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Cutter & Cash & Grass debut on Opry stage is coming this Saturday

Cutter and Cash and The Kentucky Grass will be making their Grand Ole Opry debut Saturday night in Nashville. The show begins at 7 p.m. Three chartered buses full of local supporters and fans – amounting to more than 300 people – are headed to the event. The Opry seats 4,372 and this event is nearing a sellout. The program can also be heard live on the Opry's radio home WSM. The show is streamed online at 650 AM on WSM's radio app. It can also be viewed on Facebook and YouTube. The show lasts about two hours. The Marion-based group will perform for about 15 minutes as part of Grand Ole Opry star Jeannie Seely's regular segment on the program. The Opry Square Dancers will open the show, then Seely will take the stage to perform a song before bringing on Cutter and the crew. Word around the Opry is that Cutter will be presented a loaned guitar with a legendary history to play during the segment. Cutter and Cash and The Kentucky Grass has released a five-song extended play CD. "Mommies Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Cowboys" is the only single from the CD that has been released to streaming platforms.

Eclipse viewing at park

Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce is establishing an Eclipse Viewing Party at Marion-Crittenden County Park on Monday. The solar eclipse will reach its peak darkness in this part of the country between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m. The Chamber has marketed the event on social media, particularly aiming toward non-residents. However, it's open to everyone. Vendors are welcome to participate by contacting the chamber. This is a free event.

In case it's important...

Just in case it's important to you, Coal is no longer the official State Mineral. It's now the State Rock. Scientists and lawmakers have been working on getting the designation changed for several years and now it's done. Additionally, the legislature has agreed that Agate will become the official State Gemstone and Calcite is the State Mineral.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- City of Marion meets in special session at 5 p.m., Thursday, April 4.
- Livingston County Board of Education meets at 6 p.m., Monday, April 8 at the new central office.



MASTER CONSERVATIONISTS

Two former MSgt Marines recognized for goat work

BY CHRIS EVANS
PRESS EDITOR

Like so many, Ken and Marty Westgate came to Crittenden County seeking the outdoors, whitetail deer and fresh air. Unlike so many, they are driven to a holistic approach for living and improving their newfound home.

Although the two retired U.S. Marines purchased their first acreage here 20 years ago, it wasn't until they left Camp Lajeune a dozen years ago that the former New Englanders moved in and began investing in the land.

A few days ago, Crittenden County Conservation District recognized the pair with its most significant annual award, Master Conservationist.

What started out as a little over 100 acres has doubled in size as they've purchased a couple of adjoining pieces of property and two springs ago started raising goats.

Their military background has helped regiment a learning experience on the farm. He grew up in Massachusetts and she in up state New York. Books, YouTube videos, conferences, clinics and other resources from USDA, NRCS, FSA and Extension have



Ken and Marty Westgate bought a farm here, originally for hunting two decades ago, then moved permanently to Tolu a dozen years ago. They were both master sergeants in the Marines and now they're master conservationists.

armed them with the knowledge they needed to strike out into a new endeavor near Tolu.

They love it here and have made friends through community activities, helping neighbors and joining the fire-works crew that puts on Tolu's Fourth of July show.

"They had to do a bunch of fencing," said Agriculture Extension Agent Dee Heimgartner. "They work hard on soil stuff, regenerative practices. It is not necessarily organic, but what they do is different than what you see with commercial operations."

Rotational grazing their herd of 38 goats is a primary focus of their farm management.

"We move the herd every three to four days," Marty explains.

Inside an eight-strand electric fence are 22 acres of foraging ground. Cross fencing separates the place into three pastures and those are broken down into smaller sections with temporary fencing that can easily be moved.

Through his studies, Ken has come to understand an efficient pasture rotation cycle that allows the goats to eat only the tops of the grasses and legumes which protects the plants over a long period of time. Moving the animals often spreads their manure more

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CLWD gets \$10 million for expansion



Crittenden Livingston Water District's treatment plant is located on the Cumberland River at Pinckneyville in Livingston County south of Salem. Its raw water is drawn from the Cumberland River, finished at the plant and piped to customers in three counties.

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky legislators have put \$10 million in Kentucky's biennial budget to support plans for Crittenden-Livingston Water District (CLWD) to begin expansion of its plant.

Local leaders say they are quite pleased, and honestly a bit surprised, by the amount of funding the state is making available. Most agree that Marion's ongoing water crisis is at least partly responsible for lawmakers' willingness to commit that kind of money.

T.L. Maddux, chairman of CLWD's board of directors, called it a "very, very, very positive" step toward doubling the district's plant at Pinckneyville on the Cumberland River from a two-million-gallons-per-day operation to four million.

"To be honest, I didn't think it would come this

quickly," Maddux said about the significant funding toward what's projected to be more than a \$40-million expansion.

Maddux said long-range plans for the three-phase project had figured a 10-year window to get everything done.

"This may cut a year or two off of it," he said. "It may be down to eight years now."

CLWD has also learned over the last few days that it has been awarded another \$1.75 million in the Environmental Protection Agency's budget for the coming year. Water district and government leaders say Rep. James Comer was responsible for getting that earmark approved in the budget.

Kentucky Sen. Jason Howell said the final draft

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Deaths

Hunt

Donnie Reed Hunt, 79, of Marion, died Friday, March 29, 2024 at his home. He was a member, elder and Sunday School teacher at Sturgis Cumberland Presbyterian Church and volunteered at Lucy King Hospice in Henderson. He was employed by Kenergy for 37 years from 1974-2011. He had an extremely strong work ethic and even said if he died working, he would die happy. He was always willing to help his family, neighbors, friends and church.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Hunt of Marion; three children, Stacey (Alex) Summers, Stephanie (Butch) Mundy and Michael (Mandy) Hunt, all of Marion; eight grandchildren, Reed and Riley Summers, Luke, Addison and Rachel Mundy and Gavin, Macie and Haylie Hunt; two brothers, Eddie (Barbara) Hunt and J.E. Hunt; a sister-in-law, Maxine Corbey; and brother-in-law, Chester "Bud" Truitt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hester Earl and Jane Hunt; two brothers, Shelby and Bobby Hunt; an infant sister; a son-in-law, Joey Easley; and sister-in-law, Peggy Hunt.

Services were Monday April 1 at Sturgis Cumberland Presbyterian Church with burial in Pythian Ridge Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Sturgis Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 504 S. Main Street, Sturgis, KY 42459.

Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

McKinney

Donnie C. McKinney, 80, of Henderson, formerly of Marion, went to be with the Lord Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at his home. He worked at Alcan Aluminum for 37 years. After retiring, he spent his time taking care of his grandchildren and taking his Camaro to car shows, amassing many awards over the years. Known for his humor and laid back demeanor, he enjoyed the little things, like sitting outside and playing with his two cats.

Surviving are a son, Sean (Christy) McKinney; tree grandchildren, Logan McKinney of Bowling Green, Lacon McKinney of Henderson and Travis Patterson Dobbins of Haubstadt, Ind.; two brothers, Garry (Debbie) McKinney of Marion and Larry McKinney of Marion, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene Bradley and Pauline Croft McKinney; two sons, Donnie Paul and Josh McKinney; and two brothers, Jimmie and Douglas McKinney.

Graveside services were Saturday, March 30 at Mapleview Cemetery. Gilbert Funeral Home was in charge of arrange

Connor

Darla Jean (Richardt) Connor, 77, of Smithland, died Sunday, March 31, 2024 at Mercy Health Lourdes Paducah.

She was a homemaker that loved her family.

Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Marvin Connor; four daughters, Rosa (Michael) Gilland of Smithland, Carol (Jeff) Cohen of Bethesda, Md., Cathy (Gary) Grundhoefer of Owensboro and Cindy (Darrell) Wiseman of Owensboro; two sons, Chuck (Darla) Connor of Evansville and Craig Connor of Smithland; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Sharon (Frank) Adams and Della (Larry) Montgomery, both of Tell City, Ind.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Connor; a grandson, Jacob Gilland; her parents, Ambrose and Della Marie (Poole) Richardt; a sister, Rose Mary Grupos; and two brothers, Ambrose "Bud" Richardt and William "Charlie" Richardt.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 6 at Calvery Cemetery in Troy, Ind.

Friends may visit with the family from 5-7 p.m., Friday, April 5 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services.

Knighten

Thomas Holman Knighten, 83, died Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at his home in Smithland.

Surviving are three daughters, Shanna Knighten of Tiline, Kim Knighten of Smithland, and Carrie (Joey) Crawford of Tiline; a son, Michael Todd of Paducah; a brother, Donnie Knighten of Paducah; 10 grandchildren, Hannah Knighten, Cody Crawford, Jarod Crawford, Aiden Hale, Emily Southern, Hunter Crawford, Haleigh Hunt, Michael Brandon Knighten, Jeremy Matthew Knighten, Christopher Michael Knighten; four great-grandchildren, Knox Hunt, Jackson Knighten, Eisley Hunt and Kallie Southern.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Knighten; his parents, James Thurman and Pearl (Reynolds) Knighten; and a brother, Harold Kelser.

Funeral services were Monday, April 1 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services with Bro. Keith Knighten officiating. Burial was in Scotts Chapel Cemetery.

Little

Gregory Boyd Little, 70, of Marion, died Friday, March 22, 2024 at Crittenden Community Hospital.

He liked to hunt, fish, camp, shoot pool, and eat White Castle hamburgers.

Surviving are twin sons, Randy (Kim) Little, and Rodney (Tiffany) Little, both of Marion and son, Brady Little; a daughter, Trisha Little of Louisville; three sisters, Annette Maxfield of White Lake, Mich., Joyce (Ed) Ramer of Loganville, Ga., and Yelanda (Charlie) Woodward of Ledbetter; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Jeanette Berry; and his parents, Garland and Virginia Little.

Funeral services were Wednesday, April 3 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services. Burial was in Salem Cemetery.

Riley

Barbara Allen Riley, 81, of Marion, died Friday, March 29, 2024 at Baptist Health Paducah.

She was a member of Salem United Methodist Church and had been employed at Potter Manufacturing.

Surviving are three sons, Bobby (Vicki) Heron, Donny (Donna) Heron and Eddie (Loretta) Herron, all of Marion; two sisters, Nora Belt and Marie Redd, both of Marion; three brothers, Mike Tinsley of Florida and Rocky Tinsley and Steve Tinsley, both of Marion; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Herron, LaDonna Herrin, Brandy Hunter, Amanda Pigg, Crystal Kirk, Roger Sisco, Billy Sisco; several great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James Harold Cooper and second husband, Rick Riley; parents, Charles and Virginia Turner Tinsley; infant twins and siblings, Butch Tinsley, Sallie Fritts and Paula Marshall.

Funeral services were Wednesday, April 3 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Whites Chapel Cemetery.

Stinnett

Eddie Wayne Stinnett, 66, of Dycusburg, died Sunday, March 31, 2024, at Crittenden County Health & Rehab in Marion.

He was a member of Dycusburg Baptist Church and had worked as a painter and delivery driver. He enjoyed walking and spend-

ing time with his family. Surviving are a sister, Anna Marie (James) Patton of Dycusburg; two brothers, Dennis (Martha) Stinnett of Dycusburg and Bobby Shawn (Karen) Stinnett of Marion; an aunt, Faye Stinnett of Dycusburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 6 at Lakeland Funeral Home in Eddyville with Bro. Steven Kirk officiating. Burial will follow in Dycusburg Cemetery.

Friends may visit with family from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Dycusburg Cemetery Fund, c/o Faye Stinnett, 202 Stinnett Rd., Marion, KY 42064.

McDowell

Robert C. McDowell, 78, of Crittenden County, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Having fought to the end against a failing body, he remains a hero to his loved ones who will attempt to live their best lives between the ditches in honor of Flee-a-h-da-udy. Bob was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and veteran of the United States Army.

Surviving are his wife, Rebecca A. McDowell; seven children, Robert D. McDowell, Stephanie M. (Michael) Carter, Timothy L. (Marta) McDowell, Crystal L. (Larry) Baxley, Ranetta E. McDowell, RaKara D. (Grant) Allen, and RaShawna D. (JT) Tinsley; seven grandchildren, Robert E. and John W. McDowell, Devon Wilson, Olivia Carter, Tessa McDowell, and Tyler and Nathan Baxley; a great grandchild, Isabella Baxley; a brother, William

"Bill" McDowell; and four sisters, Sharon Maddux, Mayree Sherer, Cindy Jett and Kem Thompson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guy and Virginia McDowell, Jr.; and a son, Eddie Knight.

Services were Saturday, March 30 at Gilbert Funeral Home, with burial at Rosebud Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the Rosebud Maintenance Fund.

Truitt

Clinton Osley Truitt, 67, of Marion, died Monday, April 1, 2024 at Salem Springlake Health and Rehabilitation Center.

He was employed by the Kentucky Highway Depart-

ment for 25 years and enjoyed collecting antiques, tractors and Ford trucks. He was also an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving are his wife, Joni Truitt of Marion; a daughter, Becky (Neal) Bryant of Marion; a step son, Ronald (Jennifer) Durfey of Ft. Knox; five grandchildren, Eden, Ryker and Aubrey Bryant and Gavin and Addison Durfey; a great-grandson, Mason Parrish; and a brother, Orville (Sheila) Truitt of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leaman and Flora Mae Darnell Truitt; and an infant brother, Marvin Earl.

Services are at 2 p.m., Thursday, April 4 at Myers Funeral Home with burial in Dunn Springs Cemetery. Friends may visit with family from 10 a.m., until the funeral hour.

Community Calendar

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

Thursday, April 4

- Line dancing class is at 9:30 a.m., at the Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center.
- Friends Forever, a group for adults with developmental delays, will meet at 5:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex.

Friday, April 5

- Crittenden County Extension hosts Laugh and Learn Playdate at the Crittenden County Public Library from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., for preschool aged children who will enjoy stories, music and gross motor activities.

Saturday, April 6

- The Crayne Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting at 9 a.m., at the Crayne Community Church on Crayne Cemetery Rd. If your interested in the upkeep of the cemetery please come to the meeting.

Tuesday, April 9

- Hooks and Needles Extension club meets at 1 p.m., at the Extension Annex for anyone interested in sewing, quilting, needlework and crocheting.
- After Hours Homemakers meet at 5 p.m., at the Extension Office.
- Kinship Care Support Group meets at 5:30 p.m., at the Extension Annex. Adults raising grandchildren will learn how to help them thrive and learn resources to support the whole family.



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Love Monsters come to life in sewing project



CCES student Reese Bingham from Jennifer Beverly's kindergarten class works on a sketch of her very own monster for a project in Brittany Mardis' family and consumer science class.

Do you remember being six years old in your favorite footy pajamas, leaping into bed and carefully leaning over to check for those pesky monsters lurking under your bed? It may have been a rite of passage for some of us, but not for kindergarteners at Crittenden County Elementary School.

Thanks to some new high school friends, the word “monsters” has a whole new meaning... one stitched, literally, in love.

Family and consumer science teacher Brittany Mardis learned about a “Love Monster” project at last summer’s CTE conference, where she crafted one of her own.

“I was so excited to bring the idea back to my class,” she said.

The project involves pairing FACS students

with elementary students where imagination, skill and surprise come together in a magnificently monstrous way.

When Mardis’ students started a textiles and design unit, she began teaching basic hand-sewing skills. Meanwhile, FCCLA Chapter President Laycee Lynn went to the elementary school to read the book, “Love Monster,” by Rachel Bright, to each of the four kindergarten classes. As a follow-up activity, students were asked to draw and color their own monsters. Lynn collected all of the students’ art and returned to the high school with them, where FACS students (unbeknownst to the kindergarteners) began to put their new skills to work.

“They used felt, buttons, pipe cleaners and other adornments to

bring the monsters to life,” Mardis said. “It was truly a labor of love.”

Once all 92 monsters were made, the high schoolers loaded a bus, new plush pals in tow, and headed to CCES, eager to surprise the unsuspecting students.

Lynn says the look on the students’ faces was the best part of the experience.

“When we started calling the kids to the front of the room, they looked at their love monsters, and their faces lit up like it was Christmas morning!” exclaimed Lynn. “I’m so glad I was a part of this project. It gave me so much happiness, making them happy.”

Kindergarten teacher Andrea Markham said the project was the best collaborative experience she’s had.

“I was amazed at how

the high school students made our kids’ artwork come to life,” she said, “and I know the kids loved their monsters.”

Hayden Carr, a kindergarten student in Denise Guess’ class, couldn’t believe how much his monster looked like his drawing.

“It looks like it came alive from my paper,” he said with a smile.

Carr wasn’t alone in his excitement. Guess said all of her students were completely amazed by their new friends.

“They’ve done nothing but talk about their monsters since they received them,” she said with a laugh.

Mardis said that based on the collaboration’s success, she plans to make it an annual event. Making memories with monsters, it seems, is here to stay.

Livingston incorporating fort into instruction

BY ANDREW SEXTON
SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Livingston Central High School’s academic team was recognized for its banner year of competition during March’s monthly meeting of Livingston County School Board of Education.

Central’s team won the district Governor’s Cup for the first time in over a decade and every member of the group medaled in at least one competition. Brandon Godbey, the LCHS academic team sponsor, also received the LiveRED Staff Award for the month of March. Godbey has developed a great relationship with the students and has been a great cultural fit at Livingston Central. His wide array of knowledge in many subjects is a blessing to the students, the board noted in its presentation to the teacher.

Supt. Dr. David Meinschein discussed new learning opportunities as the district has begun a Fort Star restoration project to provide new avenues for deeper learning. It is a P-20 project that will provide educational opportunities for Pre-K through postsecondary students, create a passion for learning in adults and cultivate community partnerships, the superintendent said. The district invested time with a group of teachers re-

cently, planning how the space can be utilized both immediately and in the future.

Fort Star, also known as Fort Smith, was a star-shaped Civil War earthen fortress used by Gen. U.S. Grant’s forces as they began their invasion of the South toward forts Henry, Donalson and the battle of Shiloh.

All certified school staff toured the historical fort and a few other historical sites in Smithland, inspiring creative thought about incorporating historical and cultural significance of Livingston County in the classroom. There is a great potential in all core subjects through this project to provide not just educational knowledge but give students tangible experiences they will remember, according to discussions at the board meeting.

One of the earliest events will be Heritage Days for all students on May 10. The public is invited on an early tour of the property. Contact the board office for more information 270-928-2111.

Dr. Meinschein discussed very briefly a tentative staff allocation for all schools for next school year. He also shared that Kenley Ringstaff-Hefner was selected to participate in the Leadership Institute for School Principals created by the Kentucky Chamber Foun-

dation. She will attend a four-day workshop this summer in Greensboro, N.C., at the Truist Leadership Institute. She will also participate in other sessions in the fall and next spring in Frankfort.

Meinschein has been selected as a guest lecturer at the Army War College National Security Seminar that will be held June 3-6. This allows Army War College students to examine national security issues and exchange candid dialogue with a cross-section of American perspectives. Meinschein’s military and educational experience made him an attractive choice as speaker.

In other business:

- Livingston Central graduation will be at 6 p.m., May 17.
- The board approved offering a signing bonus to attract new teachers.
- A plan for the district to move to a new VOIP phone service was approved. It was described as a better service and will come at a significantly lower cost.
- The board voted to accept the KETS second offer of assistance and approved the purchase of a 72-passenger bus and a nine-passenger vehicle to transport students.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m., Monday, April 8 at the new central office.



Breaking Down

Students on Friday were working through some last-minute math problems outdoors under the sunshine in Madison Champion's Crittenden County Middle School class. Students are on spring break this week and will return to class on Tuesday. Pictured are (seated from left) Ethan Sosh and Hunter Curnel and in the back are student Haley Moore and Champion.

Trial set for alleged I-24 shooter

STAFF REPORT

A jury trial has been set in December in Lyon County Circuit Court for a Texas man accused of firing a 9mm from his tractor-trailer into another vehicle driven on I-24 by a Crittenden County woman in August of last year.

Leland Bernard Blake, 59, of Dallas was indicted last fall by a Lyon

County Grand Jury on two counts of felony wanton endangerment.

Laurie Yates of Marion and her teenage nephew were traveling home on the interstate from Nashville last summer when it is alleged that Blake fired at least two shots that struck her SUV.

Blake had a court appearance Monday in Ed-

dyville and a pretrial hearing was set for June 3.

The incident allegedly happened along Interstate 24 between Exits 56 and 45 near the border of Lyon and Trigg counties.

Yates and her nephew were not injured. Her nephew is a student at Crittenden County High School.



Ralph Paris (right) was presented the Friend of Wildlife Award by the Conservation District's Bob Glinke.

MASTERS

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uniformly over the farm and when feeding hay, the supplemental food is scattered around the pasture to promote better soil conservation practices.

“We are do-it-yourself type of people,” Ken says, explaining that they hire extra help when necessary, but don’t mind the hard work.

Their goat houses and dog kennel are on running boards which allows them to be pulled from pasture to pasture with a UV.

“We have a real holistic system toward erosion control,” Marty says.

They plant more trees than they cut and try to make sure everything is wildlife friendly – since that is what brought them to this part of the

country in the first place.

Ken was stationed in Okinawa, Japan when he bought the first piece of ground here. They had looked around in other states, but knew the moment they saw the rollings hills of Kentucky that this would be their final tour of duty.

She was a master gunnery sergeant and he retired as a master sergeant.

“Yeah, she outranks me,” he says with a chuckle.

They both saw plenty of action in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was in reconnaissance and she worked in intelligence communications.

Ironically, they’re not living on their farm, instead renting a place just down the road until they can decide where they will eventually build. Their herd dogs – a mix of



One of the benefits of having a herd is goat sausage.

great pyrenees and anatolian – keep the goats safe from predators and the couple spends at least an hour a day on

the farm. Perhaps the most labor intensive part of their operation is regularly moving the temporary fencing to open up new grazing areas.

Neighbors have observed progress on the farm as the couple has taken down old fencing, taken old barbed-wire to the recycling center and built back with new wire and poles.

“They always ask us about how many times we move these fences,” Ken said with a chuckle.

“It’s not as hard as it might seem,” his wife chimes in.

“We can usually do it in about an hour,” Ken adds.


Both in their early 50s, the Westgates are mighty

particular about their conservation measures. No sprayed chemicals are used on the farm and part of their operation includes solar-powered fencing. They are hoping to develop a sustainable water source soon for the farm with some agriculture program assistance.

Right now, “We haul

every drop of water every day for the goats,” Ken said.

Bob Guess at the Natural Resources and Conservation Service office in Marion says the Westgates are very conscientious farmers and take advantage of the varied government programs and resources available.



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Primary ballots may now be requested

Registered voters from Crittenden County may request a mail-in absentee ballot for the upcoming May Primary Election starting on Saturday. Mail-in ballots may be requested through May 7. To request a ballot, go online to GoVote.ky.gov and follow the directions.

Crawford state champ

Crittenden County High School senior Tanner Crawford is a state champion in Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP). His project was recognized as the 2024 Dave Sigler Award for the Best Technical Project in Kentucky and a Marion landmark will benefit from his award-winning project.



Crawford

Crawford's championship project was a system to increase communication between the balcony audio visual booth and the stage during productions at Fohs Hall.

Crawford identified the need for the system while working as a technician in the audio-visual booth at Fohs Hall for numerous community events and productions. His interest in lighting and sound led him to create the communication system, which he is donating to Fohs Hall. Crawford's Creative Community Communications System (3CS) uses custom software to connect two computers by Wifi - one on the stage and one in the AV booth.

Crawford plans to attend Murray State University this fall to study computer science and music.

4-H hosting contests

Crittenden County 4-H is hosting a Communications Contest on Monday, April 15 at the middle school. Registration is from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Contestants should pre-register by April 8 by calling the Crittenden County Extension Office at 270-965-5236.

There will be a speech contest on any topic, demonstration contest with poster props and a mock interview with a resume required.

Speech and demonstration contests are for ages 9-18 and the interview is 14-18.

Participants will receive \$25 off their summer 4-H Camp fee.

Grimes is FFA president

Gavin Grimes will be president of the Crittenden County FFA Chapter for the coming year.

The local FFA has set its full slate of officers for 2024-25. Others are Vice President Madison Walker, Secretary Mollie Blazina, Treasurer Gracie Orr, Reporter Presley Potter, Sentinel Bella Williams, Chaplain Alivia Caudill, Student Advisor Taylor Haire and committee chairs Landon Starkey and Logan Shaffer.

Livingston hosts its Spring Cleanup Days

Livingston County is hosting its annual Spring Cleanup Days and there is an extra day this time. Dates are April 24-27 from 8 a.m., to 4 p.m., daily.

For free dumping, dumpsters will be available at the Livingston County Convenience Center at 761 Cutoff Road and at the Old Riding Club at



1795 U.S. 60 East between Burna and Salem.

Appliances and furniture will be accepted. To make arrangements for large appliances to be picked up, call the Judge-Executive Teris Swanson's office at 270-928-2105.

Only large items will be picked up, no common household trash. This pickup service is limited so call promptly.

Be aware that EPA requires all items to be placed directly into the dumpster.

Tires are not accepted. Proof of Livingston County residency is required.

Williams nominated by GOP to run for Livingston judge

The First Congressional District's Republican Party has nominated Michael Williams as the GOP candidate for Livingston County judge-executive's special election in November.



Williams

When Livingston's former judge-executive Garrett Gruber resigned early this year, the governor appointed Teris Swanson of Ledbetter to temporarily fill the position until a special election could be put on the ballot. Swanson, a Democrat, is her party's nominee. She and Williams will face off on Nov. 5.

Gruber, who had just completed the first year of his second term as judge before resigning, had narrowly defeated Williams in the 2022 GOP primary by a margin of 710-698. Gruber was re-elected judge without general election opposition.

Williams, 47, is a 1995 graduate of Livingston Central High School, a retired Kentucky state trooper and a former Livingston County sheriff's deputy. He currently operates an enterprise that includes residential rental, lawn care and wholesale foods. Williams' father Tommy Williams was sheriff in Livingston County for many years.

The First Congressional District stepped in to fill the GOP nomination because Livingston County did not have an active, registered party organization. Daniel Newcomb of Salem was also considered as a potential nominee.

Grandparents raising grandkids can get annual assistance

Kentucky Family Caregiver Program (KFCP) provides resources and support to grandparents raising grandchildren in the Pennyryle region. The Kentucky Caregiver program does have a low-income requirement and an age maximum of 18 for the grandchildren served.

There are over 51,000 grandparents raising grandchildren in the state of Kentucky. The KFCP can provide assistance up to \$500 per grandchild per fiscal year to assist with items such as clothing, personal care items, school supplies and furniture for the grandchild.

This program also assists grandparents who are looking for help with ed-

ucational needs, legal services, medical/dental services and/or respite for grandchildren. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about the Kentucky Family Caregiver Program or would like to apply, contact the Pennyryle Area Development District office at 866-844-4396 or email program coordinators Christi Combs at Christi.combs@ky.gov or Miranda White at Miranda.white@ky.gov.

Caldwell sheriff dpt. made 73 arrests during past year

Caldwell County Sheriff Dan Weedman has released his department's 2023 activity report, which included 73 arrests and 205 accidents investigated.

Last year, the Caldwell sheriff and deputies attempted to serve 549 civil or criminal papers. Of those, 519 were successfully served.

There were 2,168 investigations into complaints, 110 criminal cases opened, 241 vehicle inspections off site and 646 inspections on site and 399 motorist assists.

For 2023, deputies logged 7,339.8 hours, 18,293 transport miles and patrolled 103,394 miles inside the county.

Job fair April 12 at library

A job fair conducted by representatives of the West Kentucky Investment Board will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday, April 12 at the Crittenden County Public Library. Companies actively seeking employees will be present or provide information and/or training information. Representatives from Marion, Madisonville, Salem as well as the Kentucky Division of Forestry and U.S. Coast Guard will be present. Material from businesses unable to attend the event will be left at the library. Anyone who cannot attend April 12 event can pick it up at the library in days following. Local companies unable to attend but want to supply information can contact Fred Stubblefield at (270) 832-5730.

Commuters in Evansville face restrictions near river

Lane restrictions begin this week as crews in Evansville start reconstructing the KY 351 interchange as part of Section 1 of the I-69 Ohio River Crossing. KY 351/2nd Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction from in front of North Middle School to the US 41 southbound ramps. The closures will allow crews to install new under-the-road storm drainage, along with completing other work in the area.

The lane closures are expected to be in place all this week. Work and closures have been scheduled to coincide with Spring Break for Henderson County Schools when traffic is lighter in the area. Similar restrictions are expected this summer when school is out to allow crews the room they need to work in the area. Short-term closures of KY 351 are also expected while the restrictions are in place. Flagging operations will be used to manage the short-term closures.

Restrictions will be lifted before the total solar eclipse on Monday.

Kentucky colleges see record growth in 2023

Kentucky's independent colleges and universities saw a significant increase in enrollment last year, according to new Fall 2023 enrollment data avail-

able from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

Independent colleges include Lindsey Wilson, Centre, Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan, Transylvania and others.

Total fall enrollment grew by 8.5% at the 18 institutions that make up the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities. There were 4,640 more students enrolling than in Fall 2022.

Headcount enrollment at these institutions reached a record 59,088 students for Fall 2023. Overall enrollment is up more than 63% over the last decade.

Livingston Hospital's KPAP program honored

Livingston Hospital's Christina Dickerson, who is coordinator for the Kentucky Prescription Assistance Program (KPAP) at the Salem hospital has been recognized by Kentucky Department of Public Health. Livingston Hospital ranked 10th in Kentucky for Fiscal Year 2023 in helping patients in the region save money on prescription medications, glucose monitoring systems, medical equipment, hearing aids and more.



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Golf course deal is off

Eddie King, owner of Marion's Heritage Golf Course, pool and Mulligan's bar and restaurant, says a deal to sell the operation has failed.

King says he plans to continue operating the golf course, pool and restaurant. Some work on the greens is planned for this spring and the pool will open as normal around Memorial Day.

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50 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1974

■ Marion Rotary Club conducted its annual Radio Auction and Country Store to raise money for scholarships at the Floor Store in Darben Plaza.

■ Westside Market advertised Grapefruit for 10 cents each and a pound of bananas for 10 cents.

■ Crittenden County Rescue Club was ranked second in the western Kentucky area after the club was reactivated the year prior.

■ Crittenden County FFA members honored at their annual banquet were Jerry Cloyd, Rhonda Kirk, Larry Workman, Kevin Workman, Charles Knight, Bradley Heines, Eddie Hearell, Tony Alexander and Steve Ford.

25 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1999

■ Crittenden County track members earning a first-place finish in a home track meet were Michael Croft, Greg Belt, Justin Hill, Doug Campbell, Brad Madden, Shelly Johnson and Keri Kemper.

■ Siemens added two new lines after closing its manufacturing plant in Charlotte, N.C., and moving them here. Siemens' Marion plant is the community's largest industrial employer with just over 300 workers.



■ Final touches of the Crittenden County History Book Volume Two were being made in preparation of its summer release.

10 YEARS AGO

April 3, 2014

■ Rocket baseball player Adam Driver had three hits in Crittenden's 12-2 win over Livingston Central. Lady Rocket softball player Kiana Nesbitt had the only hit in an 11-0 loss against Henderson County.

■ Ellie McGowan and Kyron Hicks competed in the Kentucky High School Speech League's Middle School State Tournament. Both students ranked in the top third of the middle school competitors.

■ Crittenden County students got relief from state legislators and were forgiven for some of the 17 days missed due to bad weather.

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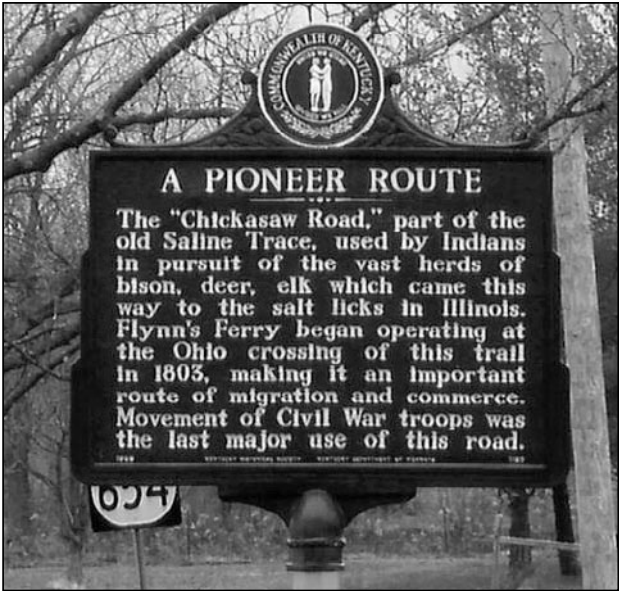
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williams@crittendencountyky.org. Please indicate "BID-HONDA FOREMAN on the outside of the envelope or in the subject line of the email. All bids will be opened during the regular session of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court on April 18, 2024. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in accordance with KRS 45A. (1t-14-c)

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legal notice

Notice is hereby given that on March 27, 2024 Larry Stacey Adams of 204 Maple Street, Marion, Ky. 42064 was appointed administrator of Roger Wayne Adams, deceased, whose address was 7637 Mott City Rd., Fredonia, Ky. 42411. Hon. Lindell Choate, P.O. Box 890, Eddyville, Ky.

42038, attorney. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly proven as required by law to the administrator before the 27th day of September, 2024 and all claims not so proven and presented by that date shall be forever barred. All persons indebted to the estate of the above-named decedent, will please call and settle said debts immediately. Crittenden District Court Melissa Guill, Clerk (1t-14-c)

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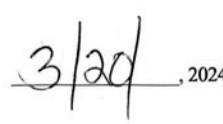
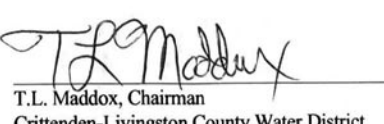
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DISTRICT SOFTBALL STANDINGS		
Team	Overall	Dist
Trigg County	8-6	2-1
Livingston Central	8-2	1-1
Lyon County	4-4	1-2
Crittenden County	3-6	0-3

DISTRICT BASEBALL STANDINGS		
Lyon County	6-4	3-0
Livingston Central	8-4	1-1
Trigg County	6-5	1-1
Crittenden County	7-4	0-3

Games through 4-1-24

DISC GOLF

Clark tournament 13th

Marion-Crittenden County Park will host the annual HB Clark Disc Golf Tournament Saturday, April 13. The event has professional and amateur divisions and is part of the West Kentucky Disc Golf Series. For more go online to Marion Disc Golf Facebook page. Clark is the man who designed the local course and is a widely known tournament promoter.

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

Youth Turkey	April 6-7
Turkey	April 13 - May 5
Bullfrog	May 17 - Oct. 31
Squirrel	May 18 - June 21



At second base, seventh-grader Abigial Champion awaits high hopper during last week's district varsity game at Livingston.



BASEBALL

Fla. opener goes well

Crittenden County won its spring break Florida opener 9-8 Monday over Rutherford, a team from Panama City, Fla.

The Rockets scored 4 in the first but the game was tied at 6 after seven innings. In the eighth, CCHS scored 3 and the Rams 2. Crittenden's extra-innings runs came off a wild pitch that scored Hutson Stokes, Jeremiah Foster singled in Chase Conyer and Casey Cates knocked in what turned out to be the winning run.

Conyer, Cates and Jaxton Duncan had 2 hits apiece and Cates drove in 3 runs.

Foster and Stokes did the pitching with Stokes recording the win in relief for 2 innings. Foster struck out 7 and walked none in 6 innings.

Rockets beat by Lyon
Crittenden County lost 10-0 to Lyon County on Friday before heading off to spring break play in Florida.

CCHS was two-hit by Lyon hurler Johnny Bingham while the Lyons ripped Rocket pitching for 11 hits. Tyler Belt and Quinn Summers had the only singles for Crittenden, which fell to 0-3 in league play.

Chase Conyer and Jeremiah Foster pitched for CCHS. Eight of Lyon's 10 runs were earned.

SOFTBALL

Ladies lose at Livingston

Despite an early 2-0 lead out of the first inning, Crittenden County was uanble to pull off the upset against Livingston Central last week in a

Fifth District matchup in Smithland. LCHS won the game 12-2.

Hannah Jent went 3-for-3 and drove in a run and Morgan Piper knocked in the other run on a first-inning single, but that's about the only offense CCHS could muster against Livingston hurlers Hadley Hargrove and Addison Tramble.

Anna Boone and Elliot Evans pitched for CCHS. Five errors were costly to the Lady Rocket efforts.

For Livingston, Tramble had 3 hits and Emersyn Ramage and Amelia Ray had 2 apiece. Hargrove homered and 3 RBIs and Victoria Joiner also homered.

The loss was Crittenden's third straight in district competition as the girls completed their first round of league play.

Lyon gets CCHS 3-1

Crittenden had several opportunities, but stranded too many runners in a 3-1 loss at home against Lyon County in Fifth District play.

Andrea Federico's sixth-inning solo homer was CCHS's only run. Anna Boone threw a complete game, striking out 3 and walking 5 while scattering 7 hits over 7 innings.

Elliot Evans, Hannah Jent nad Jaylee Champion had CCHS's only other hits.

TRACK AND FIELD

3 thirds at Calloway

Crittenden County's 3200 relay team and senior Karsyn Potter medaled at Saturday's Calloway County Invitational at Murray.

Potter was third in the discus competition with a throw of 90-



CCHS's 4x800-meter relay team was a top finisher at last weekend's meet at Calloway County. Pictured are medalists Ella Geary, Mary Martinez, Ella Whitney and Presley Potter.



Freshman Hannah Jent had 2 hits in the Lady Rockets district loss at Livingston Central.

10 and the 4x800 girls squad finished in 11:52.84 to also earn third. Those members are Mary Martinez, Presley Potter, Ella Geary and Ella Whitney.

A JV boys relay team also finished third.

Following are Top 25 finishes of CCHS athletes from the very large meet last weekend at Murray.

GIRLS
100 Meters 25. Kylie Bloodworth 16.51.
4x800 Relay 3. Crittenden 11:52.84 (Mary Martinez, Presley Potter, Ella Whitney, Ella Geary).
4x200 Relay 7. Crittenden 2:16.13 (Shelbi Belt, Kylie Bloodworth, Madison Walker, Ruby Peek.
1600 Meters 6. Mary Martinez 6:05.33.
4x200 JV Relay 4. Crittenden 1:04.26 (Shelbi Belt, Kylie

Bloodworth, Madison Walker, Ruby Peek.

400 Meters 19. Presley Potter 1:15.81.

800 Meters 5. Ella Geary 2:56.08; 16. Ella Whitney 3:21.77.

200 Meters 18. Karsyn Potter 32.05, 24. Shelbi Belt 33.67.

3200 Meters 5. Mary Martinez 13:59. 17.

4x400 Relay 5. Crittenden 5:06.40. (Presley Potter, Ella Geary, Mary Martinez, Karsyn Potter).

Shot Put 6. Karsyn Potter 26-02.25, 9. Layken Gilchrist 24-11, 15. Madison Walker 16-6.25.

Discus 3. Karsyn Potter 90-10, 11. Layken Gilchrist 60-00, 13. Madison Walker 53-06.

High Jump 9. Presley Potter 4-02.

BOYS
1600 Meters JV 5. Noah Martinez 6:07.51

1600 Meters 11. River Rogers 5:27.05, 16. Landon Starkey 5:45.57.

4x100 Relay 3. Crittenden 57.49 (Jayden Jones, Reece Travis, Landon Starkey, Aiden Musser).

800 Meters 19. River Rogers 2:32.73, 20. Landon Starkey 2:40.43.

200 Meters 23. Noah Byford 27.49.

3200 Meters 5. River Rogers 12:24.41.

Shot Put 8. Grayson James 36-11.75, 25. Glenn Starkey 25-11.25.

Discus 25. Glenn Starkey 61-02.

Long Jump 15. Bobby Hazel 16-03.



Crittenden County senior Tyler Belt takes a swing at pitch during a recent high school baseball game. Belt and the Rockets are in Florida this week for spring break games.

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Eyes one of May’s artforms

BY ALLISON EVANS
THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

There’s more to Ashlee May than meets the eye.

Eyes are her expertise, but other passions planted in her Georgia childhood have blossomed in Crittenden County.

May is a professional eyelash and brow technician chosen in the cosmetology category of The Crittenden Press’ 10 Under 40 community recognition program. She also does custom-blended spray tans marketed toward bridal parties and other special occasions.

Besides her day job, she raises goats, is a part-time dog groomer and can list recording artist and assistant taxidermist to her resume.

Deer hunting lured May’s family in 2006 to Crittenden County, where she entered public school for the first time in eighth grade and began pursuing a career in the beauty industry to become a nail technician upon graduation.

“I’ve had other jobs, bounced around a little, but the salon and beauty industry is what I got in and stayed in the last 10 years,” she said.

She operates in an aesthetically-pleasing salon that exudes a style as eclectic as her professional catalog.

“Adults around you tell you when you’re growing up not to be a quitter,” she said. “We were taught if you start something finish it... but if I was working and couldn’t see it being long term or if I was not enjoying it, I wasn’t going to waste any more time. I wanted to do something different.”

About five years ago, the 31-year-old was inspired by a video she saw online about eyebrow tint and eyelash lifts and extensions. The services were popular in Europe and were making their way to larger U.S. cities. She soon earned certifications and, with her husband Jacob, transformed a building behind her home into her studio, Botanical Beauty. She worked on it for seven months between 2019 and 2020, passed inspections and was ready to open in March 2020 when



COVID-19 struck. Salons were the first to be shuttered.

During COVID, she grew her plant collection, a portion of which is displayed in her salon along with an interesting mix of modern and antique decor.

Clients say it’s a treat and retreat. Some receive services more frequently than others, but between Botanical Beauty and weekly appointments she offers in Eddyville, May has more than 100 clients on her roster.

“Some clients come every three weeks for lash fills, some every three or four months for lash lifts and tints, brow reshaping or henna tattooing of eyebrows, which involves a plant-based tint that gives the effect of a tattoo without a needle,” she explained.

She credits a plethora of Facebook groups in the industry for helping her determine the best brands of synthetic lashes, which come in many styles and lengths and are glued to clients’ real lashes about one millimeter from their base. Trial and error led her to the best adhesive and the proper humidity level during application to guarantee longevity.

Each session takes between two and three hours since individual synthetic lashes are applied through a tedious process.

“There is artistry in what I’m doing, looking at the structure of someone’s face and determining a way to enhance their features that is not distracting or out of place,” she said.

Lindsey Sizemore, her colleague in Eddyville, praises May’s attention to detail.

“When Ashlee agreed to work Mon-

days at L Cosmetics, I was thrilled because she is the perfect fit for our team,” Sizemore said. “Her quality of lash work is some of the best in western Kentucky, she really cares about every single detail as well as every single person who sits in her chair and it shows.”

May said women use longer lashes to cover hooded eyes or create a more youthful look.

“The daily difference in clients’ lives makes me happy that I’m able to help with that,” she said.

Eyebrow tint, May said, is something she decided to incorporate into her business after she saw it gaining momentum.

“If things get too boring I feel like I always need something to work toward, and this industry is a good fit, more than I realized in the beginning,” she said.

So what’s next? She is currently enrolled in a brow and lip tattooing program.

“I feel like my background in mapping and color matching with temporary tattoos gives me a head start for permanent makeup. Brow tattooing is super simple, lasts longer and causes no damage to skin layers.”

When she isn’t in her salon, she loves antiquing and raising goats and wildflowers.

“Growing up in Georgia, my family had goats,” she said. “It was always



my plan to have some goats and I wanted the cutest I could get, which I think are Nigerian Dwarf goats.”

She has plans to extend her wildflower patch and host a wildflower festival late this summer for her clients – a do-over of her canceled grand opening because of COVID.

“I can’t believe I waited so long to do this,” she said. “If I could make wildflower bouquets and walk around the flower patch and figure out how to make that living, there would be no more lash tech in Marion because that is my happy place.”

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