-06.00
5	Smith, Alex, Trigg	21-07.50
6	Mattingly, Emily, CCHS	21-05.00
7	Gilchrist, Layken, CCHS	19-07.00
8	Johnson, Karley, Trigg	19-03.00
9	Hargrove, Allayah, Trigg	18-09.50
10	Starkey, Cheyenne, CCHS	18-07.00
11	Hodge, Zoey, CCHS	18-06.00
12	Hardesty, MaciBelle, CCHS	18-03.00
13	Smith, Peyton, CCHS	17-05.50
14	McDowell, Eryn, Lyon	16-02.50

Girls Discus Throw		
1	Norwood, Alivia, Trigg	78-03
2	West, Leauna, CCHS	69-11.50
3	Potter, Karsyn, CCHS	67-09
4	Smith, Alex, Trigg	62-10.50
5	Mattingly, Emily, CCHS	62-03.50
6	McGee, Evonna, Trigg	60-06
7	Grau, Aubrey, CCHS	57-01
8	Hardesty, MaciBelle, CCHS	55-11
9	Hargrove, Allayah, Trigg	53-11
10	Smith, Peyton, CCHS	50-05.50
11	Johnson, Karley, Trigg	48-08
12	Gilchrist, Layken, CCHS	47-00
13	Duncan, Jayden, CCHS	43-07
14	Lee, Kaley, Lyon	40-04.50
15	Starkey, Cheyenne, CCHS	36-02.50
16	Hodge, Zoey, CCHS	35-06.50
17	McDowell, Eryn, Lyon	24-10

Boys 100 Meter Dash		
1	Sanchez, Talon, LCHS	11.52
2	Williams, Peyton, Trigg	11.99
2	Reeves, Marlee, Trigg	11.99
4	Schrump, Jorden, LCHS	12.45
5	Shepherd, Carter, Trigg	12.52
6	Jackson, Jordon, Lyon	13.06
7	Jackson, Kyle, Lyon	13.09
8	Valentine, Matthew, CCHS	13.21
9	Belews, Connor, Trigg	13.31
10	Harris, Jaycen, LCHS	13.33
11	Porter, Bryan, Lyon	13.67
12	Belcher, Carter, LCHS	13.76
13	Husemann, Bryce, Trigg	13.95
14	Anderson, Mykai, Trigg	13.96
15	Garner, Ethan, LCHS	16.07

Boys 400 Meter Dash		
1	Nesbitt, Kaleb, CCHS	58.25
2	Reeves, Matthew, Trigg	58.71
3	Faith, Nate, CCHS	1:02.31

4	Renfro, Brody, Trigg	1:02.70
5	Jackson, Jordon, Lyon	1:03.62
6	Cavanaugh, Travis, Trigg	1:04.41
7	Valentine, Matthew, CCHS	1:05.25
8	Porter, Bryan, Lyon	1:05.71
9	Jackson, Kyle, Lyon	1:05.83
10	Harris, Jaycen, LCHS	1:06.04
11	Belews, Connor, Trigg	1:09.19
12	Perry, Dekon, Trigg	1:12.93

Boys 800 Meter Run		
1	Cavanaugh, Austin, Trigg	2:11.58
2	Morgeson, Preston, CCHS	2:18.01
3	Nesbitt, Kaleb, CCHS	2:22.98
4	Watts, Levi, Trigg	2:28.79
5	Cavanaugh, Travis, Trigg	2:31.58
6	Wilson, Phillip, LCHS	2:34.97
7	Bounds, Carter, Lyon	2:36.92
8	Gossard, Ethan, Lyon	2:40.18
9	Gossard, Ian, Lyon	2:49.92
10	Gallogy, Grant, Trigg	2:51.52
11	Rogers, River, CCHS	2:53.48
12	Belt, Colt, CCHS	2:54.78
13	Starkey, Landon, CCHS	2:55.62
14	Weatherspoon, Sean, Lyon	2:56.62
15	Perry, Dekon, Trigg	2:59.79
16	Husemann, Bryce, Trigg	3:04.59
17	Poague, Lucas, Lyon	3:14.97

Boys 1600 Meter Run		
1	Cavanaugh, David, Trigg	5:13.98
2	Renfro, Brody, Trigg	5:33.22
3	Bounds, Carter, Lyon	5:34.63
4	Watts, Levi, Trigg	5:42.59
5	Wilson, Phillip, LCHS	5:50.21
6	Gossard, Ethan, Lyon	5:56.78
7	Perry, Dekon, Trigg	6:06.33
8	Rogers, River, CCHS	6:12.59
9	Starkey, Landon, CCHS	6:16.78
10	Belt, Colt, CCHS	6:17.00
11	Gossard, Ian, Lyon	6:20.90
12	Weatherspoon, Sean, Lyon	6:21.72
13	Gallogy, Grant, Trigg	6:33.42
14	Poague, Lucas, Lyon	7:10.92

Boys 110 Meter Hurdles		
1	Kline, Gavin, Trigg	20.47
2	Hargrove, Braxton, Trigg	20.52
3	Long, Ethan, CCHS	20.68

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles		
1	Kline, Gavin, Trigg	49.93
2	Hargrove, Braxton, Trigg	50.23
3	Sanchez, Talon, LCHS	52.40
4	Long, Ethan, CCHS	53.69

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay		
1	Trigg County 'A'	49.65
2	Livingston Central 'A'	52.79
1)	Schrump, Jorden, 2) Belcher, Carter, 3) Garner, Ethan, 4) Sanchez, Talon.	
3	Crittenden County 'A'	53.87
1)	Long, Ethan, 2) Impastato, Sammy, 3) Cartwright, Jaxon, 4) Valentine, Matthew.	
4	Trigg County Middle School 'A'	54.26

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay		
1	Trigg County 'A'	1:41.32
2	Crittenden County 'A'	1:43.16
1)	Carr, Devon, 2) Faith, Nate, 3) Impastato, Sammy, 4) Nesbitt, Kaleb.	
3	Lyon County 'A'	1:53.00
4	Trigg County Middle School 'A'	1:54.09
5	Livingston Central 'A'	1:57.20
1)	Belcher, Carter, 2) Parks, Alex 3) Eichelberger, Eli, 4) Schrump, Jorden.	
Boys 4x800 Meter Relay		
1	Trigg County 'A'	9:40.47
2	Livingston Central'A'	11:05.66
1)	Parks, Alex, 2) Eichelberger, Eli, 3) Taliaferro, Carson, 4) Taraskiewicz, Demetriusz	
3	Crittenden County 'A'	12:06.37
1)	Long, Ethan, 2) Belt, Colt, 3) Rogers, River	
4)	Starkey, Landon.	

Boys High Jump		
1	Morgeson, Preston, CCHS	5-06.00
1	Faith, Nate, CCHS	5-06.00
3	Reeves, Matthew, Trigg	5-04.00

Boys Long Jump		
1	Cavanaugh, David, Trigg	15-05.75
2	Schrump, Jorden, LCHS	12-09.00
3	Taliaferro, Carson, LCHS	12-02.25
4	Eichelberger, Eli, LCHS	11-10.50
5	Garner, Ethan, LCHS	10-04.00

Boys Triple Jump		
1	Parks, Alex , LCHS	28-00.75

Boys Shot Put		
1	Crawford, Tyler, LCHS	36-06.00
2	Stone, Brady, LCHS	32-11.00
3	Borum, Sean, Trigg	29-00.00
4	Starkey, Glenn, CCHS	23-03.00
5	Norwood, Kell, Trigg	22-11.00
6	Henry, Seth, CCHS	22-00.00

Boys Discus Throw		
1	Stone, Brady, LCHS	108-10.50
2	Crawford, Tyler, LCHS	102-10
3	Impastato, Sammy, CCHS	98-04
4	Carr, Devon, CCHS	72-09.50
5	Borum, Sean, Trigg	71-08.50
6	Starkey, Glenn, CCHS	59-00.50
7	Henry, Seth, CCHS	58-01
8	Norwood, Kell, Trigg	56-06

Girls - Team Rankings - 13 Events Scored		
1)	Crittenden County	71
2)	Trigg County	63
3)	Lyon County	24
4)	Livingston Cetnral	7
5)	Trigg County Middle School	3

Boys - Team Rankings - 14 Events Scored		
1)	Trigg County	86
2)	Livingston Cetnral	56
3)	Crittenden County	46
4)	Lyon County	6
5)	Trigg County Middle School	1

Middle school results

Here are results from a middle school track and field meet at Ballard County on April 18. Listed are Crittenden County's top 10 finishers. •Layten Gilchrist was third and MaciBelle Hardesty fifth in the shot put. •River Rogers was second and Colt Belt third in the 1600 meters. •CCMS girls 4x100 relay team was second. CCMS finished fifth in both boys' and girls' events.

Crittenden County Detention Center



DETENTION CENTER REPORT
APRIL 20, 2023

JAIL CENSUS	April 20, 2023	March 23, 2023	Monthly Average 2022
State Inmates	90	91	91.7
Federal Inmates	66	60	63.9
Other County Inmates	11	14	25.3
Critenden County Inmates	17	18	13.5
TOTAL INMATES	184	183	194.3
Weekenders	6	3	3.3
Work release	0	0	0.0
Out to Court	0	6	0.0
Actual Inmate Bed Count	190	192	197.7

The Crittenden County Detention Center report is provided monthly to magistrates during Crittenden County Fiscal Court meetings. The inmate count was accurate for the day the report was created.

Last Month REVENUE	March 2023	February 2023	Monthly Average 2022
State Housing Payments	\$102,344.64	99,340.74	\$88,791.89
Federal Housing Payments	\$93,492.00	75,656.00	\$106,020.43
Federal Transport Payments	\$9,830.76	7,762.03	\$7,738.28
Lyon Co. Housing Payments	\$17,460.00	17,748.00	\$26,106.00
Other County Housing Payments	\$352.00	\$1,312.00	\$2,856.00
Weekend/Work Release	\$352.00	\$192	\$498.67
TOTAL HOUSING	\$214,000.64	\$194,248.74	\$224,272.99

Last Month ANALYSIS			
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	\$20,608	\$18,752.00	\$13,221.33
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	644	586	413.17
KY Daily Housing Rate	32	\$32	\$32
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	20.77	20.93	13.64

Jail renegotiating contract asking for more from Feds

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County Detention Center is banking on a new federal inmate contract with Uncle Sam. Jailer Athena Hayes told county leaders last week that she's not only anticipating the contract to be renewed, but expects a considerable increase in funding.

"Our federal contract pays the bills," Hayes told magistrates, pointing out how important federal housing dollars are to the jail's bottom line.

Over the previous three years, Crittenden County has received \$4 million in federal housing payments and about \$100,000 more in payments for providing transportation for federal inmates to and from the local jail. The federal inmate count was highest

during COVID-19, averaging 73 inmates per day during 2020 and 80 during 2021. The figure moderated a bit last year to an average of 64 federal inmates being held here. Still, the funding is a significant portion of the jail's housing revenue. It's been as much as half in the past few years.

The jail is paid by Kentucky Department of Corrections \$32 a day to house state inmates, Lyon County pays Crittenden \$36 to house its inmates and Uncle Sam has been paying \$49 a day. Hayes had budgeted for \$55 a day in federal housing dollars for Fiscal Year 2023-24; however, there's some indication the rate could be even higher because costs continue to rise for serv-

ices and materials.

Food expense is up 24 percent at the jail and medical up three percent, the jailer explained. With those increases, she's hoping to negotiate for a higher federal rate.

"I am asking for \$62 a day and I feel comfortable asking for that because our expenses are up," Hayes said.

She's expecting somewhere between \$55 and \$62 once the contract is settled. It could mean an additional \$250,000 or more in jail revenue. The federal contract can be renegotiated every three years.

Development of a solid annual contract to house federal inmates has been integral to the jail operating in the black the last few years.

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County will help fund Fohs Hall development

STAFF REPORT

Crittenden County has officially put its shoulder into a movement to develop property across North Walker Street from Fohs Hall. Magistrates approved a resolution at last week's regular monthly fiscal court meeting to obligate one-fourth of the cost associated with growing Fohs Hall's footprint in a community corridor that includes two museums and the senior citizens center.

Pledging \$31,250 in either cash, in-kind services or materials, the county joined what organizers hope will quickly become a four-pronged chorus of local groups pushing the plan along. Fohs Hall, Crittenden

County Tomorrow, Marion Tourism and Recreation Commission and Crittenden County Fiscal Court are each being engaged to pay for the plan. The county and Fohs Hall are now pledged.

Alan Stout, president of Fohs Hall, Inc., said architect Chris Gilbert (who has family ties to the community) is donating his time and expertise to develop a formal plan for a gazebo, green space, walking trail and parking lot. Initial drawings of the plan were presented to the fiscal court.

Stout explained that the estimated project cost is \$250,000. An application for a 50-50 matching grant from the Land, Water and Conser-



Here is a basic rendering of the rotunda or large gazebo that is planning across the street from Fohs Hall along with additional parking, a green space and walking trail. Plans for the rotunda are inspired by a similar structure on the grounds of My Old Kentucky Home State Park in Bardstown.

vation Fund is being made with assistance from the Pennyrile Area Development District. Locally, \$125,000 will have to be raised in cash or in-kind services.

A large gazebo or rotunda is planned for the site, which could seat 75 to 100 people. Stout envisions the venue could be rented for concerts, weddings or other outdoors events. A large green space with a walking trail and 10 parking spaces is also part of the plan.

Fohs Hall has already spent just over \$100,000 to purchase adjacent property on the east side of North Walker Street, directly across from the historic civic building. It tore down the old hospital – also known as the Hayward House – to make room for the planned development.

When Fohs Hall, with financial assistance from Crittenden County Tomorrow, purchased the property, it also got an adjacent lot and building. That building will be used for Ben Clement Museum storage and also public restrooms to support the new development.

Crittenden County Tomorrow is a non-profit organization founded years ago and recently well funded from a large endowment to the community left by the late Linda Schumann.

Stout said 2026 will be the 100th anniversary of Fohs Hall. Organizers of the project intend to be done with the project by then in order to unveil it for a big celebration for the anniversary.

FISCAL COURT

County leaders sacrifice opp to get 6.5% more pay; get highway repair funds

STAFF REPORT

At their regular monthly meeting last week at the courthouse, Crittenden County magistrates and County Attorney Bart Frazer turned down an opportunity for 6.5 percent more pay, which could have been accepted based on the state's cost-of-living formula. However, county leaders agreed to boost the pay of the county coroner, assistant coroner and assistant county attorney.

Magistrates were unanimous is turning down the option to raise their pay from \$778.50 per month to \$829.10 or what would have been right at \$9,500 per year. Magistrates can also earn extra pay by attending training events and they may participate in the county's health insurance and retirement programs.

Frazer also declined to take the raise, which would have bolstered his current monthly paycheck of \$1,109.94 for legal services to the county.

The assistant county attorney's pay is going to \$197.01 a month, the coroner to \$788.08 per

month and the assistant county coroner to \$394.03 each month.

•At the behest of the county attorney, magistrates also discussed altering its current penalty for taxpayers who fail to comply with a new ordinance requiring them to pay an annual \$36 E-911 fee. Currently, failure to pay it is a misdemeanor. Further research will be done to determine whether that could be reduced to a violation, rather than the more serious misdemeanor charge.

•The fiscal court also approved a resolution accepting \$568,620 in rural secondary road funds to resurface 6.3 miles of KY 297 from Tom Hill Road to Sadie Morgan Road.

A state highway engineer told county officials that repairs will be done starting this week on KY 654 from Mattoon to the end of state maintenance where buggy traffic has created deep ruts in the pavement. Other near-term projects will include paving on KY 297 from Tom Hill Road to KY 135, a section of KY 855 and a section of US 60 near Marion.

JOB

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but they had already begun the next chapter, forming D&D Automation in a horse barn on Kemper's farm in rural Crittenden County.

"Our knowledge and background was in automation and tooling so we started the business," Ingram said.

D&D hired about 15 former Siemens employees and they got contracts with some major companies, including Tyco, Hella Corporation, Ranco North American and Invensys. It was that relationship with Invensys' rail division that eventually led to a buyout of D&D Automation and birth of Safetran Systems in Marion about a year after Siemens had closed its original plant here. In 2013, Siemens came back, buying the rail division here and expanding the plant

under the name Siemens Mobility.

"It didn't just come back. We busted our tails to get it here," said Ingram, who pointed to a variety of city and community leaders who helped bring the deal to fruition more than two decades ago, saving hundreds of jobs.

Kemper retired around 2005, but Ingram has stayed in the manufacturing business he's known his whole life, starting at AMF's Potter & Brumfield in 1975. His late father, Paul, had worked there, too, and so did his son, Chad. His daughter, Jerrica, is employed there now.

For three generations, the Ingrams have been a part of the electronic and mechanical manufacturing here.

"I've never been without a job," Ingram said. "I've been blessed."

And thanks to the innovation of Ingram and Kemper, a whole bunch of other people have had

jobs, too.

"I had the privilege of working with Dean as an intern for Siemens Electromechanical Components in the Summer of 1992 as well as Invensys Rail then Siemens Mobility for the past thirteen years," said Marion Mayor D'Anna Browning.

"The impact of Dean and Dale's vision of renewing the art of building and adjusting relays has brought more jobs and economic value to Marion than most people realize.

As a coworker and now mayor, I thank him for the lasting legacy that he's provided for myself and our community."

In retirement, Ingram plans to spend time with family and perhaps more time a place he owns in Blue Ridge, Ga.

"I guess God will tell me what's next," he said. "I am just going forward to live day by day and see what comes."



Sharon Hodges, APRN
*Pain Management
Family Practice*

Hodges has experience as a primary and urgent care provider as well as experience in addiction medicine. Pain management is used to treat chronic pain caused from a number of medical conditions including nerve damage, back pain, headaches, fibromyalgia and more.

Appointments Available
Wednesday
Pain Management at
Crittenden Annex

Thursday & Friday
Family Medicine
at Fredonia Family Care in
Fredonia

**For an
appointment call
(270) 918-9990**

Dr. Anant Chandel,
*General Practice
Emergency Medicine*

Dr. Chandel did research at Stanford University before relocating to Kentucky to practice medicine. He specializes in Family Practice, wound care and emergency medicine. Originally from India, he and his wife Seema have been in the United States since 1987.

**For an
appointment call
(270) 965-5238**

Jennifer R. Alexander, APRN,
PMHNP-BC
*Psychiatric Mental Health
Nurse Practitioner*

Mental health services offered for ages 5 and older include, but are not limited to: Diagnosis and Treatment of a variety of mental health disorders, Medication management, Psychotherapy. Conditions managed include: Depression, PTSD, ADHD, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, insomnia and anxiety. Her focus includes psychotropic medication management of these conditions.

Appointments Available
Monday, Tuesday and
Wednesday
Family Practice Clinic
in Marion


Thursday at Fredonia Family
Care in Fredonia

**For an
appointment call
(270) 918-9995**



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MARCH 2023

Activity Report

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

	March	Feb.
Collisions Investigated	7	5
Complaints	91	64
Papers Served	40	10
Service Attempts	9	5
Total Service Attempts	92	-
Transports	11	1
Special Detail	60	77
Training Hours	2	0
Verbal Warning	4	13
Criminal Citation	3	3
Officer Assist	5	3
Building Checks	92	9
Meeting w/ School Staff	14	8
Total Manhours	624.5	511
Bailiff Court Hours	71.5	103.5
Cases Opened	9	10
DUIs	0	0
Felony Arrests	6	4
Misdemeanor Arrests	14	8
Motorist Assists	5	3
Vehicle Inspections	-	56
Traffic Citations	10	7
General Policing	143	100
Followup Investigations	7	3
Call for Service	23	16
Meeting w/school staff	14	-

SHERIFF

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EVAN HEAD