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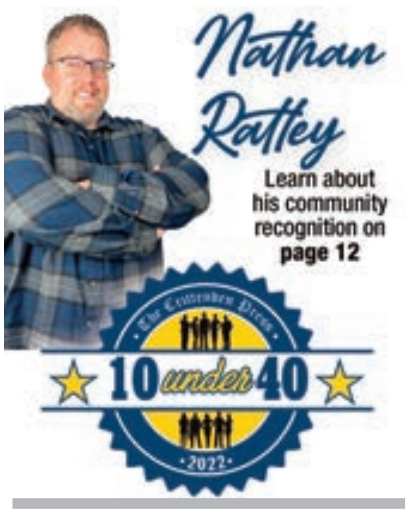

Locking Down Jailer

All 3 GOP candidates have dentention center experience

STAFF REPORT

With annual revenue of $2.7 million, Crittenden County Detention Center has one of the largest budgets of any local government agency in Marion and Crittenden County.

Three Republican candidates are vying to become the next county jailer. They are Athena Perry-Hayes, Tony Harper and Mike Puckett. There are no Democrats running for jailer, so whoever wins the May 17 Primary Election will get the job.

Over the past dozen years, the jail has gradually moved to become financially self-sufficient after operating in the red for the first years of existence. The 133-bed jail was opened in December of 2007, built at a cost of more than $7.7 million to replace the former 25-bed county jail.

Robbie Kirk became the facility's third jailer in 2013 and by 2019, the jail was making as much money as it spent. The Kentucky Department of Corrections, other counties in the commonwealth and the Federal Bureau of Prisons pays the county jail to keep state and federal inmates locked up.

All three of the candidates for jailer have experience working at the Crittenden County Detention Center. Hayes and Harper are currently employed there and Puckett worked at the old jail for a time and then the new one before taking a similar job at the Caldwell County Jail.

Harper, 59, spent 22 years working at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville. He has been employed at the Crittenden County Jail for about a year. Harper is a native of Princeton where he graduated from Caldwell County High School. He first moved to Marion in 2012 and has lived here for about 11 years on and off since that time.

A retired serviceman, Harper spent 20 years with the Army National Guard where he attained a rank of sergeant. He was also sergeant at the state prison. "Being in a leadership position, I know how direct individuals to perform job tasks by setting examples to follow," he said.

While campaigning for jailer,

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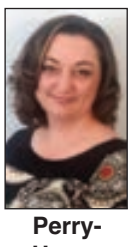
Harper

REPUBLICAN Candidates Crittenden County Jailer



Perry-Hayes

Puckett

CCHS FRESHMAN 'O'

Crittenden County High School will host current eighth graders from 5-6 p.m., Thursday, April 28 for freshman orientation at the multi-purpose room. This event is for students and families with the purpose of learning more about high school courses, scheduling options, college and technical education (CTE) pathways and graduation diploma tracks. Refreshments will be provided at the Pledge To Protect booth, and a $50 Amazon gift card will be given as a door prize. Families who are unable to attend will be sent a link to the information shared at orientation.

TOWN HALL MEETING LIVE ON PRESS PAGE

The final event in a series of local candidate forums will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 28 at the Lions Club's Agriculture Building at the county fairgrounds. This Town Hall Meeting will be broadcast live on The Crittenden Press Facebook Page.

OUTLAW OFF-ROADING

Outlaw Off-Road Racing Series of Houston, Texas along with local coordinator David Fritts will be hosting Sugar Creek Off-Road Racing Saturday on Sugar Grove Church Road in eastern Crittenden County. Racing begins at 10:30 a.m. There is limited ATV riding allowed at the site. Cost is $40 for a weekend pass and $25 for Saturday's feature event.

CITY FLUSHING WATER LINES STARTING SUNDAY

City of Marion will conduct a full system flush during overnight hours Sunday through Thursday of its water distribution lines. Customers will experience a drop in water pressure starting at about 9 p.m., each night. Full pressure should be restored by earling morning. This is a routine semi-annual procedure. System flushings are typically conducted by the city's water and sewer department in the spring and fall as part of distribution regular maintenance.

The green, red, yellow and white quilt in the foreground is one of the most cherished heirlooms on display at the museum. It dates to the Civil War and has a unique story. Pictured is museum curator Bernice Maroney. The museum has seen an uptick in visitors since the display opened recently. There have been visitors from across Kentucky and from Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

Spring Backroads Tour

Antebellum quilts on display

STAFF REPORT

Quilts from the community's antebellum period through the Civil War and beyond are on display at the Crittenden County Historical Museum in downtown Marion.

This weekend marks the annual Backroads Tour – which hadn't made its typical yearly appointment since 2019 due to the pandemic. There will be a variety of activities in the county this weekend including quilt displays, a vintage Barbie display and the Lady Rocket basketball team's widely-lauded barbecue porkchop sandwiches will be available at the Market on Main Friday only. Pre-sale orders can be made by calling coach Shannon Hodge at 270-704-0593. Meals will be ready at 9:30 a.m.

There are more than 20 vintage quilts on display at the museum, some of them dating back to the 1830s.

Each one has a story to tell and those are printed on a placards on display with the quilt. One was hidden under a bush when raiding Union soldiers came through the area during the War Between the States, some were handed down through five or more generations.

A couple of these heirlooms were quilted prior to the Civil War, one dating back to the 1830s, which remains in pristine condition.

The quilt display at the museum will continue through May, but a couple of other quilt shows will be offered this weekend only. There will be one at Marion United Methodist Church on Friday and Saturday and one at the Marion Woman's Club Building on Saturday only.

Quilts & More

Backroads Events

Marion United Methodist Church
Fri & Sat., April 29-30, 112 S. College St.

Homemakers Quilt Show
at Marion Woman's Club
Sat., April 30, 126 E. Carlisle St.

Heritage Quilt Display
Crittenden Historical Museum
Now through May, 125 E. Bellville St.

Vintage Barbie Collection
Marion Welcome Center
All Month Long, 213 S. Main St.

Backroads Tour Maps
Available at Welcome Center

Car tax refunds delayed

The State of Kentucky is currently processing and mailing out 212,000 refund checks to Kentucky vehicle owners who overpaid ad valorem taxes in January, February and March. The overpayment was due to the inflated value of most vehicles due to market conditions, so state law reverted the value of vehicles back to the 2021 level and will freeze it there for this year and in 2023. Refunds being issued by the state amount to $8.9 million.

However, there will be some Crittenden County vehicle owners who will not automatically receive this refund from the state. Owners of cars that have either changed hands between 2021 and 2022 or been associated with a different address over that period will have to wait a bit longer to get their money back.

County clerk offices will be in charge of issuing those refunds, most of which will be between $5 and $20. However, determining the amount owed as a refund is a complicated, lengthy process that requires the county clerk and PVA to work closely together for accuracy. The small staffs in both local offices are currently in the middle of preparing for an election and wrapping up the property assessment period, respectively.

The primary election is May 17 and the assessment period ends May 15, so the work that can be done generating refunds is limited until after mid-May, said Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

The deadline to issue refunds to customers, though, is June 8.

"We simply ask people to be patient with both offices to ensure

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Seasons greetings

From fall to spring, local scenes are captured by the Woman's Club of Marion's recent photography contest. See more from contest winners on page 3.

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Deaths

Cannon

Donald Eugene Cannon age 61 of Evansville, formerly of Marion, died Wednesday, April 20, 2022 in Tennessee.

He was an over the road truck driver and of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are a daughter, Sheree (Corey) Bridges of Newburgh, Ind.; a son, Cody Cannon of Evansville; three sisters, Bridget (Keith) Blunt and Cathy (Tim) Deller, both of Evansville, and Sharon (Anthony) McDonald of Marion; three grandchildren, Teagan, Addyson and Myah; and eight nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.E. and Bettie Mitchell Cannon.

Funeral services were Monday, April 25 at Myers Funeral Home. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.

Collins

Harold Louis Collins, 81, of Marion, died Friday, April 22, 2022 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

He was a farmer, heavy equipment operator and co-owner of B&C Dozing, coal mine constuction and carpentry.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Shelby Collins; a daughter, Debra (Otto) Brown of Marion; and a granddaughter, Kristi (Kenton) Drury of Marion; two great grandchildren, Kendyl and Kasyn Drury, both of Marion; two brothers, Carroll (Carolyn) Collins of Marion and Jerry (Barbara) Collins of Arnold, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold Eugene and Ina Lee Long Collins.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 26at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Lindsey

Larry Edd Lindsey, 79, of Eddyville, died Wednesday, April 20, 2022 in Evansville.

Surviving are three children, Richie Lindsey of Marion, Teresa Miniard of Eddyville, and Kelly Coday of Murray; a brother, Ricky Lindsey of Marion; 7 grandchildren, Brandon Wagoner, Brittany Wagoner, Kayla Hunt, Kelcie Faughn, Tristan Coday, Ben Coday and Lenny Coday; and nine great-grandchildren, Catelyn Wagoner, Kayson Wagoner, Cooper Wagoner, Breezy Wagoner, Jackson Stoner, Ashlyn Henshaw, Anthony Hunt, Paislee Faughn and Everlee Faughn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Warner and Hazel Lindsey; a daughter, Vanessa Porterfield, a sister, Joy Knight; and a brother Johnny Lindsey.

Services were Sunday, April 24, 2022 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Frances Cemetery.

Smith

Glenn Allen "Rusty" Smith, 85, died Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

He was was born Jan. 23, 1937 in Tiline to Gobel and Gertrude Smith when the 1937 flood was at its highest. The Smiths lived in a two-room house. Friends and family members left their homes around Tiline and stayed with the Smiths until they could return home.

Smith was a farmer, he also worked at Air Products in Calvert City for 20 years. He was a member of Tiline Missionary Baptist Church. He was an outdoorsman, loved the rivers, mountains, animals, nature and the countryside. He had been a hunter, but after years he became a protector of the animals.

Daily, he wanted to go riding in the county countryside and enjoy the scenery and talk about his friends and the days of going to Oak Ridge School near Tiline. He was ready to point out a certain place and what happened there. One of the things he liked was remembering the fox hunters around Tiline.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Mary Lou Lytton Smith; a daughter, Darlene (Ree) O'Nan; two granddaughters, Elizabeth Harrington and Samantha (Mark) Rupcke; a grandson Dustin Thomason; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Jeffrey Smith.

Funeral Services were Saturday, April 23 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Dyer Hill Cemetery.

Kirk

Helen Louise Kirk, 78, of Marion, died Saturday, April 23, 2022 at Riversbend Retirement Community in Kuttawa. She was a member of Glendale Baptist Church.

Surviving are seven children, Jaunita Sauders of Benton, Leshia (Benny) Lady of Kuttawa, Diana Jo (Chris) Kirk of Pompano Beach, Fla., Renee (Doug) Szczuka of Hawk Point, Mo., Shelia (Craig) Kirk Doumis of Arizona, Susie Murray of Cadiz, and Heather Kirk of Louisiana; a step son, Robert Hayden Kirk of Marion; three brothers, Eugene, Austin and John Wayne Belt; three sisters, Evelyn Cox, Tina Rushing and Brenda Beck; 26 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hayden Kirk; a son, Harold Wayne Kirk; her parents, Clarence Arthur and Mabel Helen Belt; a sister, Joyce King; a brother, Kenneth Belt; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, April 26 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Dunn Springs Cemetery.

Richards

Algie Richards, 92, of Marion, formerly of Dalton, died Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at Crittenden County Health and Rehab.

Surviving are a daughter, Karen (Greg) Maddux; two grandchildren Libby Maddux (Jarrod) Singleton and David (Allison) Maddux; and three great-grandchildren, Nellie Singleton, Wyatt Maddux and Quinn Maddux.

Services are tentatively planned for Sunday, May 1 at Gilbert Funeral Home. Burial will be in Prospect Cemetery in Dalton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prospect Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, c/o Eva Tucker, 493 Tucker Lane, Princeton, KY 42445.

Superintendent decision anticipated next week

The fourth and last finalist for Crittenden County Superintendent of Schools will be in Marion Thursday for a tour of the district and interview.

The first three candidates spent time on campuses last week and early this week.

Visits to the school district included tours of school facilities, meetings with staff and dinner and interviews with the board of education.

Ely

Board of Education Chairman Chris Cook believes a replacement for Superintendent Vince Clark will be made as early as next week. Clark is retiring after a full career in the Crittenden County School District, including the last eight years as superintendent.

Finalists include Stephen A. Ely of Montana, Tonya Driver of Marion, John Gunn of Crofton and Karen Solise of Madisonville.

Driver

Ely has been superintendent of Ekalaka Public Schools in Montana for two years. Several years of his career were spent in Kentucky, including principal in Bell County and assistant superintendent of Middlesboro Independent Schools.

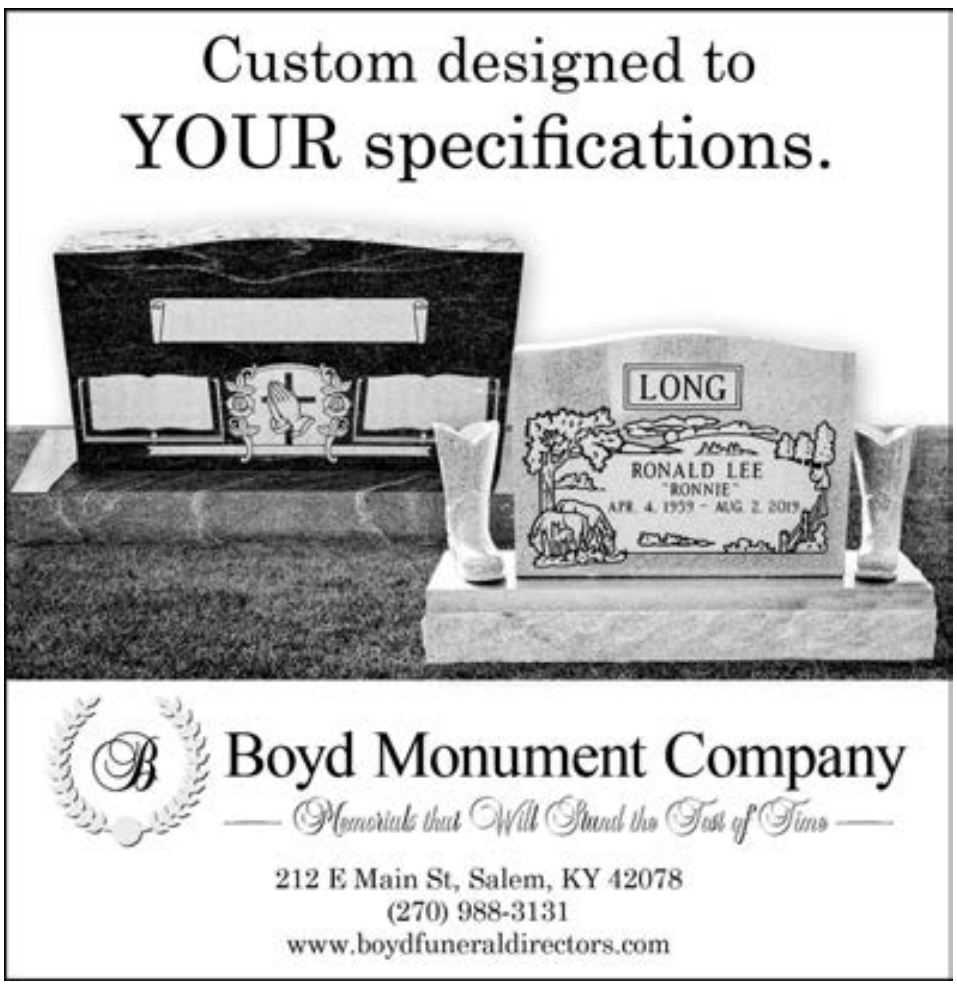
Gunn

Driver has been assistant superintendent and director of curriculum and instruction in Crittenden County since 2018. She has spent all but two years of her career as an educator in the Crittenden County School District, where she began as a teacher in 1992.

Solise

Gunn, principal of Hopkinsville High School since 2018, began his career in Orange County, N.C., and later held administrative positions in Lawrence and Dickson counties in Tennessee.

Solise has served as assistant superintendent at Trigg County Schools since January 2021. She taught in Hopkins County for 17 years and was principal at McLean County Middle School for five years.



Woman's Club picks photo winners

The Woman's Club of Marion recently held its second Facebook photography contest. Results were revealed in March.

Open to amateur photographers with a limit of one picture per each of the four classes, the contest drew some interesting and remarkable entries.

Winners were selected by the number of social media votes from the public.

First-place photographers selected one of four local charitable organizations to receive a $50 donation from the Woman's Club in their honor.

Class results and the group they selected were:

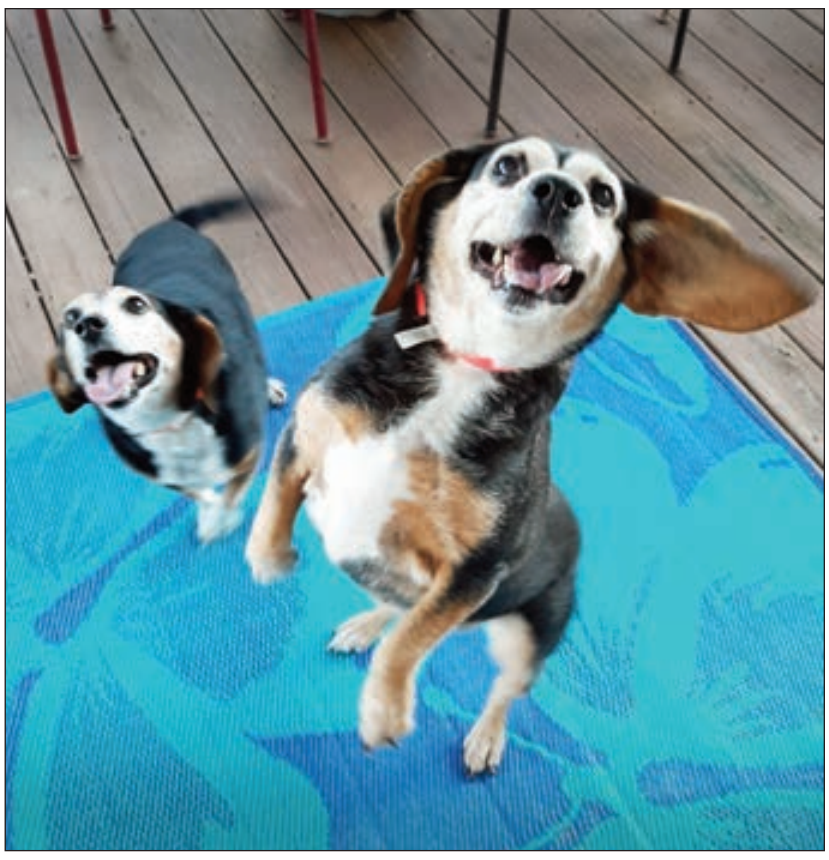
Nature: Beverly Coburn, donation to Community Arts Foundation. This fall pier and lake photo can be found on page 1.

People: Joyce Burdon, donation to Crittenden County Public Library. This springtime photo with a child is also on page 1.

Animals: Tabby Tinsley, donation to the Crittenden County Animal Shelter. This photo of two dogs is pictured at right.

Love: Joyce Burdon, donation to the Pennyrile Allied Community Services. This photo of a woman and child is also at right.

All 19 entries are posted on the Woman's Club of Marion Facebook page along with the names of the photographers.



JAILER

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Harper's primary points have been about safety and well-being of the staff who work at the jail. He wants to ensure the jail continues to meet budget expectations and that the inmate population is kept safe and secure."

He said inmates should be treated with respect and shown ways to overcome their poor choices.

Harper was recently chosen as post commander for American Legion Post 103 in Fredonia.

Hayes, 47, is currently a lieutenant at the Crittenden County Detention Center where she's coordinator for Kentucky Class D and U.S. Federal inmates. She has worked in that capacity at the jail for about eight years and has been endorsed by Kirk, the current county jailer.

A 1992 graduate of Crittenden County High School, Hayes studied at Paducah Community College and she holds various credentials and certifications from the Department of Corrections, including Train the Trainer.

Her occupational background is quite varied from growing up in her grandparents family business, which was operating the bed and breakfast, Lafayette Heights Clubhouse near Frances, and catering. She was a department manager for a grocery store chain, EW James & Sons, in Fulton, Martin Tenn., and Union City, Tenn., for about 10 years and owned and operated Cakes Unlimited in Fulton from 2003-2014.

"I have over 20 years of management experience that has given me strong communication skills, effective budget planning and knowledge to work with staff and clients to achieve success," said Hayes. "I have over eight years of experience working at Crittenden County Detention Center as the person who maintains the inmate population and is the point of contact for all federal and state contracts."

Among her assignments at the jail as Class D Coordinator is responsibility for all work release, educational programs, transports of inmates and documentation from state and federal courts.

"I have a solid reputation for being dependable, professional and hardworking. I have worked alongside Robbie Kirk to help make our jail one of the best in the state," she said.

For three years, Hayes has served chairperson of the Crittenden County Local Emergency Planning Commission, an organization mandated by the state to coordinator preparedness of local agencies in the event of a disaster.

In her campaign, Hayes is promoting her motivation and experienced leadership at the jail and a seamless transition if elected. She pledges to continue working with staff and other agencies to keep the jail financially successful and operating in the black.

Hayes says she knows how to provide a safe and secure environment at the detention center. She promotes an understanding of the tools, training and mentorship necessary to engage and retain staff and to affect change in inmates' lives.

"I can provide a seamless transition into the newly elected jailer's position that can only be achieved by the candidate who is part of the current jail administration," she said.

Puckett, 46, has many years in the corrections business. His career began as a transport officer at Henderson County Detention Center more than 20 years ago. He came to Crittenden County and spent about six years as a deputy at the old jail before transitioning into the modern facility here.

"I actually helped with the plans of the new jail and watched it get built from the ground up," said Puckett, who was raised in Unionville, Ill., and graduated from Massac County High School.

He currently serves as a supervisor at Caldwell County Jail, where he's been since 2016.

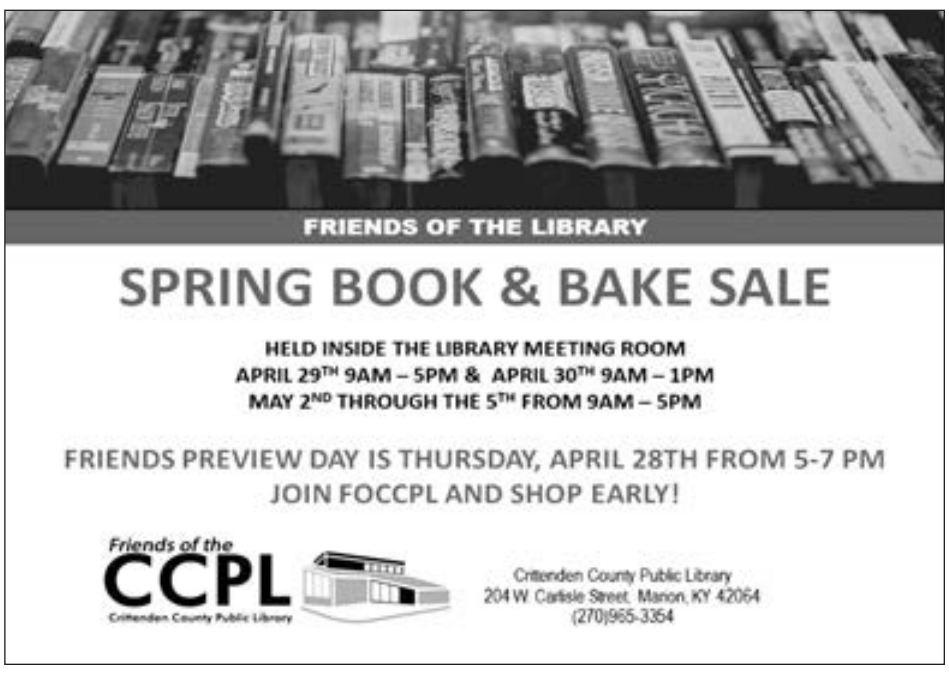
"I have worked with county, state and federal inmates. I know how to deal with inmates. That's what I've done all my life," said Puckett, who was married less than two weeks ago to Kristi Howell-Puckett.

Through his work inside three different detention centers, Puckett touts his experience with a variety of jail systems and procedures such as handling conflict, the website Jail Tracker, the security lock-down system, handling inmate medications, control room operations and the jail trusty system.

"I also have experience with outside work detail crews and experience with transporting state and federal inmates all over the state of Kentucky," he said.

Opening a line of communication with all local and surrounding law enforcement is part of his plan if elected.

"I want to see inmates back out cleaning up Crittenden County. I plan to continue running the jail exactly as it is now. I see no reason to fix what's not broken. If the jail is truly making money, it needs to continue doing so going forward and I plan to make sure that continues to happen," he said.



A tractor-trailer carrying about 20 scrap vehicles last Wednesday through Marion failed to negotiate the curve where South Main Street and Sturgis Road meet near the intersection of Fords Ferry Road. The crash took out utility poles and left a mess for first responders and site-clearing personnel. Main Street was closed for several hours. The driver was not badly injured in the wreck. He sought treatment at the local hospital.

Crittenden County Animal Control Officer Timmy Todd (pictured above) says the pens at the animal shelter are in poor condition and need to be replaced.

Bites, fights prompt dog warden to issue plea for new shelter fencing

STAFF REPORT

Dog Warden Timmy Todd says Crittenden County Animal Shelter must improve its kennels soon.

Prompted by a handful of incidents involving dogs breaking out of their pens and mortally wounding other animals plus one situation where a volunteer shelter worker was bitten through a fence, Todd testified last week in front of the Crittenden County Final Court. He asked magistrates to consider a complete overhaul of the county animal shelter, which is located behind the road department maintenance building on US 60 East.

"We need replacement, not just repairs," Todd told the fiscal court last week during its regular monthly meeting.

He explained that the Lab/collie mix was able to get between the chain-link fence poles to bite a female volunteer, fracturing two fingers.

"A collie or a shepherd has a long snout and they can get between the gaps in the fencing," Todd said.

Some of the pens are rusted due to urine, cleaning materials and constant wear from dogs pushing against the chain link or trying to tear through its somewhat feeble fasteners and clamps.

"We really need solid fronts of these pens, something like plexiglass," he told magistrates.

Todd also describes two other recent incidents where animals have attacked others through gaps in the fencing, leading to some of those animals having to be euthanized due to injuries or fear of further aggression.

Todd believes it will cost $10,000 or more to replace 24 5x10-foot pens attached to the shelter. The facility was built about 20 years ago. The facility has six other larger pens behind the shelter.

"If you tell me to keep a giraffe out there I would do everything in my power to do it, but we're having some problems," Todd said.

The fencing is not specifically designed for housing quarantined or potentially vicious animals, the animal control officer says. "We're going to have to do something."

Judge-Executive Perry Newcom told Todd to get some estimates on the work he's proposing and present those to the court for review. Todd says he plans to visit other shelters in the area that have similar pens to what he has in mind.

Crittenden County Detention Center Census

DETENTION CENTER REPORT

APRIL 21, 2022

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.

- *Federal Inmates $49 Per diem*
- *State Inmates $31.34 Per diem*
- *Lyon County Inmates $36.00*
- *Other County Inmates $32.00*

JAIL CENSUS	April 21, 2022	March 17, 2022	Montly Average 2022
State Inmates	81	90	92.5
Federal Inmates	72	76	70.5
Other County Inmates	33	29	28.0
Critenden County Inmates	14	7	7.5
TOTAL INMATES	200	202	198.5
Weekenders	3	3	3.0
Work release	0	0	0.0
Out to Court	0	0	0.0
Actual Inmate Bed Count	203	205	201.5

Last Month REVENUE	March 2022	February 2022	'22 Monthly Avg.
State Housing Payments	$84,868.72	$82,706.26	$83,865.84
Federal Housing Payments	$121,389.90	$100,923.92	$116,969.96
Federal Transport Payments	$9,228.90	$6,010.92	$6,781.21
Lyon Co. Housing Payments	$28,692.00	$22,968.00	$24,075.00
Other County Housing Payments	$4,928.00	$3,584.00	$3,400.00
Weekend/Work Release	$736.00	$832.00	$776.00
TOTAL HOUSING	$240,614.62	$211,014.18	$229,086.80

Last Month ANALYSIS			
Cost of Crittenden Inmates	$8,800.00	$4,448.00	$7,352.00
Numbers of Co. Housing Days	275.00	139.00	229.75
Daily Housing Rate	$32.00	$32.00	32.0
Avg Daily Population Co. Inmates	8.87	4.96	7.68

REFUND

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the refunds can be made efficiently without sacrificing the attention to detail needed for running an election and finalizing property assessments," Tabor said.

County clerks across the state are also awaiting direction on how to best account for issuing the refunds to satisfy audit requirements as well as more specific instructions on the mechanics of generating the refund in the state's outdated and clunky motor vehicle information system.

"There are more than 400 refunds to figure and 400 checks to write and mail out," said Tabor. "We know everyone wants their money back as quickly as possible, because some of us in these offices are among that number."

The state will be issuing 359 refund checks for total of $13,066.64, with checks ranging in size from $5.01 to $179.28.

Mother was exchange student at Marshall County High

Russian invasion splits family

Oresta (Boyko) Lisovska was a foreign exchange student at Marshall County High School during the 1998-1999 school year. Oresta is shown here with her daughter Anastasiia and son Marko. Her husband Volodymyr Lisovskiy is still in Ukraine in the service of his country.

They had just finished painting the walls in their daughter's bedroom, the last project of their to do list for the renovation of their home when the bombs started to fall in Ukraine. Oresta and Volodymyr Lisovskiy were shocked into accepting the reality that Russia had begun its invasion of their country. A family meeting was called and the painful decision was made to have Oresta take their two children 14-year-old Anastasiia and Marko who was five-years-old at the time to Poland and seek asylum in the United States. Marko celebrated his sixth birthday in Poland.

Fearing that Oresta would not follow through and leave Ukraine Volodymyr drove them from their home in Lviv to the Polish border, a trip that normally would take an hour or less. It took them 28 hours waiting in line, traffic from the border crossing was backed up for miles.

Men the age of Volodymyr can not leave Ukraine so he left his family at the Polish border and returned to Lviv to fight the Russians. He now is in the equivalent of a home guard and his recently remodeled home is filled to the brim with refugees some family members he knows and others he has never seen before have stayed there, too.

Oresta knew she could not stay at the border it was packed with people with no place to go. So, she drove the family car to Krakow, Poland to the home of friends of her parents. Then she began the process of navigating the channels to get visas for her children. Oresta already had a visa but she wanted her children to enter the United States legally.

Oresta (Boyko) Lisovska is shown here with her daughter Anastasiia and son Marko. Her husband Volodymyr Lisovskiy is still in Ukraine in the service of his country.

To explain how my family and I fit into all of this you have to go back more than two decades to 1998 when we first met a young girl from Ukraine who promptly stole our hearts. We have loved her ever since. Oresta Boyko was 16-year-old and a member of the Marshall County High School choir with my daughter Emily. They became fast friends. She stayed with us for many weekends. They double dated to Marshall County High School prom. My wife made her prom dress the week before prom. That is a whole other story.

When the 1998-1999 school ended and Oresta flew back to Ukraine a lot of tears were shed. During that time communications were difficult, packages we sent never arrived at Oresta's home. We lost contact.

Then better internet service came to Ukraine. My daughter and Oresta reconnected on Facebook and Oresta and her husband came to Nashville to visit Emily and her family in 2019.

I knew things could get bad in Ukraine and I told Oresta she and her family had a home, my house here in Calvert City, if they needed a safe place to come to. When the decision was made to leave Ukraine, she contacted me and said she had a big favor to ask and without hesitation I told her they could stay with us as long as they wanted.

About two weeks after they left Ukraine, and after numerous telephone calls and emails with Rep. James Comer's office and several trips to the U.S. consulate in Krakow the visas for the kids were secured and plane tickets purchased. Oresta and the children flew from Poland to New York City and landed there on St. Patrick's Day. A couple of days later Calvert City received three new residents.

Oresta and her children have a big story to tell, and they want to thank the many people in Marshall County and across the United States who have helped them in so many ways. A reception was held at First Presbyterian Church, located a 639 Evergreen Street in Calvert City for Oresta, Anastasiia and Marko and a candle light service held for Ukraine.

The Lisovskiy family's story is still being completed. People here can become a part of it. There are millions of Ukrainians displaced by the war. They need our help.

This article was written by Loyd Ford, editor of the Lake News in Calvert City.

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Jesus really cares for his people

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

Question: On TV news and on social media, I hear politicians speak passionately and convincingly, but I think a lot of what they say is misinformation. They say that they have our best interest at heart. How can I know which leaders really care for their people?

Answer: I think most people care for others and leaders want to help, but they are often influenced by their own interest and by their close friends. While political leaders and even spiritual leaders do commendable things, they can let us down.

Jesus is one you can always depend on to be truthful, dependable and caring. He said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn.10:11).

Even though Jesus is fully God and has all power and majesty, He leads his people as a caring shepherd. We can trust Him to perfectly provide for our needs, protect us in times of danger and guide us when we don't know which way to go.

Jesus showed His great love for us by dying on the cross to take our sin and guilt upon Himself. He doesn't demand our obedience, but as a loving friend, He invites us to become His followers. To become a part of His flock, we need to turn away from our sin and put our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. When we do, we find a truthful and caring leader all the time.

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

Community Events & News

■ The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.

■ Salem Baptist Church Thrift Store is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday at 209 Highland St., Salem.

■ The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. For the time being, the Clothes Closet is operated outdoors from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. Please observe social distancing. 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.

■ 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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The family of
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Homecoming
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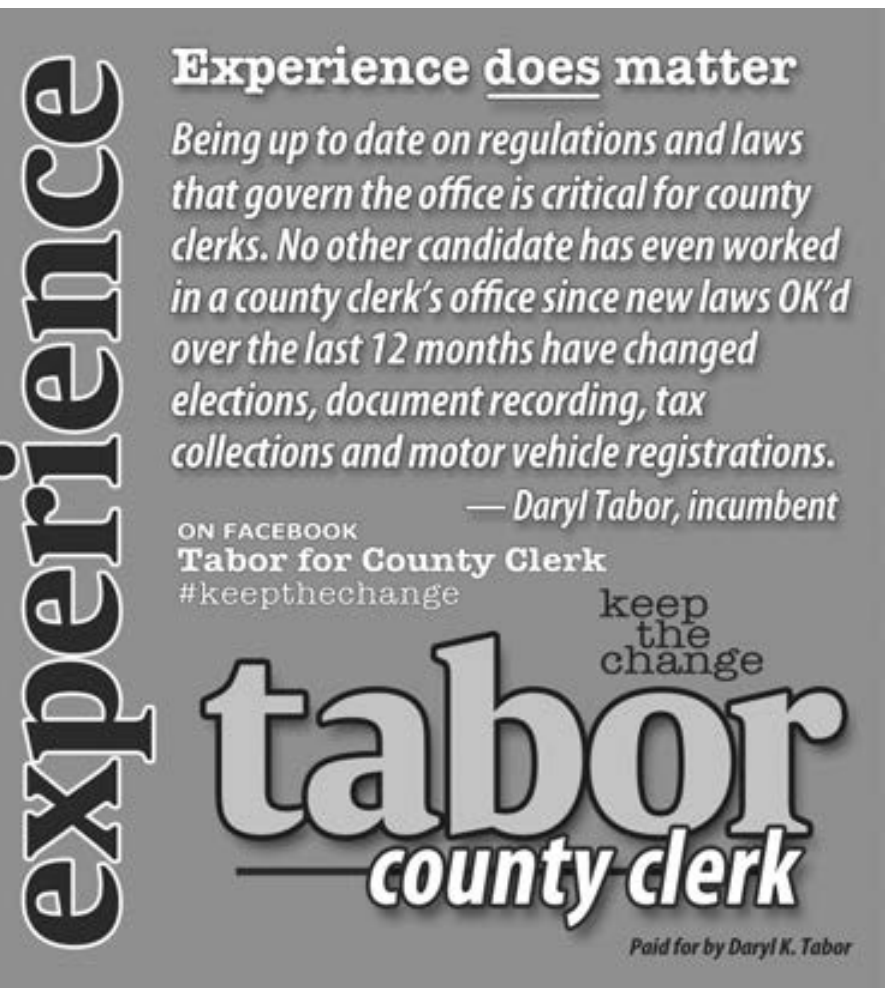
Temporary stay ordered on new Ky. abortion law

A federal judge issued a temporary order to halt Kentucky's new abortion law, paving the way for the state's two providers to resume offering abortions after a week of inaction.

In a ruling late last week, U.S. District Judge Rebecca Grady Jennings granted the request from the two abortion providers, both located in Louisville, for a temporary restraining order.

"The Court restrains enforcement of the entirety of HB 3 at this time, as it lacks information to specifically determine which individual provisions and subsections are capable of compliance," Jennings wrote in a 21-page ruling. Planned Parenthood's "motion for a temporary restraining order is granted."

It has been eight days since Planned Parenthood and EMW Women's Surgical Center sought emergency relief in federal court from House Bill 3, a sweeping abortion law they said had so many restrictions it would be impossible to comply.



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INSPECTION PERIOD
FOR THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Crittenden County Property Assessment roll will be open from May 2 through May 16, 2022. Under the supervision of the PVA or one of the Deputies, any person may inspect the assessment roll.

This is the January 1, 2022 assessment on which state, county, school, and other districts taxes will be due this fall.

The assessment roll is in the office of the P.V.A. in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30-11 a.m. on Saturdays during this period.

Any property owner desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any property owner still aggrieved by an assessment on real property after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The property owner can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property, and stating
the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the County Clerk's office no later than one working day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

Any property owner failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by a designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property owners shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a property owner does not agree with the assessed value of personal property.

1) Property owner must list under protest (for certification) what they believe to be the fair cash value of their property.
2) Personal property owners must file a written protest directly with the Department of Property Taxation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
4) The final decision of the Revenue Cabinet may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

(The Crittenden County PVA Office is responsible for the assessment of property; however, we do not set tax rates or collect taxes.)

Ronnie Heady
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In Loving Memory of

Roger Franklin Boone

January 9, 1950 -April 29, 1995

It's been 27 long, lonely years without you. It seems like only yesterday we were young with our lives ahead of us and then you were gone. Instead of growing old together I've faced those years alone.

I know your sons miss you and wish you were here to watch them drag racing. They love the sport that you loved so much. You would be so proud of them.

I wish you could have met your grandsons Rex and Jax, they are wonderful! What fun you guys would have had together. They love drag racing, cars, loud trucks, Monster Jam, 4-wheelers and bikes. You can sure tell they are Boone Boys!

I miss the sound of your voice, the touch of your hand, your shoulder to lean on when I feel lost. The last year has been so hard losing the house and everything there. Being sick so much. Most all of our pictures of you are gone, so many things I could touch of yours to bring you closer. The more time that passes, the closer it brings me to you.

This last year has been so hard without you. You were always my strength and I feel so weak. One foot in front of the other, one day at a time is how I go on.

You are missed by us all more than anyone knows. You were loved beyond measure. When it's dark and lonely I hold you close to my heart and whisper your name and I remember, I remember the love we had, the joy we shared and the pain I feel of losing you. You'll be loved and missed for all time.

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Fluorspar mines big local industry

Here is an interesting article that was written for the Kentucky Progress Magazine in the year 1929 by Avery H. Reed.

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This is intended to be a popular article, prepared with a view to inform the average citizen about fluorspar, one of Kentucky's major mineral products. The question most often asked by those who know about or have heard of its occurrence in Kentucky, are: "What is fluorspar?" "What do they make out of it?" "What do they use if for?"

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Before proceeding with direct answers to the questions enumerated it would be well to introduce a short preface or foreword in geology.

Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

The crust of the earth is known by geologists to consist of solid rock of various kinds. If the soil covering the earth were removed, it would be seen that such rocky crust would be generally full of cracks and seams and that it was variously contorted, folded, dislocated and otherwise very different from a homogeneous, solid, level rock mass. It is in such cracks and seams that vein ores and minerals and mineral substances occur. These appear in a more or less vertical position as distinguished from the non-vein mineral deposits, such as coal, which occurs in beds or seams, lying more or less horizontal in the rocks.

For clarity we might classify these minerals as metallic and non-metallic; those from which metal is derived and those from which no metal is derived.

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Answer to first question: "What is fluorspar?" Fluorspar is one of the non-metallic vein minerals, to which class belongs a host of others, such as feldspar, barytes, gypsum, crylite, mica, quartz and calcite. In physical appearance fluorspar looks much like these non-metallic vein-minerals already named. It occurs in various colors, but the predominating color of the mineral of commerce is white to clear and glassy in appearance. Perfectly clear fluorspar is transparent and as such is called "optical fluorspar.' This is used to make optical lenses.

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Answering the second question, "What do they make out of it?" The one principal commodity of commerce derived actually from fluorspar in hydrofluoric acid, made on a large scale from ground fluorspar. This is used in processes necessary for making aluminum. It is also stored in special containers of parafin, or other substances not affected by the acid and marketed for use by the chemical industries. It takes the highest quality of pure, ground fluorspar for the making of hydrofluoric acid.

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Answering the third question, "What do they use it for?" It is used by many different industries to bring about certain necessary changes that no other material can ordinarily perform. In the making of steel, by certain processes, about 10 pounds of gravel fluorspar per ton of steel is used; this seems a very small amount, but when one considers the large tonnage of steep produced annually, it means the use of about 125,000 to 150,000 tons of gravel fluorspar.

In the manufacture of white glass, a very small portion of ground fluorspar is added to the melted glass. This addition renders the glass white and opaque. The white color of enamel on iron ware, such as kitchen utensils, bathtubs and bathroom fixtures, and white-faced enameled tile and brick, as well as certain fine chinaware is produced by the addition of fluorspar to enameling material. All of these uses consume from 10,000 to 15,000 tons of ground fluorspar annually.

Lucille Mine, located in Marion city limits, close to the rail road tracks, was a large operation for the selling and shipping of Fluorspar.

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The mining and concentration of fluorspar is one of the principal non-metallic mineral industries in Kentucky. The industry centers around Marion and Crittenden County in the western part of Kentucky.

One mine, the Lucille, is within the city limits of Marion and Marion is the principal seat of milling and concentrating plants for the preparation of the commodity for market.

Most of the large mining centers are located in the country outside of Marion, and the mineral is hauled or tucked to Marion and other railroad points for preparation and shipment. At the present time, one of the largest outlying mining enterprises is located near Mexico, a railroad station, and is connected to the station by a railroad spur. It is owned and operated by the Lafayette Fluorspar Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. This interest also has acquired a very large mineral assembly holding.

The "Big Four Properties," located near Sheridan, about seven miles west of Marion, are being held as future reserves. Also outlying from Marion are numerous large mines owned and operated by the Franklin Fluorspar Company, a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America. Numerous smaller mines are owned and operated by individuals and other companies.

To give one an idea of the importance of the fluorspar industry to the state, latest statistics compiled and published by U.S. Department of Commerce, quote the following facts and figures: There was shipped in 1928 from Kentucky mines 69,747 short tons, valued at $1,426,766, representing an average price of $20.46 per ton.

The Mary Belle Mine located off of Crittenden Springs Rd. (1668), is shown with a pile of fluorspar, enough to surface 100,000 bath tubs.

Reported average prices received in 1928 for the different grades and commercial forms of domestic fluorspar were acid spar, $36.69; gravel for use in steel making, $15.19; product used for glass making and enameling, $30.18.

There is considerable foreign competition with domestic fluorspar, the reported quantity imported in 1928 being 47,183 short tons. The present duty on foreign fluorspar is $7.50 per short ton. Domestic producers do not think this a sufficient protective tariff and petitioned the U.S. Tariff Commission for an increase of duty to $410 per short ton.

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The Reed family was a part of Marion for nearly 40 years. As a mining engineer, Avery moved several times to build new mines and mills in Virginia, Kentucky and Illinois. Avery and his wife Louise and family lived in Marion from 1902 until 1907 then moved to follow some mining pursuits, but returned to stay in 1911. Avery opened and owned many of the fluorspar mines in the area. He was well known and respected in the mining world of Marion and Crittenden County.

The Reed family lived in the large two-story historic home located at 428 South Main Street from 1915 until 1949. In 1949 when his wife Louise died, Avery sold the house and belongings and moved to Charlottesville, Va. He died in 1969. He and wife Louise, are buried in the Mapleview Cemetery.

(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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Alan believes health care workers are facing similar stress and burnout from a pandemic that seems to have gone on forever (which it might). More assistance and pay should go to healthcare providers. More psychological services should be available to healthcare workers and every citizen in the commonwealth. Alan believes global warming is real and action is needed to alter our lifestyle. Alan believes Kentucky could produce cost efficient solar and wind power. Alan believes political parties should compromise more often. He opposes Republican efforts to suppress voters.
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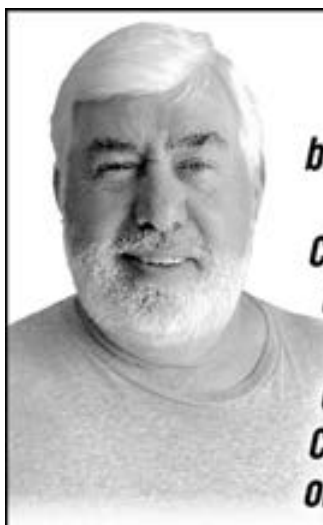
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legal notice

Notice is hereby given that on April 20, 2022 Darlene McLaughlin of 2135 S.R. 654 North, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed executrix with will annexed of Douglas James McLaughlin, deceased, whose address was 2133 S.R. 654 North, Marion, Ky. 42064. Hon. Robert Frazer, P.O. Box 361, Marion, Ky. 42064, attorney.
All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the executrix with will annexed on or before the 20th day of October, 2022 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred.
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Notice is hereby given that in an April 29, 2022, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky of an adjustment of Demand-Side Management ("DSM") Cost Recovery Component ("DSMRC") charges proposed to become effective on and after May 29, 2022.

The proposed changes, if approved, will result in changes to the DSMRC rates calculated per kWh under the DSM tariff for all affected electric rate classes as follows:

Rates:	Current	Proposed
GS, GTOD-Energy, GTOD-Demand	$ 0.00055	$ 0.00062
AES	$ 0.00323	$ 0.00363
PS, TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS, OSL	$ 0.00067	$ 0.00079

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed DSMRC charges will apply for each affected electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class*	Average Monthly Usuage (kWh)	Annual $ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill $ Increase
General Service	1,677	113,728	18.9	0.12
GTOD-Energy	No customers on this rate			NA
GTOD-Demand	No customers on this rate			NA
All Electric School	25,242	49,930	54.1	10.10
Power Service	32,604	529,806	40.5	3.91
TODS (Secondary)	195,802			23.50
TODP (Primary)	679,421			81.53
Retail Transmission	2,130,792			255.70
Fluctuating Load	No customers on this rate			NA
Outdoor Sports Lighting Service	7,297			0.88

* The information in the above table does not include industrial customers that have elected to not participate in the DSM program.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing proposed rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department at P.O. Box 32010, Louisville, Kentucky, 40232, or by visiting KU's website at www.lge-ku.com/our-company/regulatory.

A person may examine this application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, and at KU's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2022-00123.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

First Responders rescue woman from house fire

Firemen work to save this home on Mott City Road last week after rescuing an individual trapped in a bedroom. You can see more pictures at the Crittenden County Fire Department's Facebook page.

STAFF REPORT

Local firemen and a police officer helped rescue a woman from a burning home Friday afternoon.

Police were dispatched at about 1:15 p.m., to the fire after Debbie Tinsley phoned 911 and reported that her home on Mott City Road was ablaze and she was trapped in her bedroom, unable to get out.

Among the first responders were local volunteer firemen Evan Cruce and his father Gary Cruce and Marion Policeman Heath Martin.

They were able to pull Tinsley to safety after an air conditioner unit was removed from a window in her bedroom.

Crittenden County Fire Chief Scott Hurley said the room was already filled with smoke and quick action by rescuers was paramount to getting the victim out safely.

She was taken to Crittenden Community Hospital, treated and released.

Tinsley, her brother and father were renting the home. No one else was there at the time.

Hurley said the home was severly damaged although the blaze was largely contained to the living room area where it apparently started near an entertainment center and television.

Fire departments from Marion, Crittenden County, Fredonia and Caldwell County all responded to the scene.

Over $76,500 remains unpaid

Delinquent taxes payable to clerk

Delinquent county property tax bills from last year are now payable in the county clerk's office. Crittenden County tax bills for 2021 were turned over from the sheriff's office Monday, as prescribed by statute.

There is just over $76,500 in 2021 taxes still owed by property owners. There are 202 certificates of delinquency on real property and another 28 on personal property now payable in the clerk's office. The average amount in arrears is around $340.

"This is about $12,000 more than was owed on 2020 delinquent property taxes when they were transferred over to our office last year," said County Clerk Daryl Tabor. "These are missing funds that are used by local government for infrastructure, education and services to the public like the library, fire departments, health department and Extension service."

But $5,346 of the unpaid bills comes in the form of a new $36-per-dwelling fee added last year to tax bills to help fund the local emergency dispatch center. This unpaid 911 fee must be satisfied in the county treasurer's office. It cannot be collected by the county clerk.

Once tax bills are handed over to the county clerk, statutes require interest and additional fees that tack on about one third more to each delinquency. If not paid by the annual tax sale in the clerk's office, set for Aug. 11, a third party can purchase the delinquent taxes. They may then place a lien on the corresponding property, adding even more fees to clear the lien.

The new 911 fee, though, is exempt from penalties and interest and cannot be purchased by a third party; only the property owner can satisfy that portion in the treasurer's courthouse office. The delinquent 911 fees constitute a Class A misdemeanor that can be punishable by a fine and/or jail time.

The county attorney will soon be notifying all property owners who have yet to pay the 911 fee.

Tax and fire dues delinquencies can be paid in the county clerk's office during regular business hours, which are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Personal and business checks are not an acceptable form of payment for delinquent taxes, though cash, credit or debit card, money order and cashier's check are all accepted.

For questions, call the county clerk's office at 270-965-3403.

Letter to the Editor

Writer critical of Rep. Bechler

To the editor:

Marion City Council members and city officials have been struggling for years with the funding for the water treatment system that has been required by the state. The burden has fallen on approximately 1,200 water customers to come up with more than $12 million to pay for the loan to fund the water treatment project. The environmental fee on a monthly water bill has doubled the total cost of the water bill in the last seven years.

It is set to go up again in July.

The charge for water has not increased.

My minimum monthly water bill was $32.41 in 2015, but the environmental fee has increased it to $65.23 now. Beginning in July, it will be even higher.

Our state representative, Lynn Bechler, has not been helpful in supporting the city's quest for grants from various agencies. In fact, at the Marion City Council meeting last August, Bechler indicated that he would not help in this matter, placing the blame on the local government and citizens.

He flatly refused to give any assistance.

Lynn Bechler has not done his job.

This man was elected to serve the people of Marion, and he is paid by tax dollars to be our voice in Frankfort. But he has failed in his duties. This is clearly not the person we need any longer as an elected official. There are other candidates on the ballot that should get our vote.

In our re-districted area, Alan Lossner and Jim Gooch of Providence are on the ballot along with Bechler. Jim Gooch is a current member of the Kentucky legislature and has served well.

Voters, please take the time to check out all the candidates and then vote for the one you think will do the best for the citizens of Marion.

That person is not Lynn Bechler.

Glen Leslie
Marion, Ky.

Crittenden Press Letters Policy

The Crittenden Press accepts and encourages letters to the editor on a variety of subjects. Letters should be submitted by 5 p.m., Friday the week before publication.

Submissions must include only the author's name (no multiple names or groups), address, including hometown, phone number and signature. Phone numbers will not be published. They are for our records only in order to authenticate a letter's author. Letters should be written in good taste and in most cases should not exceed 300 words. Letters will be edited for spelling and grammar and The Crittenden Press reserves the right to reject or edit letters for clarity, brevity and otherwise at our discretion. Writers should limit their letters to no more than one per month. Original copies of submitted letters will be retained in our files. Letters may be presented at our office, sent to P.O. Box 191, Marion, Ky., 42064 or emailed to thepress@the-press.com.

During election season, The Press does not allow letters supporting or denouncing local candidates in the final edition of the newspaper prior to the election. Therefore, the deadline for letters about local candidates is May 6. Letters received by that date will be published in the May 12 edition. No letters supporting or denouncing local candidates for the primary election will be accepted beyond May 6.

Local highways promised $9.92M through 2024

STAFF REPORT

Over the next two years, Crittenden County will see state highway projects and operations amounting to $9.92 million.

Gov. Andy Beshear signed into law the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Biennial Highway Construction Plan, which includes operation of the Cave In Rock Ferry through budget year 2024, three bridge replacement projects, a turning lane in front of the hospital and high school and raising a portion of the highway south of Dycusburg prone to flooding.

In Livingston County, there was just one project, an $11.8 million plan to improve a four-mile section of I-24.

Here are the projects approved by the Kentucky General Assembly and signed by the governor:

•Operation of Cave In Rock Ferry through 2028 using an audited cost basis. In the budget is $831,000 annually. Illinois also provides an equal amount.

•A bridge project on KY 120 crossing a slough of the Tradewater River. Budgeted is $1.1 million in 2023 for design and construction.

•A bridge project on KY 135 across Hurricane Creek. Budgeted is almost $1.2 million through 2023 for design and construction.

•A bridge project on KY 387 across Crooked Creek. Budgeted is $2.7 million for design and construction through next year.

•A turning lane on US 60 in front of high school and hospital. Budgeted is $500,000 in 2022 for construction.

•To address deficiencies at a recently rebuilt bridge on Cotton Patch Road the state has budged $850,000.

•Budgeted to raise a section of KY 295 south of Dycusburg above the floodplain is $150,000 in 2022 for design, $100,000 in 2023 for right of way procurement and $75,000 in 2024 for utility relocation.

•A bridge project on KY 506 at Piney Creek. Budgeted is $748,000 for design and construction.

THROW BACK THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879

50 YEARS AGO

April 27, 1972

■ The American Legion Auxiliary selected two delegates and two alternatives to attend Kentucky Girls' State. The delegates were Shannan Travis and Mary Jo Arflack and the alternatives were Jayne Clark and Susie Brown.

■ Victor "Pippi" Hardin was elected to serve as president of the Crittenden County Jaycees.

■ Robin Webb and Donna Hodge both received superior ratings at the Kentucky Music Education Keyboard Festival held in Murray.

25 YEARS AGO

May 1, 1997

■ James "Jim" O'Neal retired from his position as a Marion dispatcher after 23 years of service.

■ Second place honors were awarded to the Woman's Club of Marion in the Issue Awareness Division at the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs' annual convention.

■ Tabitha Hendrix of Marion was accepted as a state finalist to the Miss Kentucky Junior Teen Pageant in Lexington.

■ Christopher Yandell of Fredonia was recognized as an American Scholar in the national University Scholars Awards Program.

■ Teri L. Humphrey of Marion was named Outstanding Adult Student at the Alpha Sigma Lambda/Adult Student Honors reception.

10 YEARS AGO

April 26, 2012

■ Henry and Henry Monuments won the first-ever title of Industry of the Year in Crittenden County.

■ A new slate of officers was elected to lead the Republican Party of Crittenden County. They were Ramona Ford, secretary; Mike McConnell, vice-chair; Marty Kares-Workman, chair; Don Gatewood, treasurer and Precinct No. 12 captain; Willard Guill, Precinct No. 4 co-captain; Micky Myers, Precinct No. 4 co-captain; Rick Riley, Precinct No. 1 captain; Bradley Guess, youth chairman; and Precinct No. 3 captain, Bill Frazer.

■ Air Force Airman 1st Class Breanna J. Cozart graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas

■ Tom Courtright graduated from the Air Force Academy.

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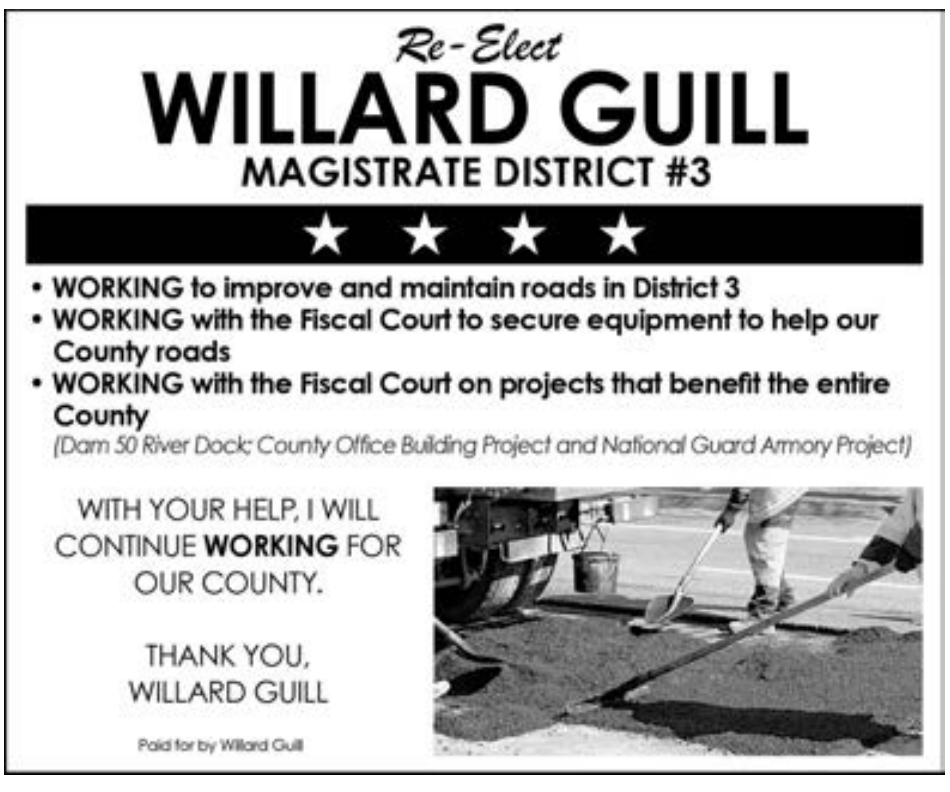

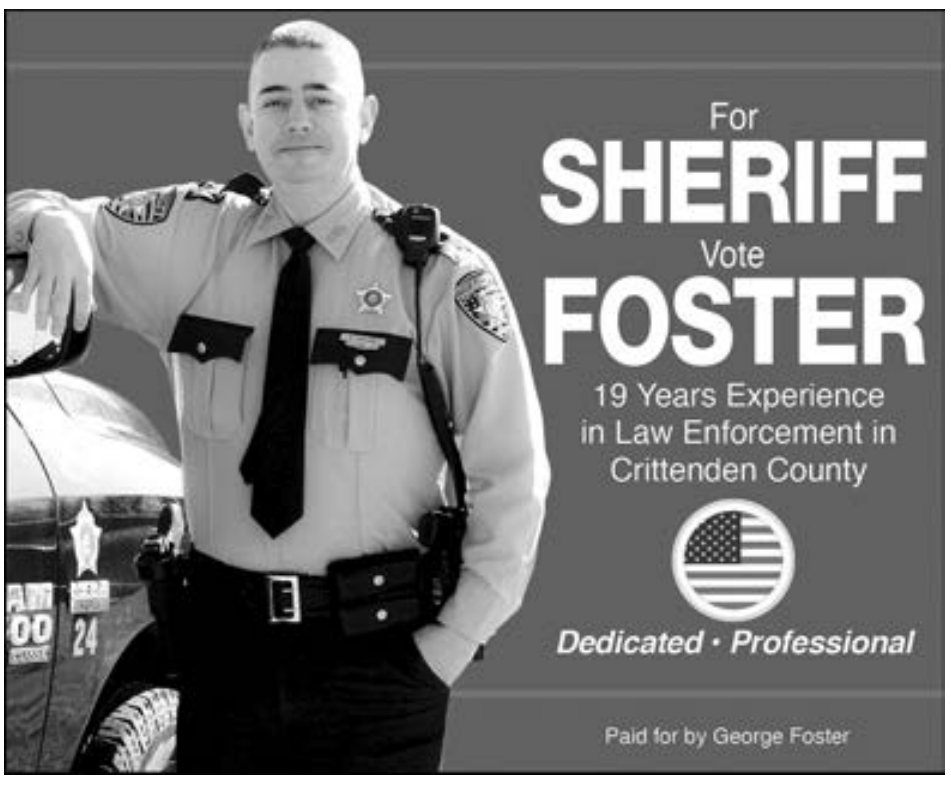

CRITTENDEN COUNTY VOTING PROCEDURES

PRIMARY ELECTION 2022

IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY VOTING

Election Day
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Polls Open 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

Marion Baptist Church
ANY COUNTY PRECINCT

Mattoon Fire Department
A102 Rosebud

Deer Creek Baptist Church
B101 Sheridan, B102 Tolu

Mexico Baptist Church
E101, D102 Frances

Shady Grove Fire Department
F102 Shady Grove

NO VOTING AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, MAY 16

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

Thursday, May 12, 2022
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, May 13, 2022
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, May 14, 2022
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Crittenden County Courthouse
107 S. Main St., Marion
Main level

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WE DO NOT HAVE ANY NON-PARTISAN RACES ON THE PRIMARY BALLOT.

IN-PERSON EXCUSED ABSENTEE VOTING

May 4-11, 2022
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

NO VOTING SATURDAY OR SUNDAY

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

Voter requirements to be absentee-eligible:
Per KRS 117.085, eligible voters must meet one of the requirements.

- Student who resides temporarily outside of his/her county
- Voter or voter's spouse who has surgery/hospitalization scheduled during Early Voting & Election Day
- Voter who is a resident of Kentucky covered by KRS 117 A.010
- Uniformed service member who finds out they will be confined to a military base during Early Voting and Election Day and is not eligible for a mail in ballot
- In last trimester of pregnancy
- Voter who temporarily resides outside the state but is still eligible to vote in Kentucky.
- Person who due to age, disability or illness will be unable to attend Early Voting or Election Day vote centers
- Voters who will be out of the county during Early Voting or Election Day.

MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT

Eligible Voters may request a mail-in absentee ballot by visiting

GoVoteKy.com

To find out if you are an eligible voter please visit the website or call 270-965-3403.
Absentee Portal will be available through May 3rd, 2022

Voter Process for Mail-In Absentee

- Make application on the State Board of Elections online portal GoVoteKy.com or call 270-965-3403.
- Your ballot will be sent via US Mail
- Follow the instructions completely to ensure your ballot is accepted!

BE SURE TO SIGN WHERE THE RED X's and SIGN HERE STICKERS ARE PRESENT!

- You may mail it back or use our drop box Crittenden Inside the front entrance of Crittenden County Courthouse.

TO VERIFY YOUR VOTER RECORD, PLEASE VISIT GoVoteKy.com

Voter Process for All In-Person Voting:
(Election Day, Early Voting and Excused Absentee)

- Bring your required Identification.
- Have your ID ready, Driver's Licenses are the most efficient method to scan.
- Election Officers verify your identity and you will be issued a paper ballot, voters with disabilities may use an ADA ballot marking device which prints a paper ballot to be scanned.
- You will mark your ballot and cast your vote!

PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 17, 2022.

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION

1st Congressional District

UNITED STATES SENATOR
(Vote for One)
- Arnold BLANKENSHIP
- Valerie "Dr Val" FREDRICK
- Paul V. HAMILTON
- Rand PAUL
- John SCHIESS
- Tami L. STAINFIELD

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
12th Representative District
(Vote for One)
- Lynn BECHLER
- Jim GOOCH JR.

PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR
(Vote for One)
- Todd PERRYMAN
- Jason CHAMPION
- Misty Dalton HICKS

COUNTY CLERK
(Vote for One)
- Daryl K. TABOR
- Ashley Guess SMITH
- Belinda WILLIAMS

SHERIFF
(Vote for One)
- George FOSTER
- Ray AGENT
- Evan Franklin HEAD
- Jonathon Heath MARTIN
- Charles E. "Chuck" HOOVER

JAILER
(Vote for One)
- Athena PERRY-HAYES
- Anthony "Tony" HARPER
- Michael A. PUCKETT

ALL PRECINCTS

MAGISTRATE
2nd Magisterial District
(Vote for One)
- Daniel KEMPER
- Matt WATSON
- Matt GRIMES

CONSTABLE
2nd Magisterial District
(Vote for One)
- Jamie DAVIS
- Jimmy Vernon DALTON

SHERIDAN #9 AND TOLU #10

MAGISTRATE
3rd Magisterial District
(Vote for One)
- Willard GUILL
- Robert KIRBY

MARION #4 AND FRANCES #8

MAGISTRATE
5th Magisterial District
(Vote for One)
- Dale WILLINGHAM
- Gregory J. RUSHING
- Travis PERRYMAN

FRANCES #7 AND MARION #6

MAGISTRATE
6th Magisterial District
(Vote for One)
- Van HUNT
- Jeff JAMES
- Scott L. BELT
- Bob ROWLEY

MARION #3 AND SHADY GROVE #12

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION

1st Congressional District

UNITED STATES SENATOR
(Vote for One)
- Joshua Wesley BLANTON SR.
- Charles BOOKER
- Ruth GAO
- John MERRILL

ALL PRECINCTS

SportsShorts

SPRING SPORTS

Upcoming Games

THURSDAY

Rocket baseball at Trigg County
CCHS softball at Trigg County
CCHS track at Harrell Relays, Murray

FRIDAY

CCHS softball hosts Caldwell County
CCHS track at Laker MS Invitational

SATURDAY

Rocket baseball at Madisonville
CCHS softball at Graves County

MONDAY

Rocket baseball hosts St. Mary
CCHS softball hosts UHA

TUESDAY

Rocket baseball hosts Webster Co.
CCHS softball at Webster County
CCHS track hosts Quad Meet

GOLF

Results from Saturday

Following are complete 18-hole results from Saturday's one-day, four-person golf tournament at Marion Golf & Pool at The Heritage. The next event at the course is a two-person tournament on May 24.

Shoulders, Guess, Holeman, Peroddy	63
C.Day, Ogletree, Perryman, Roberts	64
R.Day, Mason, Omer, McGregor	64
Thorpe, Phelps, R.Rogers, Heaton	66
James, James, Enoch, Travis	66
Barnes, Barnes, Barnes, Martin	68
McCoy, Oden, R.Rogers, Webster	69
Kemper, Driver, Tabor, Baker	72

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Spring Wild Turkey	April 16 - May 8
LBL Turkey Hunt	April 16 - May 8

Turkeys eclipse 200

Wild turkey hunters had taken 209 birds in Crittenden County as of Tuesday with a dozen days left in the spring season. Last year, hunters finished with nearly 400 over the 23-day season.

Rockets get district victory

STAFF REPORT

Senior Maddox Carlson hit his third homer of the season – and first ever at Gordon B. Guess Stadium in Marion – as the Rockets beat Livingston Central 7-4 Tuesday.

It was CCHS's first district win after losing its first two this spring to Lyon County.

Senior Logan Bailey had three hits in the game and Carlson two. Carlson drove in two runs and freshman Chase Conyer knocked in another pair.

Carlson started the game, going five innings and allowing just one run. It was unearned. Bailey finished off the Cardinals in the final two frames. Carlson strucke out six and walked six. Bailey fanned one and walked three. Together they gave up just four hits.

CCHS is now 9-7 overall and 1-2 in league play. Livingston is 6-11 and 0-1 in the district.

Rockets split in wooden bat event

Crittenden County drew a split in its appearance in the Graves County Dinger Wooden Bat Invitational last weekend. The boys beat Grandview, Mo., 16-5 and lost to Mt. Veronon, Ill., 11-0.

Rocket baseball coach Devin Belt congratulates outfielder Seth Guess after play during a recent high school game.

CCHS played the late games on Saturday of the day-long event. CCHS's doubleheader didn't finish until after 11 p.m.

The Rockets trailed Grandview 5-3 before erupting with 13 runs in the sixth inning to win the game by the mercy rule.

Freshman Chase Conyer led CCHS with three hits and two RBIs. Logan Bailey, Maddox Carlson and Jeremiah Foster each had two hits and knocked in a couple of runs apiece.

Foster got the start, his fifth of the season and threw four innings before Bailey finished off the Eagles. Foster has seen time on the mound in 10 of CCHS's 15 games this season either as a starter or out of the bullpen. His record is 3-2.

In the late game, the Rockets were overmatched by a talented Illinois club. Behind strong hitting and pitching, Mt. Vernon led the whole way, but didn't deliver the knockout punch intil the Rams scored seven in the fifth inning.

Senior Maddox Carlson delivers a pitch during a game last week. Carlson has a 2.95 team-leading ERA after beating Livingston Monday.

CCHS managed just two hits. Those came from Carlson and Seth Guess.

Conyer, Ben Evans and Tanner Beverly each took a turn on the rubber, but neither of them could collar the Mt. Vernon batters.

Lady Rockets stun Marshals on the road

The Lady Rockets picked up their biggest softball win of the season Tuesday, beating Marshall County 6-2 at Draffenville.

It was the first time in memory that CCHS had beaten the Lady Marshals, a First Region powerhouse.

Eighth-grader Anna Boone scattered seven hits over the complete-game win, striking out one and walking two. She got good defense behind her as CCHS led start to finish after scoring one in the first and four in the fourth. Marshall scored once in each of the final two innings.

Eight-grader Andrea Federico had a superhero night at the plate, going 3-for-4 with a home run, two doubles and three RBIs. CCHS had 10 hits as a team and eight of the nine batters had at least one hit. Junior Brylee Conyer knocked in two runs with a double and senior Hadlee Rich also doubled. Federico's homer was her second of the season.

The Lady Rockets will take a 6-11 record into Thursday's district showdown at Trigg County. Marshall County fell to 11-8 on the season.

Girls fall to Paducah Tilghman

Paducah Tilghman used strong defense and a steady diet of changeups to keep Crittenden County at bay Friday in a 5-0 Lady Rocket loss at Marion-Crittenden County Park.

The Tilghman hurler threw 68 percent strikes and changed speeds well enough to pretty well silence the Lady Rocket bats. Crittenden managed to scatter four hits over the seven-inning game, but couldn't put anything together for a run.

Anna Boone, Andrea Federico, Elle McDaniel and Jaycee Champion each singled for the Rocket girls. Boone pitched the entire game, allowing five earned runs on four punchouts and one walk.

It was the second time this season CCHS has lost to the Lady Tornado.

Lady Rocket Elliot Evans breaks off of first base during a recent contest. The Lady Rockets have struggled to get games in over the past two weeks.

Special Olympics

Crittenden County Special Olympics athletes competed in the annual Area 1 Games on Saturday at Calloway County High School in Murray. Amber Sisco (pictured with the state trooper) participated in the opening ceremony Torch Run. She also competed in the event. At far right is a group photograph of other local competitors (from left) Billy Long, Jessica Hunter, Carmen Orr, Sarah Phillips, Austin Hazel, Andrew Holt, Mandy McConnell, Kaitlyn Head and Tahla Trail. Crittenden's athletes brought home a total of eight first place, five second place, five third place, one fourth place and one fifth place from the event. Based on their performances, each of the local athletes qualified for the state tournament to be held in June. They will compete in 50-, 100- or 200-meter track events or field events, including softball throw or long jump.

Wishing all our Crittenden County Athletes a Happy and Successful Season!
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Track and Field Results from 2 meets

Crittenden County Quad Meet, April 19
at Marion-Crittenden County Park

Girls 100 Meter Dash
1 Campbell, Elizabeth, Crittenden, 13.87
2 Potter, Karsyn, Crittenden, 14.53
3 Maness, Payton, Crittenden, 14.80
4 Freeman, Jansen, Livingston, 15.21
5 Michonski, Angelene, Livingston, 15.85
6 Freeman, Bella, Livingston, 15.91
7 Suggs, Susana, Crittenden, 16.22
8 King, Elizabeth, Lyon County, 16.54

Girls 200 Meter Dash
1 Campbell, Elizabeth , Crittenden, 30.26
2 Potter, Karsyn, Crittenden, 31.33
3 Maness, Payton, Crittenden, 31.56
4 King, Elizabeth, Lyon County, 35.29
5 Suggs, Susana, Crittenden, 36.30
6 Champion, Blaire, Livingston, 37.59

Girls 400 Meter Dash
1 Potter, Karsyn, Crittenden, 1:13.80
2 Desrosiers, Jalynn, Lyon County, 1:17.03

Girls 800 Meter Run
1 Geary, Ella, Crittenden, 2:57.00
2 Desrosiers, Jennessa, Lyon County, 3:07.00
3 Martinez, Mary, Crittenden, 3:08.00
4 Burchett, Sonora, Lyon County, 3:12.00
5 Grau, Aubrey, Crittenden, 3:13.00
6 Potter, Presley, Crittenden, 3:22.00
7 Hubbard, Sidney, Livingston, 4:18.00

Girls 1600 Meter Run
1 Martinez, Mary, Crittenden, 6:44.00

Girls 300 Meter Hurdles
1 Campbell, Elizabeth, Crittenden, 1:01.14
2 Suggs, Susana, Crittenden, 1:14.25

Girls 4x100 Meter Relay
1 Crittenden County A, 1:01.35
1 Potter, Presley 2) Duncan, Jayden
3) Maness, Payton 4) Campbell, Elizabeth
2 Livingston Central A, 1:10.20
1) Freeman, Jansen 2) Dunkerson, Delaney
3) Michonski, Angelene 4) Anderson, Madison

Girls 4x400 Meter Relay
1 Crittenden County A, 5:40.47
1) Geary, Ella 2) Potter, Presley
3) Grau, Aubrey 4) Martinez, Mary

Girls 4x800 Meter Relay
1 Crittenden County A, 12:35.77
1) Geary, Ella 2) Potter, Presley
3) Grau, Aubrey 4) Martinez, Mary

Girls High Jump
1 Maness, Payton, Crittenden,, 4-08.00

Girls Long Jump
1 Freeman, Jansen, Livingston, 12-01.50
2 Freeman, Bella, Livingston, 11-01.50

Girls Shot Put
1 Potter, Karsyn, Crittenden, 25-03.50
2 Lee, Kaley, Lyon County, 22-01.50
3 Michonski, Angelene, Livingston, 21-09.00
4 West, Leauna, Crittenden, 20-10.00
5 Mattingly, Emily, Crittenden, 20-04.50
6 Herring, Richmond, Lyon County, 17-04.50
7 Anderson, Madison, Livingston, 16-01.50

Girls Discus Throw
1 West, Leauna, Crittenden, 61-02.50
2 Michonski, Angelene, Livingston, 60-09.50
3 Mattingly, Emily, Crittenden, 48-11
4 Anderson, Madison, Livingston, 44-06.25

Boys 100 Meter Dash
1 Davidson, Tristan, Crittenden, 11.97
2 Sanchez, Talon, Livingston, 12.37
3 Kuamoo, Kekoa, Crittenden, 12.98
4 James, Isaac, Crittenden, 13.25 2
5 Jackson, Jordon, Lyon County, , 13.85
6 Baker, Jaycee, Crittenden, 14.43
7 Belcher, Carter, Livingston, 14.50
8 Porter, Bryan, Lyon County, 14.69
9 Valentine, Matthew, Crittenden, 15.48
10 Abshire, David, Crittenden, 16.91
11 Rogers, River, Crittenden, 18.66

Boys 200 Meter Dash
1 Davidson, Tristan, Crittenden, 23.60
2 Sanchez, Talon, Livingston, 25.43
3 James, Isaac, Crittenden, 27.71
4 Carr, Devon, Crittenden, 28.09
5 Jackson, Jordon, , Lyon County, 28.66
6 Porter, Bryan, Lyon County, 29.54
7 Taraskiewicz, Demetriusz, Livingston 30.21
8 Baker, Jaycee, Crittenden, 32.15
9 Valentine, Matthew, Crittenden, 34.24
10 Abshire, David, Crittenden, 35.80
11 Rogers, River, Crittenden, 41.74

Boys 400 Meter Dash
1 Nesbitt, Kaleb, Crittenden, 1:03.24
2 Hardesty, Jordan, Crittenden, 1:05.80
3 Belcher, Carter, Livingston, 1:16.11
4 Baker, Jaycee, Crittenden, 1:19.75
5 Martin, Logan, Crittenden, 1:24.56
6 Valentine, Matthew, Crittenden, 1:24.89
6 Abshire, David, Crittenden, 1:24.89
8 Rogers, River, Crittenden, 1:31.18

Boys 800 Meter Run
1 Nesbitt, Kaleb, Crittenden, 2:43.00
2 Cartwright, Jaxon, Crittenden, 2:47.00
2 Hardesty, Jordan, Crittenden, 2:47.00
4 Gossard, Ethan, Lyon County, 2:48.00
5 Gossard, Ian, Lyon County, 2:55.00
6 Weatherspoon, Sean, Lyon County, 3:04.00
7 Belcher, Carter, Livingston, 3:05.00
8 Starkey, Landon, Crittenden, 3:07.00
9 Belt, Colt, Crittenden, 3:09.00
10 West, Coby, Crittenden, 3:10.00
11 West, Cameron (Dane), Crittenden, 3:15.00
11 Martin, Logan, Crittenden, 3:15.00
13 Poague, Lucas, Lyon County, 3:23.00

Boys 1600 Meter Run
1 Davidson, Machi, , Livingston, 5:25.00
2 Bounds, Carter, Lyon County, 5:32.00
3 LaChance, Trey, Lyon County, 5:50.00
4 Cartwright, Jaxon, Crittenden, 6:00.00
5 Hardesty, Jordan, Crittenden, 6:04.00
6 Parks, Alex, Livingston, 6:08.00
7 Long, Ethan, Crittenden, 6:12.00
8 Starkey, Landon, , Crittenden, 6:38.00
9 Belt, Colt, Crittenden, 6:39.00
10 West, Cameron (Dane), Crittenden, 6:57.00
11 West, Coby, Crittenden, 7:01.00

Boys 3200 Meter Run
1 Bounds, Carter, Lyon County, 12:46.00
2 Parks, Alex, Livingston, 13:32.00

Boys 110 Meter Hurdles
1 Watson, Ryder, Livingston, 21.09

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles
1 Perkins, Rowen, Crittenden, 49.57
2 Long, Ethan, Crittenden, 58.33

Boys 4x100 Meter Relay
1 Crittenden County B, 52.58
1) James, Isaac 2) Carr, Devon
3) Kuamoo, Kekoa 4) Faith, Nate
2 Livingston Central A, 54.39
1) Belcher, Carter 2) Watson, Ryder,
3) Sanchez, Talon 4) Taraskiewicz, Demetriusz,

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay
1 Crittenden County A, 2:11.24
1) James, Isaac 2) Faith, Nate
3) Rogers, River 4) Martin, Logan

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay
1 Crittenden County A, 4:12.59
1) Faith, Nate 2) Perkins, Rowen,
3) Davidson, Tristan, 4) Nesbitt, Kaleb,
2 Crittenden County B, 5:13.46
1) Kuamoo, Kekoa, 2) Long, Ethan, ,
3) Cartwright, Jaxon, 4) Hardesty, Jordan,

Boys 4x800 Meter Relay
1 Crittenden County A, 12:02.47
, 1) Starkey, Landon 2) Belt, Colt
, 3) Long, Ethan 4) Cartwright, Jaxon

Boys High Jump
1 Davidson, Tristan, Crittenden, 5-10.00
2 Faith, Nate, Crittenden, 5-08.00
3 Nesbitt, Kaleb, Crittenden, 4-08.00
3 Kuamoo, Kekoa, Crittenden, 4-08.00

Boys Long Jump
1 Perkins, Rowen, Crittenden, 18-00.50
2 Watson, Ryder, Livingston, 15-01.00

Boys Triple Jump
1 Perkins, Rowen, Crittenden, 34-10.00

Boys Shot Put
1 Sarles, Isaac, Crittenden, 30-02.00
2 Impastato, Sammy, Crittenden, 28-00.50
3 West, Lane, Crittenden, 26-04.50
4 Taraskiewicz, Demetriusz, Livingston, 25-03.50
5 Carr, Devon, Crittenden, 21-11.25
6 Clayton, Phoenix, Crittenden, 21-06.50
7 Starkey, Glenn, Crittenden, 20-04.00
8 Quertermous, James, Crittenden, 17-10.50

Boys Discus Throw
1 Impastato, Sammy, Crittenden, 94-06
2 West, Lane, Crittenden, 90-03
3 Sarles, Isaac, Crittenden, 86-00
4 Carr, Devon, Crittenden, 72-02
5 Taraskiewicz, Demetriusz, Livingston 68-06
6 Starkey, Glenn, Crittenden, 60-04
7 Clayton, Phoenix, Crittenden, 53-00
8 Quertermous, James, Crittenden, 49-07.50

Girls - Team Rankings - 13 Events Scored
1) Crittenden County 101, 2) Livingston Central 26, 3) Lyon County 16

Boys - Team Rankings - 17 Events Scored
1) Crittenden County 145, 2) Livingston Central 38, 3) Lyon County 18

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Crittenden County Results

BOYS

4x100 Relay, 7th, 49.25
4x100 Throwers Relay, 4th 55.65
4x400 Relay, 2nd, 3:49.10
4x800 Relay, 7th, 10:12.62
Distance Medley, 6th, 14:31.92
High Jump, Tristan Davidson, 1st 6-7
High Jump, Nate Faith, 6th 5-4
Long Jump, Rowen Perkins, 3rd 18-11.5
Triple Jump, Perkins, 8th, 31-5.5
Discus, Sam Impastato, 14th, 83-01
Discus, Lane West, 18th, 79-10
Discus, Devon Carr, 64-07
Shot, Isaac Sarles, 15th, 32-01.5
Shot, Lane West, 29-02
Shot, Phoenix Clayton, 23-04.5

GIRLS

4x100 Relay, 8th, 58.55
800 sprint medley, 10th, 2:12.61
4x400, 6th, 5:01.58
4x800, 7th, 12:32.44
Distance Medley, 8th, 16:13.40
High Jump, Payton Maness, 5th, 4-10
Discus Leauna West, 17th, 70-09
Shot, Karsyn Potter, 17th, 26-07.5
Shot, Leauna West, 27th, 21-07

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Senior Tristan Davidson extended his school record high jump to 6 feet, 7 inches during a meet Friday at Marshall County.

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Nathan Ratley

A younger Nathan Ratley envisioned himself as a suit-and-tie kind of guy. Instead, his work shirt is flannel, his jeans dotted with grease stains and his boots stay muddy.

Armed with multiple degrees from three universities, some might regard him as a bit overqualified for some of his daily chores. However, Ratley has found his calling in the recycling industry.

His professional career began as an accountant and financial advisor, and he spent two years in law school, but Ratley saw a greater future at the junkyard.

A daily routine of buying, sorting, crushing and baling recyclables at Marion Recycling Center is not exactly what he envisioned life would be like, but he's finding plenty of rewards. A married father of one, Ratley double-majored at the University of Kentucky in finance and business management. That, along with an accounting and legal background serve him well on the business side of the recycling operation where there's ever changing laws and industry regulations.

Ratley works alongside his father, John Ratley, who founded the business in 2011. It is fulfilling to work with the public and have a positive impact on the environment, he said.

Work ethic and commitment to reduce, reuse and recycle landed Ratley atop the industry category The Crittenden Press' 10 Under 40 recognition series.

On a daily basis, Ratley and his crew are putting money into the hands of local citizens while oftentimes helping to eradicate illegal roadside dumps once scattered throughout the countryside.

Before Marion Recycling opened, there was no local entity to recycle discarded appliances, cars and scrap metal.

Ratley believes his business' efforts create positive impacts.

"Everything we recycle is going somewhere, to new car manufacturers for example. Recycled steel, aluminum and copper are all put back into service," Ratley said.

Scrap metal comprises 70 percent of the recyclable materials taken in at Marion Recycling. Aside from steel products, aluminum cans are the most common everyday product sold to Marion Recycling.

"In terms of volume and the quantity of customers, aluminum is the most common," Ratley explained. "We're the middle guy, buying stuff from the public. There is nothing we're not recycling, other than glass.

"Appliances, we are crushing it all, shipping it out to places that shred that material. They anticipate 65-70 percent of steel recovery from those products."

"We are a very small player in a very large game," Ratley says of the recycling sector of the U.S. economy.

At its yard on Mott City Road near Crayne, the business buys scrap based on weight and the price paid on the Comex, or Commodity Exchange, Inc. Once accepted, Marion Recycling crushes and bales junk cars, farm equipment and appliances and sells the bales to larger outfits in Jackson, Tenn., or Owensboro.

A fractional amount of the products accepted at the recycling facility wind up in a landfill.

"So that's a good thing," Ratley said.

On average, three tractor-trailer loads of recyclables are shipped out of Crittenden County each week. The price Ratley pays – and the price he receives from the larger market – fluctuates based on the Comex, which also sets pricing for metals such as gold, silver, copper and aluminum.

Marion Recycling was created after the family realized a need, and the business potential in Crittenden County.

Ratley's uncle, Bob Ratley, and cousin, Jase, started Murray Recycling. It ultimately served as a blueprint for the Crittenden County operation.

"Dad helped them with that and just saw a lot of potential in the industry," Ratley said.

"There are some people who come though that this is their only source of income, for whatever reason," Ratley said. "To directly put money in their pocket if they are unemployed, underemployed, disabled or other, that's really positive on a personal level. They worked to get this load of scrap – they're some of the hardest working people you have ever met.

"I provided them a $100 paycheck for their work. The material they brought to me, I in turn make money off their labors, too."

"When I was a kid you didn't hear much about recycling except maybe aluminum cans, but the benefits to the community today include minimizing the amount of material that goes into landfill," Ratley said. "People are getting rid of stuff they don't want anyway. So, rather than pay to dispose of it at a landfill or dump, they haul it to us and we may give them $10 to $20 for an old washing machine they didn't need. In that sense there is a financial benefit to the community, and I don't think you see as many appliances or junk cars out on farms."

There is a seven-person staff at Marion Recycling. Sometimes they find items that are just too novel to let go, lending credence to that adage that one man's junk is another man's treasure. Ratley hangs onto things that he thinks may be of use for someone down the road. Of particular interest to farmers are repurposed T-posts which farmers routinely purchase from Marion Recycling.

"If we pull something out and know it has another purpose – in the grand scheme of reduce, reuse and recycle – we keep it if we think it has value to a customer," Ratley said.

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