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McGowan crowned Miss Murray State

Fredonia's Ellie McGowan has been crowned Miss Murray State University. A junior at MSU, McGowan is a 2020 graduate of Crittenden County High School. She was chosen Miss MSU at the annual scholarship pageant last weekend. The honor is presented by the Student Government Association. McGowan, a Presidential Fellow at MSU, is studying agriculture business and plans to attend law school after graduation and pursue an agriculture and food law degree. In 2021, she was chosen Murray State Homecoming queen and she is president of the student government association, serving as studnet representative on the MSU Board of Regents. "Eventually, I plan to bring my skills back to western Kentucky to represent farm families and aid in the development of strong agricultural policies for Kentucky," she said.

Good Friday & Easter

Holy Week comes to a climax this weekend as Christians celebrate Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Several businesses and public offices will be closed for the Friday holiday, including the county judge-executive's office, sheriff, road department, animal shelter, convenience center and city hall. The animal shelter and convenience center will be closed Saturday, too.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Marion City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Monday, April 17 at city hall.
- Fredonia City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, April 17 at city hall.
- Salem City Council will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 18 at Deer Lakes meeting room.
- Crittenden County Fiscal Court will meet at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, April 20 courthouse.
- Crittenden-Livingston Water District will meet at 4 p.m., Monday, April 24 at Deer Lakes meeting room.

Book It! Library Turns 70



Kari Laiben of Marion finds some quiet time in the library for studying.

Year-Long Celebration Kicks off Thursday

STAFF REPORT

Marking its platinum anniversary, Crittenden County Public Library will begin this week a months-long celebration to champion the library's past and future.

There are 198 libraries across Kentucky and Marion's is one of those funded by county taxpayers. Despite movements in the past to defund publicly-supported libraries in rural areas, including here in Crittenden County, most have remained strong and vigilant in their mission. Crittenden Countian property owners pay five cents

for \$100 of assessed property value to finance the library's endeavors.

"Crittenden County is so fortunate to have such an outstanding library," said local historian Brenda Underdown. "It is such an active asset to the community. Brandi Ledford, our present librarian, has continued to bring the library into the future. It is not only a 'book library' but provides many activities and opportunities



Wessell

for different age groups."

Monica Wessell, vice president of the Friends of the Library support group, spoke last week during the Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Luncheon. She outlined what the 70-year-old library has in store for the community as it raises a toast to its significant history and rolls up its sleeves to face a new, technological world.

April 6 is the actual anniversary date, but organizers decided to wait until after Easter to kick off its events to begin marking the

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Just 17, Cade Crider released a 12-song album last fall.

Crider's 'Love' pegged on KY museum's music listing

Teen musician and composer Cade Crider of Marion has landed a song in Kentucky's history museum.

When the Frazier History Museum in Louisville decided to celebrate music of Kentucky, it began looking for songs created in each of the commonwealth's 120 counties. In January, the museum began announcing its weekly list of songs - in alphabetical order by county from Adair to Woodford - in its "Frazier Weekly" publication called "Musical Kentucky: A Song from Each County."

The music has been curated into a Spotify playlist, and Crider's "Love" is among them. The song was one of a dozen released last year on his debut album "Hangman."

"It's really cool to be part of this project," said Crider, a 17-year-old home school student. "I am excited to see what kind of numbers my song gets from it."

Songs from his album have been streamed or downloaded about 70,000 times since its release in late October.

The Frazier Museum is famous for being a starting point on Kentucky's Bourbon Trail. The museum's "Cool Kentucky" exhibit includes a section called "Musical Kentucky," which puts an emphasis on the "breadth, quality, and worldwide impact of Kentucky music," according to WBRD, a Louisville television station.

The curated playlist includes titles from as early as 1910 and includes all genres of music ranging from country and bluegrass, to gospel, indie, jazz, new wave, Motown, opera, jug band, emo, yodeling, prison rock and more. There are some famous artists such as the Judds, but the project is more of a grab bag of legendary artists, moderately popular artists and some who are perhaps just starting out or virtually unknown.

Crider said Brian Farmer of Marion deserves much of the credit for getting his song recognized by the organizers who put together the museum's listicle. Farmer promotes Crider's music on social media and through other avenues.

Founded in 2004 and located in the West Main District of downtown Louisville, the Frazier History Museum says it is where the world meets Kentucky. An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the Frazier documents stories from history using artifacts, exhibitions and guided tours led by a staff of educators. With the opening of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail Welcome Center and the Spirit of Kentucky exhibition in 2018, the Frazier became the official starting point of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail. The museum is also host to many weddings, corporate parties and exclusive events.



Broadway Musical

Trish Gage (left) goes over choreography for Beauty and the Beast, Jr., with Kara Beth James, who will portray Belle; and Sam Eichelberger, who plays the Beast in upcoming Community Arts Foundation production at Fohs Hall.

■ For details, including a complete cast list, see page 10 ■

Hospitals get huge shot in arm

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky hospitals have been given an additional lifeline to continue providing quality care to Medicaid patients, particularly in rural areas like Crittenden and Livingston counties where outpatient services are a big part of their business.

Gov. Andy Beshear last week signed HB 75 into law, which will adjust the Medicaid Hospital Rate Improvement Program (HRIP) to include outpatient care, allowing hospitals to receive increased reimbursement for services provided at no cost to the state. Hospitals pay an assessment to provide state funds that match federal funds, and they receive an additional payment for each Medicaid patient they serve.

Shane Whittington, CEO at Livingston Hospital Deaconess, says the new program will add about 10 percent to the facility's

net revenue.

"It will help us pay better wages and provide more services," he said. "And this program is going to be very important to us as we continue moving toward building a new hospital."

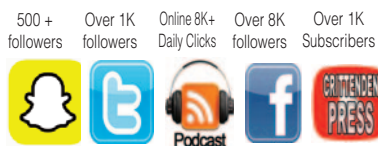
The bill is part of a value-based program that requires hospitals to meet certain quality care metrics, which Kentucky hospitals have been achieving in the inpatient portion of HRIP. The program has been essential to hospitals that suffered COVID losses along with rising inflation and labor costs.

"Costs are rising for hospitals just as they



Whittington
Livingston CEO

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Deaths

Kirk

Gary Leon "Goat" Kirk, 76, of Marion, died Friday, March 31, 2023 at Baptist Health Paducah.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy and was a 25-year employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



He was an avid sportsman, enjoyed the outdoors and took pleasure in gardening, barbecuing and entertaining. He attended Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Mona Kirk of Marion; two sons, Brigham (Phyllis) Kirk and Brian (Pamela) Kirk, both of Marion; two grandchildren, Abby Kirk and Allie Brooke Kirk, both of Marion; a sister, Sheryl (Roger) Watson of Marion; and a brother, Larry (Jeanne) Kirk of Marion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Loyd Leon and Golda Marie Hughes Kirk.

Services were Monday, April 3 at Myers Funeral Home. Burial was in Piney Fork Cemetery.

Travis

Sarah L. Travis, 93, of Princeton died Thursday, March 30, 2023 at Caldwell Medical Center.

She was of the Baptist faith. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, and spending time with her family and grandchildren.



Surviving are three daughters: Sandra (Bobby) Dickerson of Marion, Debra Stephens of Princeton and Kathy (Michael) Belt of Owensboro; a sister, Betty Hearion Collins of Princeton; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Arnold Riley; a brother, Jay B. Travis; and a sister, Nancy Towery. Her parents were Joe Travis and Reba Sigler Coffman.

Graveside services

were Saturday, April 1 at Rowland Cemetery with Jimmy Sigler officiating. Goodman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Armstrong

James Armstrong, 70, of Marion, died Friday, March 24, 2023 at his home.

Surviving are a brother, Daniel Armstrong; three nieces, Trudy Kennan, Robin Sims, and Deanna Jenkins, three nephews, Marty Longbeam, Joseph Weatherholtz and Craig Weatherholtz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Josephine Armstrong; and three sisters, Judy, Jean and Janie.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Gilbert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wood

Marlene B. Wood, 92, of Marion, died

March 29, 2023 in Mountain Home, Ark. She was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are four children, Linda (Charles) Costolo of Fort Pierce, Fla., Patricia (Charles) Jones of Jordan, Ark., Toni Wood of Mansfield, Tenn., and Kevin (Sandy) Wood of Daphne, Ala.; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Warren G. Wood; and two children, Brenda Bu-



chanan and Steven Wood; her parents, Allen Isiah and Elizabeth Bivins; three brothers and asister.

Services are at 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 4 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Fredonia Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until serv-

ice time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; Boystown, PO Box 8000, Boystown, NE 68010 or Paralyzed Veterans, PO Box 758589, Topeka, KS 66675.



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Rogers, Vince round out essay winners

Editor's note: Using spelling and punctuation as written by students, The Crittenden Press is publishing a series of winning essays penned by Crittenden County Elementary School students who wrote the essays during "I Love My School" Week at CCES in January.

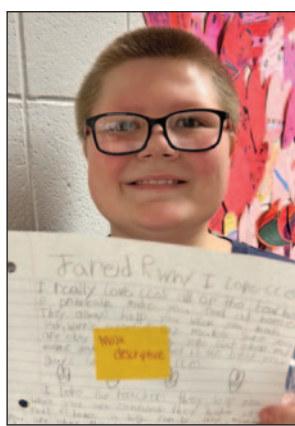
BY JARED ROGERS
Most Descriptive

I really love CCES all of the teacher and princeable make you feel at home. They always help you when you mad, sad, worried, upset and they make sure you are okay wich I really love that even my mom and dad think this school is the best you guys are the best! CCES

I love the teachers they help you when you are confused they make you feel at home a big family they make sure you are okay the teachers are sweet like cupcakes with hot choklate they will always be there for you and some time there funny.

I love the princeable they always. Make sure you are okay they help fix your problem they are so sweet like cake wit tea and they plan feel trips there are so fun and thank you so much you always warm are heart.

They help stop bullies they make sure you are safe they always help us out. Thank you.



Jared Rogers
3rd grade



Russell Vince
3rd grade

RUSSELL VINCE
Honorable Mention

I really like CCES because they have really good teachers like Mrs. Jada, Miss Ashley and Miss Guess. I also love CCES because we get to have an hour of art, music, library, computers and PE.

Another reason is that Mrs. Jada and Miss Ash-

ley teach us real good stuff. Sometimes Miss Ashley sometimes lets us play Kahoot and Jeopardy. Mrs. Jada sometimes turns the lesson into a game.

Though the best thing about CCES is you have great freinds.

Homemakers excel in cultural arts competition

Crittenden County Homemakers earned high marks at the 2023 Pennyryle Area Cultural Arts Exhibit Day. The contest was held at the Christian County Extension office March 17.

First place finishers will compete at the KEHA state meeting in May.

Following are results: Nancy Lanham, first place cross stitch; Debbie Padgett, third place holiday decor winter, second place quilted throw; Kristi Harris, first place black and white photo, second place applique, third place color photo, second place recy-

clad art household, third place fabric wall hanging, third place quilt machine pieced/quilted; Sandy Wells, third place quilt machine piece/quilted, first place crochet, third place knitting; Sue Ledford, first place fall decor, first place ceramics molded, first place acrylic paining, second place color photography; Darl Henley, second place recycled art other, second place holiday decor spring; Tabby Tinsley, second place decorative painting wood, first place drawing, color photo.

April brings celebration of Him

I'm writing (typing) this on Saturday, April 1. It's a beautiful sunny day here in White Plains, a welcome change from the line of storms which passed through western Kentucky last night bringing plenty of stormy weather. It continues to be very windy today with several gusts up to 45 mph, which reminds me of the subject of last month's article, "The Winds of March". March certainly went out like a lion! April is starting out on a rather blustery note.

April is my favorite month of all. Why would I say that? Why not October, as the Master Painter, the Lord God Almighty, paints His majestic landscape scenes with the breathtakingly beautiful strokes of fall foliage? Why not December, with its Christmas light displays, the glorious Christmas music and the various manger scenes which remind us of the simple birth of our Lord Jesus, the One who came from heaven to be the Light of the World?

Why April? April is the ultimate example of new life in God's beautiful world. April is when all of nature comes back to life after several months of being dormant... not dead, but dormant... a pause in the never-ending video presentation of nature.

It is in April that nature begins to wake up and come alive, once again experiencing the wonders of growth and life, especially in the areas of botany and animal husbandry. Many of you know that I used to farm, so you understand my special interest in these two areas.

For instance, even though it has been many years since I farmed or helped someone farm, I still love to see the ground being tilled, hear the tractors bellow, smell the freshly-worked soil, see the crops planted and watch the tender little seedlings begin to appear. There is a 30-acre field across the road from my house. Last year, the fellow who has the field leased planted it in corn on May 17. Why do I remember the date? The fellow was getting his planter ready to plant that field early that morning as I drove by on the way to vote in the May primary election. He was finished planting the field before the end of the day.

A week later, I walked across the road, took my pocket knife and

scratched away the loose soil to find the spears of those young seedlings which were just about ready to peek through the surface, ready to begin their marvelous journey toward full maturity.

Ever since we moved here in July 2015, I have mowed a half acre over there around the Welcome to White Plains sign, which is directly across from our house. Each week as I mow during the spring and summer months, I closely monitor the progress of the young crop, noting the various stages of development. Unfortunately, the corn entered the pollination stage last year just as the hottest, driest stretch of summer weather arrived. (Excessive heat kills pollen.) Like many crops in western Kentucky, the yield was cut significantly due to this added stress. Why? Because pollination is one of those critical crop stages which requires abundant moisture and nutrition. Even without the needed rainfall, the field still made 167 bushels per acre, which is far better than any crop I ever had back during my farming days.

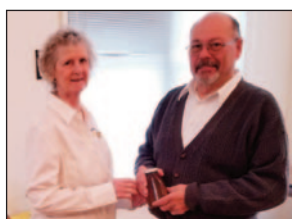
Another example... There are about 30 cows in the pasture over behind our house. It's always exciting for me to watch the young calves

arrive and grow old enough and strong enough to start ripping and romping! They can produce a rather lively show when three or four of them get to feeling their oats and start playing around together...and it's a free show!

And then there's my beloved. My dreams became reality in April 1977 when Shelia and I married on April 24. When that date arrives this year, we will have successfully completed 46 years of glorious wedded bliss. I'm still head over heels in love with my bride, even after all these years and she still makes the best cornbread!

Every year when April rolls around, I'm reminded of how we met, our courtship, our wedding, our lives together in those BC years (Before Children), the birth of our three wonderful children, the joys and challenges of parenting, the sheer delight of being grandparents and the fulfilling companionship we share.

Yes, new life is everywhere in April as God says to His creation, "Let's do it all one more time!" We are celebrating the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and the new life we have through Him!



Annie and Dan Rubino

Beekkeeping 101: myths debunked

Bee Informed was the title of the program presented to the Woman's Club of Marion March 16.

Annie Rubino, environment chair and her husband, Dan Rubino, shared their love of beekkeeping and corrected myths. Members received honey harvested by the Rubinos and other bee related items.

In business news, members were reminded that applications for the Woman's Club of Marion scholarship, which is presented to a senior girl, are available from the high school or obtained by emailing huntnd1@gmail.com. Crittenden County home school students are eligible to apply.

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County jobless rate up in Feb.

Crittenden County's unemployment rate was 4.5 percent in February. That's a jump from January's 4.2 percent and last February's rate of 4.1.

Livingston County's rate was 6 percent in February, up from 5.6 the previous month but the same as the year before.

Lyon was up at 5.5 percent.

Caldwell's unemployment was the lowest among contiguous counties at 4 percent in February. It was 3.6 percent in January. Webster and Union rates were 4.5 and 4.9, respectively.

The Kentucky comparable rate for February was 4.5 percent and the U.S. jobless figure was 3.9 percent.

Weather siren tests are back

Marion-Crittenden County E-911 dispatching will restart its storm siren testing at noon every Friday.

Testing was discontinued temporarily a few weeks ago while mechanical problems were solved with some of the sirens.

Graves coach is investigated for injuring player

Graves County High School's baseball coach was involved in an in-game incident Saturday at Lyon County that injured one of his players.

According to a news release by the Lyon County Sheriff's Department, a 14-year-

old player suffered injuries after his coach threw a weighted bat sleeve that struck the boy in the face. The coach was reacting to a call by an official and threw the sleeve into the team's dugout.

Lyon County EMS took the player to Baptist Health Paducah, where he was treated for his injuries.

First-year Graves coach Josh Byrd remains under investigation by the sheriff's department, which has obtained video evidence and witness statements about the incident. A Graves County school official has also told WPSD-TV that the school district is investigating the incident.

High school player dies after spring practice tackle

KENTUCKY TODAY

The Somerset community is mourning the death of a Pulaski County High School teenager who died Monday morning, three days after suffering a severe brain injury in a varsity football spring game.

Andrew Dodson was running the football in the Pulaski County Marathon and White spring game when he was tackled by a teammate, according to his father, Alan Dodson, a former regional consultant with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. "It was not a violent hit or helmet-to-helmet. It was a simple, clean tackle."

Andrew Dodson would have been a senior this fall at Pulaski County High School.

Andrew suffered blunt-force trauma to the brain when his head hit the turf, his father



said. He had major surgery to relieve the pressure but never awakened after being put on a ventilator. Andrew, who was 17, was taken off life support Monday morning.

Med marijuana OK, but no smoking

KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

After years of failed attempts, on the last day of the 2023 legislative session legislators passed a bill to legalize medical marijuana for people meeting certain qualifications in 2025, and Gov. Andy Beshear quickly signed it into law.

The bill gives the Cabinet for Health and Family Services until January 2025 to get a medical marijuana up and running.

It does not allow medical marijuana to be smoked and requires users to be 18 or older or be a caretaker for a child.

It also only allows it to be used by people with certain "qualifying medical conditions," including all cancers regardless of the stage; chronic, severe, intractable or debilitating pain; epilepsy or any other tractable seizure disorder; multiple sclerosis, muscle spasms or spasticity; chronic nausea or cyclical vomiting syndrome that has proven resistant to other conventional medical treatments; post-traumatic stress disorder; and many other medical conditions or diseases.

Crittenden Schools host Fentanyl awareness meeting Parents, students, community invited

Crittenden County school leaders and local law enforcement are teaming to present Facing Fentanyl, a community assembly at 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 17 at Rocket Arena.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), more than 107,000 people in the U.S. died of drug overdose or drug poisonings in the 12-month period ending January 2022. Sixty-seven percent of those deaths involved opioids like fentanyl.

Crittenden County Sheriff Evan Head says that fentanyl is not just a national problem, but a local one, as well.

"Combating fentanyl can be a major issue for law enforcement," said Head. "The resources to combat the dealers are not as readily accessible for small community law

enforcement. Thus, the reason for trying to educate your community on the dangers of this drug is very important.

"It is being sold to look like candy, marijuana is being laced with it and other drugs are being cut with it to up the potency," Head continued. "When you realize touching a shopping cart handle, gas pump, or public chair could possibly lead to overdose, it's time to try and combat this as much as we can through educating our public on the harmful effects."

As little as two milligrams of fentanyl is considered a potentially lethal dose. That's why, Head says, it's important as a community to be educated and vigilant. To bring awareness to the epidemic of fentanyl and other drugs, Crittenden County School District is

hosting Facing Fentanyl, a program to educate students, parents, and community members about warning signs, methods of intervention, and available resources to keep our kids and community safe.

The program will be presented by Michael LaSala, with an introduction by Denis Hodge, a long-time educator and coach with Crittenden County Schools. With more than two decades of experience as an EMT, LaSala serves as a lead field supervisor and critical care paramedic. He felt led to speak to schools and communities after first-hand witnessing dangers of the fentanyl epidemic.

Supt. Tonya Driver encourages students, parents, caregivers and community members to attend this assembly.

70TH

Continued from page 1 library's eight decades of serving the community.

"It's just too big for one gala event," said Wessell, who moved to Marion over a year ago and quickly became involved in the library's activities.

Friends of the Library is an active local group of 140 library supporters. It is working to employ the StoryCorps platform to document and preserve the library's history. Since 2003, the national program has operated with a mission to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people. Plans are to have local Scouts conducted audio recorded interviews with individuals who have been part of the library's first 70 years.

"We want to hear from people who have seen changes in the library over its history," explains Wessell.

By virtue of being involved the StoryCorps

program, the recordings will be archived in the Library of Congress to preserve the history for future generations.

The recordings will be part of the celebration later this year. Meantime, there will be an open house from 5-7 p.m., on Thursday, April 13 featuring 1950's music by Michelle Crider and retro finger food from the 50's era.

"Jello and casseroles were big dishes in the 50s," Wessell said. "And there will be stations set up in the library to highlight its genealogy section, children's area and a demonstration of the book app Libby."

The popular library trivia night will be Friday, April 14 from 7-9 p.m. At that event, the Friends of the Library will celebrate the work done by Librarian Ledford, who is leaving her post on June 2.

"We would like people to really show up to pay homage to her," Wessell said.

Much of the anniversary celebration will be aimed toward children, beginning with an April 15 event from 10-11 a.m., featuring stories and animals from Land Between the Lakes Woodlands Nature Sta-

tion.

There will be a book sale later this month and a name for the library's new mascot will soon be unveiled. Stay tuned to the library's social media sites and The Press for further details on the celebration schedule.

Underdown, who has spent countless hours in the local library doing research for her writings and presentations on local history, calls it a tremendous resource to our county.

"The library is an excellent place to go when looking for a specific article, essay or book for any type of project," she said. "There are search tools and resources that are unmatched to other free public resources. And our librarian and staff are always willing to help each visitor with any questions they may have. I also appreciate the availability of a printer and other machines that help you with projects."

Public computers are available at the library. Supporters say those offer a wealth of opportunity for people who need internet access or software to help build a resume, apply for a job or register for Social Security benefits.



10 YEARS AGO

April 4, 2013

The new Kentucky Division of Forestry ranger for Crittenden County, Chad Brothers, had some pretty big shoes to fill as he took an important role in Marion Baptist's upcoming performance of the Passion Play. Brothers played the role of Jesus in Marion Baptist's live recreation of what happened at the cross and leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. This would not be the first time Brothers would play the role of Jesus; however, it would be the first time he did so in front of the large crowd drawn by the church's annual depiction of Christ's last days.

The Crittenden Press polled its readers by asking, "Which is your favorite idea for a family night event at this year's Crittenden County Lions Club Fair?" The majority of voters, 48%, wanted to see a greased pig contest and 29% of voters wanted a blindfolded driver's contest with passenger directing.

Crittenden Health Systems' leaders were hopeful for the hospital's future. With the opening of the hospital's new operating room right around the corner and black ink showing from its first fiscal year, CHS officials were guardedly optimistic about the business's future despite some recognized tough times ahead. CHS Chief Executive Officer Jim Christensen and Board Chairman Charlie Hunt explained that times were growing more difficult for small, rural hospitals, but they believed CHS was well positioned to continue providing quality, affordable care close to home for many years.

Crittenden County High School March Students of the Month were Monica Hodge, Tabitha Scott, Summer Phillips, Brenden Phillips, Alex Maynard, Brynna McDowell, Paige Winterheimer, Emily Roman, Katie Travis, Kristin Perryman, Devin Clark, Travis Gilbert, Dustin Roberts, Bray-

den McKinney, Dylan Hollis and Nick Castiller.

Crittenden County Soil Conservation District held its annual awards banquet, handing out recognition for numerous accomplishments. Those who were recognized at the banquet included Jenna Potter, Maegan Potter, Tessa Potter, Jaden Willis, Beverly Herrin, Kim Asbridge, William Jay Asbridge and Jacob Greenwell.

25 YEARS AGO

April 9, 1998

Marion police are searching for barbed wire bandits who made off with more than 21 miles of fencing from a Marion business. The burglars cut the lock off of a gate to the storage yard at Crittenden County Farm Supply and took more than \$1,700 worth of barbed wire. Around the same time as the burglary, a diversion from the robbery was created by someone throwing a rock through a window at James Jewel Box to keep attention away from the Southern States farm store owned by Perry Newcome.

The Women's Club of Marion welcomed new members at their last meeting. These individuals included Marilyn Hunt, Gayle Aubrey, Natalie Parrish, Paula Collins, Phyllis Dutschke, Sandra Hawthorne, Karen Heady and Barbara Myers.

The Morning Glories Homemakers club celebrated its 25th anniversary at a reception at Myers Bed and Breakfast. Club members in attendance were Elizabeth Stevens, Judy Owen, Merle Myers, Sharon Giltz, Marge Tinsley, Norma Papineau, Jackie Webb, Barbara Myers, Ruth Robertson, Beth Belt and Kathy Belt.

Crittenden County 4-H members who received awards during the annual Demonstrations Day contest were Chelsea Steele, champion of foods; Patrick Holloman, champion of safety; Suzette Todd, champion of dairy foods; Ashley Peek, champion

clothing; Robert Holloman, champion of agriculture engineering; Sarah Brock, a champion in small animal science; Jesse McDowell, champion bread; Shawn Steele, blue ribbons; and Rachel Jackson, blue ribbon.

The Crittenden County girls' softball team ended its 2-game losing streak with a 12-2 victory at home against Lyon County. Crittenden came out strong in the first two innings, scoring half of its runs against a very weak defensive effort by the Lady Lyons. Beth Brantley and Bridget Tinsley led the Lady Rockets with two hits apiece while junior Misty Sutton had the only extra-base hit with a double. Lady Rocket ace Christina Napper also played a big part in the victory by keeping the Lady Lyons at bay offensively with seven strikeouts in six innings.

50 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1973

Spring arrived, but someone forgot to tell the weatherman. Unseasonably cold temperatures invaded the area during this week in 1973 causing ice formation at the electrical substation located near the city's elevated water tank. The ice formation coated the fence, transformers and wires.

Crittenden County Jaycees were under new leadership. The Jaycees were led by Dr. Howard Mathis, president; Phillip English, Internal Vice-President; Joe Yarbrough, External Vice-President; Ronnie Hughes, secretary; and Denny Woodall, treasurer.

Two candidates filed papers with County Court Clerk R.P. Davidson before the deadline bringing the total number of candidates for the 1973 election year to 40 in Crittenden County. The most competitive office was county sheriff which included six candidates in the running. Republican candidates for county sheriff included Calvin Crouch, James G. McDaniel, J.L. (Leon) Perry, Donald E. Slaton and Everett Travis. The sole Democrat candidate in the running was Austin Cook.

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Faith and artificial intelligence

In Psalm 8:3-9, King David declares, "When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which you hast established; what is man that you art mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him little less than God, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the sea. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Since the beginning of time mankind has asked the question that David poses in this Psalm. For most of history, and certainly since Darwin, we have pondered the difference between humans and animals. There are varying theories, but most have to do with some combination of language, sentience, motivation, reasoning, and sacrificial philanthropy. The study of animals has demonstrated that many of these things exist in nature, which has narrowed the gap between humans and animals. I do not believe that science and theology are in conflict. I do think that

each will eventually answer the other. The order of things is beautifully and succinctly presented in Psalm 8. God created everything, including humans. Humans are different because their role in creation is unique - to care for God's creation. According to the Bible, it is this responsibility and relationship with God that separates us from the animals. I recall meeting a university student in Nottingham, England in the early 1990s. He was from Taiwan and was studying computers and natural language. He said he was working on computers being able to understand human language. I thought, "That's amazing, but I don't see it happening anytime soon." Now, only 30 years later we are not so much concerned about describing the difference between humans and animals, but rather between humans and computers. This is a completely new way of thinking about the world, God, and humanity. The question of how we are different from computers is now upon us. I still believe that Psalm 8 holds the key for us. We are still created by God (computers are created



Sean NIESTRATH
Faith-based columnist
Guest Columnist

by us). We are still a little lower than the angels. We are still tasked with caring for the world and each other. It is the care of the world and each other that must be taken seriously when thinking about artificial intelligence. We are right to be afraid of those who are willing to deploy such powerful technology on the world without regard to any sort of moral ethic. This has been true of all new technologies, from writing to nuclear power. Theology has a role to play here. Religion is formed around communities of people who know each other. The more society makes it possible for us to do everything on a device that will fit in our pockets, the more we need communities. The trends of online learning, online work, online ordering of food and household items is further isolating those who can afford to be isolated. This isolation allows us to control who is around us, who we communicate with, and those who agree with our view of the world. This technology, perhaps more than any other, will exacerbate the inequities and isolation that is doing so much damage to our society today. It doesn't have to be

that way. It may be worth sacrificing convenience for the sake of community to hold the effects of the wave of technology about to hit us - hard. It will do us no good to long for the days before new technologies. It is much better to learn how to deploy these technologies in ways that keep us in line with our God-given mandate to care for the earth. It is certain that there are those who will use artificial intelligence for their own destructive and nefarious motives. In 2003, Gregory Peterson released a book, *Minding God*. In the concluding chapter he wrote, "A truly Christian view of the future is not simply individualistic but communal, and it is difficult to see how such technologies will be used both fairly and equitably." (p. 219). We must apply a God-centered, hopeful theology as a guide. Artificial intelligence has no understanding of truth, motivation, ethics, or care for the planet. It will be a tool of its creator(s) and while able to do calculations and gather information at a terrifying rate, wisdom will still be beyond its reach. If people of faith do not have a voice we will continue to move into a world of inequity and injustice, all the while calling it progress. Dr. Sean Niestrath is a minister in Madisonville, Ky. He holds a doctoral degree in ministry. You may contact him at sean.niestrath@outlook.com.



Christians are this week observing Holy Week, which includes Good Friday and Easter. About 30 people gathered at the courthouse gazebo Saturday for a community prayer. The group is planning another such event on first Saturday in May.

Community Events & News

- Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6 a.m., Sunday, April 9 at Frances Community Church followed by breakfast and an Easter egg hunt.
- The VFW in Marion will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 13 at 412 North College St. Refreshments will be served.
- Salem Baptist Celebrate Recovery meets Monday's 5:30 p.m. with a meal at 6 p.m., at 209 Highland Street, opposite side of the building from the Thrift Store.
- Suicidal thoughts? Stop! Email dbrantpc@tds.net and request a video link that hopefully will change your mind.
- A benefit for The Meeting Place in Sturgis will feature live music and food vendors beginning at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 13 at the amphitheater on North Adams Street in Sturgis. The Meeting Place is a Christian community outreach supporting individuals in recovery. Funds raised during the event May 13 will be used for remodeling and startup for The Meeting Place.
- Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church will host an Easter Sunrise service at 6:15 a.m., April 9 with breakfast to follow.
- The Clothes Closet of the First Baptist Church in Fredonia is open to serve the area with free clothes. The Clothes Closet is operated from 1-3 p.m. each Thursday. The Clothes Closet will be closed in case of rain.
- Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.
- First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in Coleman Hall of the church.
- The clothes closet at Mexico Baptist Church is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each Monday.
- Cave Springs Baptist Church between Lola and Joy in Livingston County offers food 24 hours a day, 7 days week at its outdoor Blessing Box in front of the church.

Jesus' resurrection makes reunion with loved ones after death possible

Question: I loved my mother very much. She loved the Lord and was active in her church. In his funeral message for her, the minister said it is possible to be reunited with her. I miss her so much. How can I be with my saintly mother again?

Ask the Pastor

By Bob Hardison

Answer: Death is not easy, especially when it involves someone we love very much. However, the good news for the believer is death is not the last word. Jesus promised, "I am the resurrection and the life. He

who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (Jn. 11:25, 26). The third day after Jesus' sacrificial crucifixion and burial, He became alive again. Mary Magdalene saw Him and talked with

Him. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary" (Jn. 20:15-16). Upon His calling

her name, she recognized Him as her risen Lord. Because Jesus arose from the grave, His followers will live eternally with Him. Praise God, if you and our loved ones know Jesus, you will be reunited. But, just knowing the truth is not enough. To become Jesus' follower, you need to admit to God that you are a sinner and ask Him to forgive your sins. Then, turn from the sin and place your faith in Him as your Savior and Lord. Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com

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Shetland pony sales come to Marion

In 1958 a Special Edition of The Crittenden Press says Welcome to Visitors. A special edition of The Press was prepared for the expected 1,000 visitors that would be coming to Marion for the Shetland Pony Sales. City and county information was gathered and printed in this edition of the paper. Little did they realize it was preserving history for future generations of Crittenden Countians to read and enjoy again. Here is a small part of the information taken from the April 18 and April 24, 1958 Presses.

Lingang to Hold Open House For Shetland Pony Sales.

April 20 will be Open House at the new sale barn for West Kentucky Pony Sales, J. W. Lingang, owner. Work was continuing at the sale barn this week, putting the finishing touches on the structure that is expected to draw up to 1,000 visitors to Marion for the three-day sale next week.

An open house for residents of the Marion area was held at the barn earlier and several hundred people took advantage of the occasion to view the facilities. They saw miniature stalls, identical in every way with an ordinary horse's stall except they were scaled down to a Shetland's size. Many stopped to view a trainer clipping a pony in the clipping room.

Several ponies were already on hand, and visitors unfamiliar with the breed examined them to see just what size they were and how they differed from other equines.

The building, formerly a racetrack barn, has undergone a complete face lift, and more buildings, including a snack bar, lounges and the sale ring, have been added to it. The sale area itself contains 300 theater-type seats from which buyers can view ponies as they are led in.

All buildings are faced with Livingston County building stone. A small ticket house and pillar enclosing a mail box, both also of stone, form a gate to the property.

The sale is officially recognized by the American Shetland Pony Club, Inc., a group dedicated to the protection and improvement of the breed. Shetlands are Ameri-

ca's third most popular equine breed, according to the club's magazine, The American Shetland Pony Journal. The breed was founded 70 years ago when the American Shetland Pony Club was created, launching a studbook and protecting names.

West Kentucky Pony Sales barn just north of the Marion city limits hummed with activity yesterday as final preparations were underway for the first day of the spring sale. J. W. Lingang, owner, estimated some 200 ponies were already on hand early Wednesday afternoon. Some 30 people from 13 states had registered at the desk manned



Brenda Underdown
County Historian

Forgotten Passages

by Mrs. Joe Travis at that time, and many others were on hand who had not yet registered.

Among the visitors who had already registered were Perry and Dale Carlile of Perry, Okla., who conduct the world's largest pone sale, and Gene and Oliver Lowery, of Nebraska City, Neb., owners of a Shet-

land stallion that sold for \$60,000 at that sale some two weeks ago.

Spectators also inspected the snack bar, which will be operated through the sale by Marion's American Legion Auxiliary. The sale area was also open, with tiers of theater-type seats rising on two sides flanking the auctioneer's podium.

A number of visitors to the sale will be sleeping in private homes in Marion, offered by the public to help take care of the overflow from commercial hotels and tourist courts.

Marion Information

Marion the site of the West Kentucky Pony Sales, is a quiet rural town with good potentialities for growth. Its present population is around 3,000. The official 1950 census listed Marion at about 2,300 but in 1957, with the consent of most people concerned, it annexed a considerable area that had grown up outside its former city limits. The 3,000 figure is the best guess of city and state officials.

The city is well provided with transportation facilities. Three major highways pass through it - U.S. 60, which continues in one direction through



The West Kentucky Pony Sales barns as they looked for the week of April 24-26, 1958 for the big sale. The buildings were faced with Kentucky building stone, and the facilities were among the finest of their kind in the United States. Owner J. W. Lingang announced the barn would be open to the public for open house Sunday, April 20. (This building would later be Gibson Livestock barns)

Paducah and in the other through Louisville; U. S. 641, the main route to popular Kentucky Dam; and Ky 91, the best link between the southeastern United States and the St. Louis area.

Rail connections are provided by the Illinois Central Railroad. Passenger service is no longer available on the local line, but the rail carries a good volume of freight traffic with fast service available to shippers.

Crittenden County, of which Marion is the county seat, is bounded on three sides by streams, on the northwest by the great Ohio River, on the southwest by the Cumberland and on the northeast by the Tradewater River.

The Ohio River Valley along the entire length is the site of America's great industrial expansion, which is reflected in the mounting volume of freight tonnage carried on its waters. The Cumberland is also used by water shippers, and will probably experience a great boom when the high Barkley Dam, now under construction a short distance upstream from its Crittenden County stretch, is completed. The Tradewater is not navigable a great distance from its mouth, but is used by coal barges.

Greyhound Bus Lines maintains an office on W. Carlisle St., with a frequent schedule for passengers and parcels going to Paducah and Henderson and beyond.

Kentucky Utilities Company, the largest electric utility in the state, provides direct electric service to customers in Marion and parts of the county. The company office is located at 106 E. Bellville Street, the former site of The Crittenden Press. The manager of the local office is J. D. Hunt, a local person.

Marion is served by a natural gas system owned and operated by the municipal government. Its supplier is the Texas Gas Transmission Corp. The city gas system is now seven years old and is in ex-

cellent financial condition.

Telephone service is provided by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, a division of the giant American Tel. and Tel. Its offices are now located on the second floor of a building on S. Main Street, but new quarters are under construction on N. College Street just off Bellville. The local exchange is manually operated and serves more than 1,400 subscribers. When the new building is completed the company plans to convert to dial operation, and many sets in homes and businesses are already equipped with dials.

The water system, too, is municipally owned and is fed by two large reservoirs which are also excellent fishing sites. The newest lake was finished four years ago and ensures a more than ample supply for any future growth, even in the driest weather. An addition to the water works to double the pumping capacity was completed last fall and is now being put into operation.

The weakest link in Marion's municipal services now is its sewage removal system. The city now has two small treatment plants that have been described by state inspectors as outmoded and inadequate. During normal weather the plants can handle their load, but in rainy season they are overtaxed. The city council at its last meeting was forced to direct city employees to conduct a house to house check to remove downspouts connecting to sewers so that no more rain water than necessary enters the system.

Its government is by a part-time mayor and a council of six members who serve at nominal salaries. The council meets regularly the first Monday night of every month. Councilmen serve two-year terms, and the mayor for four years. The last election was in 1957, when Woodrow Alderdice, owner and manager of the local Western Auto store, was named mayor without opposition, replacing Sylvan Clark of Clark Building and Supply Co.

The city police force is made up of three men under Chief Loyd T. Armstrong. Other members are William O. Brown and Milford Goolsby. Vere Thomas was appointed to the position of city judge.

Fire protection is given by a volunteer fire squad, the quality of which has been praised by state officials and insurance com-

panies. Lonnie W. Buckalew is part-time fire chief and his assistant is Orville Grady. The department at present has only one fire truck, and it is beginning to show signs of age.

Marion, a quiet town with a settled way of life, nonetheless is hospitable to strangers and welcomes newcomers. New families all testify how easily they have fallen in to the city's social and religious life. Marion welcomes all visitors to the West Kentucky Pony Sales this week and hopes all enjoy our town and beautiful country side.

(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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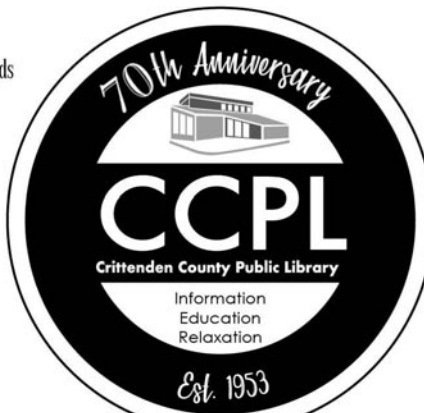
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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 114.303 ACRES - Diverse hunting tract with established timber. PENDING

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 114 ACRES - \$226,892 - All timber hunting tract. This tract is located in an area known for big bucks and has timber diversity.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 121 ACRES - \$236,347 - Mostly timber hunting tract geared toward turkeys and whitetails. This tract has a diverse topography with dynamic terrain features and timber diversity.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 190 ACRES - \$497,806 - All timber hunting tract. This property is a timbered ridge top with food plots and a natural saddle.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 427 ACRES - \$896,610 - Timbered ridge top hunting tract! This tract has the ideal blend of habitat types for mature whitetails and wild turkeys.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 201.98 ACRES - \$769,000 - This property has a diverse blend of habitat types and topography with a home, outbuildings and a proven history of big bucks. The home has 2,025 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 31.5 ACRES - \$782,000 - Beautiful home and acreage in a quiet rural area near Marion. This property has a sprawling 4,998-square-foot home nestled in scenic landscape.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 0.9 ACRES - \$115,000 - This rustic cabin with storage buildings provides the ideal base camp for your hunting adventures! This cabin has 1,192 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and one bathroom, a spacious living area with a fireplace, a full kitchen with plenty of cabinet space, a full bathroom and laundry room.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 12.6 ACRES - \$425,000 - Spacious home and outbuildings on acreage. This property is in a quiet rural setting just minutes from town.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, KY - 265.67 ACRES - \$742,500 - Diverse hunting tract with waterfowl potential! This tract has the ideal habitat types for deer, turkeys and waterfowl hunting! This river bottom farm has approximately 1.5 miles of frontage along the Tradewater River.

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY, KY - 216.57 ACRES - \$427,717 - Great hunting tract with a diverse mix of habitat types. Great deer and wild turkey habitat with open areas for waterfowl hunting. Open areas for food plots. Approximately 244.78 acres of timber. Planted pines.

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Students at Chapel Hill Head Start have had a ball hunting Easter eggs. Pictured here are (from left) Reid Bingham, Reese Bingham and Emberly McLevain. On Sunday, Christians across the world will celebrate Easter. Eggs have become a traditional part of the Holy Week celebration because they present a symbol of new life. Early Christians adapted these beliefs, making the egg a reminder of the resurrection and the empty shell a metaphor for Jesus' tomb.

Evans speaks at Chamber event

STAFF REPORT

More than 50 members and guests attended last week's Leadership Luncheon hosted by the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce.

The event, held at the Lions Club's Agriculture Building at the fairgrounds, was catered by Brunch of Sandwiches.

Allison Evans, owner of The Crittenden Press, was the keynote speaker. She discussed the ever-changing climate in the print publishing business and how The Press has worked to be innovative online in order to survive sweeping changes in the news business.

A survivor of colon cancer, Evans also drew comparisons between her diagnosis and treatment to how small-town businesses must deal with trials and tribulations.

"In each we must diag-



Allison Evans addresses the luncheon crowd during last week's Chamber function.

nose, educate, treat and fight to survive," she said.

Recognizing March as Women in History Month, Evans also pointed out that women are very significant leaders in Marion, testified by the fact that they are leaders in education,

manufacturing, retail, baking and other sectors of the local economy.

The Chamber holds leadership events regularly to highlight and promote its work in the community. The Chamber meets at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday at city hall.

City flushing all next week

STAFF REPORT

Marion water maintenance crews will be flushing the system overnight April 9-14 as part of routine maintenance.

Lines are required to be flushed at least twice a year to improve drinking water quality. For six consecutive nights between 9 p.m., and 5 a.m., the city's entire system will be rinsed out by opening hydrants at targeted locations.

Residents will see a dramatic drop in pressure, said Jeff Black, water plant supervisor. He pointed out, however, that flushing is done overnight to avoid pressure and discoloration issues during heavy use periods.

Marion recently relaxed some of its water conservation restrictions.



Sheila Jenkins retired Friday after 25 years working as the office support assistant for the social services office in Marion. Jenkins started working for the Department for Community Based Services on March 23, 1998.

HOSPITAL

Continued from page 1 are for every business; however, hospitals are paid non-negotiable fixed reimbursement rates from government programs," stated Kentucky Hospital Association President and CEO Nancy Galvagni. "In Kentucky, 70-80% of our hospitals' patients are covered by Medicare or Medicaid, and it's an even higher rate in our crucial rural hospitals. For many hospitals, particularly rural hospitals that provide proportionately more outpatient care, this adjustment will be key in ensuring that care can continue to provide high-quality care their communities deserve." In 2022, Kentucky hospitals faced their most challenging year financially since the start of the pandemic. Inflation,

record-high operating costs, and lower volumes led to unprecedented financial losses according to a new study by Kaufman Hall, which estimates 38% of the state's hospitals are now at risk of closure.

"As of 2022, Kentucky hospitals had 5,100 vacant nursing positions," noted Galvagni. "Because the nursing shortage is national, Kentucky hospitals are competing with other states at a national rate of pay. Our hospitals are still relying on travel nurses to provide care, which is adding to the financial burden. Money spent on nursing premium pay and contract labor has soared since before the pandemic so an adjustment to the HRIP program could be what keeps many of our facilities afloat."

Whittington said the hospital in Salem has been

perhaps luckier than most when it comes to nursing. Loyal workers have helped it survive the recent shortage. The additional revenue stream from out-patient reimbursements will no doubt help the hospital continue to retain and hire nurses, Whittington said. The Kentucky Hospital Association, which represents hospitals, related healthcare organizations and integrated healthcare systems, was heavily involved in lobbying in Frankfort for this legislation.

Whittington said Kentucky and Louisiana are the only two states where this type of program has been approved.

HB 75 is now law in Kentucky and will take effect immediately due to an emergency clause included in the legislation.

Fishermen should refer to Guide for new regs

The new license year for fishing and hunting in Kentucky started March 1, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has the latest information to help anglers get a jump on spring fishing opportunities.

The Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide is a summary of pertinent

regulations. The 2023-24 edition is now available on the department's website (fw.ky.gov) and wherever fishing licenses are sold. A Spanish translation of the guide also is available online.

Jeff Ross, assistant director of Fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, suggests anglers

keep a hard copy of the guide on hand.

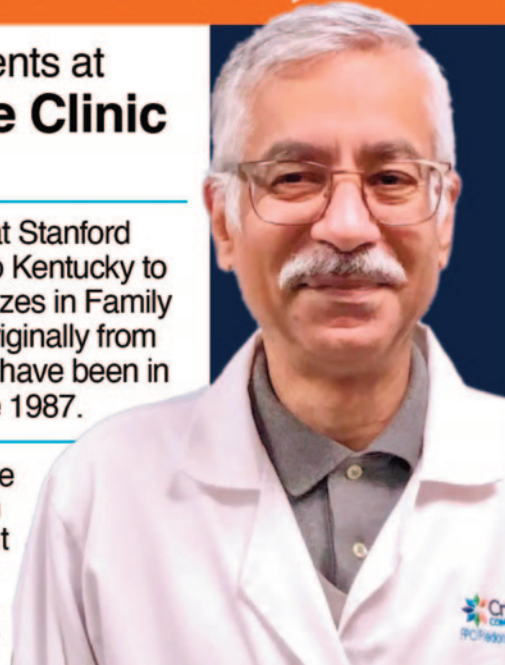
The guide details a number of new regulations, including those for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Ross explained simplification and standardization were the main reasons for pursuing the changes.

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

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BASEBALL | SOFTBALL

2nd Region Polls

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

SOFTBALL

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Henderson County | 9-1 |
| 2. Madisonville | 7-3 |
| 3. Christian County | 4-3 |
| 4. Livingston Central | 5-5 |
| 5. Webster County | 6-0 |
| 6. Caldwell County | 5-2 |
| 7. Trigg County | 4-5 |
| 8. Union County | 5-5 |
| 9. Lyon County | 1-5 |
| 10. Crittenden County | 5-5 |

BASEBALL

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Christian County | 6-6 |
| 2. University Heights | 6-2 |
| 3. Lyon County | 6-3 |
| 4. Henderson | 3-6 |
| 5. Union County | 3-3 |
| 6. Hopkinsville | 3-5 |
| 7. Caldwell County | 5-4 |
| 8. Trigg County | 5-3 |
| 9. Webster County | 4-4 |
| 10. Crittenden County | 3-5 |

OUTDOORS

Hunting Seasons

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

| | |
|------------|------------------|
| Turkey | April 15 - May 7 |
| Coyote | Year Round |
| Ground Hog | Year Round |

Quota Elk Application

Deadline to enter Kentucky's quota elk drawing is April 30. Cost is \$10 per application. Application can be made for any or all permits: bull firearm, cow firearm or archer/crossbow either sex. Ages 15 and under may also apply for the youth either sex hunt. There are 594 permits available.

Youth turkey harvest

Last weekend was the annual two-day youth wild turkey hunt. Crittenden County youngsters harvested just 20 birds despite good weather. Livingston hunters shot 25. Pictured with a longbeard he took Saturday is Crittenden County hunter Landon Belt.



BASKETBALL

Guess official signing; earns KY-Ohio spot

Crittenden County senior Taylor Guess has been selected for the Kentucky roster that will be playing in the annual Ohio-Kentucky All-Star Basketball game.

The game will be played on Saturday, April 8 at Thomas More University in Northern Kentucky.

The 5-foot-9 guard completed her high school career as the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,643, which is also the Fifth District career scoring record.

She was Player of the Year in the Second Region and has committed to play at Kentucky Wesleyan. Guess will be presented at an official signing day on at 1 p.m., Monday, April 10 at Rocket Arena.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY SPRING SPORTS WRAPUP



PHOTO BY NATALIE BOONE

Case Gobin went the distance on the hill to pick up one of Crittenden's two victories in a Saturday doubleheader over Fort Campbell.

SOFTBALL

Crittenden struggles to find offense or defense vs LCHS

Double-digit errors were largely to blame for an 18-2 black eye the Lady Rockets suffered at the hands of Livingston Central on Saturday in a Fifth District game.

Crittenden played the Cardinal girls in the second game of a doubleheader on Saturday. Livingston's offense was quite formidable even without the CCHS miscues, ripping Lady Rocket pitchers for 13 hits. Still, LCHS scored 11 unearned runs.

A bright spot for Crittenden was Elle McDaniel's first home run, a two-run shot in the third inning.

Livingston hit Crittenden in the mouth early, scoring eight runs in the first inning. Hadley Hargrove pitched a three-hitter for Livingston and she also hit a home run. Emersyn Ramage also homered for LCHS. Ramage and Hargrove each had three hits in the game.

Crittenden fell to 0-2 in district play and 5-5 overall. Livingston improved to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the league. The Lady Cardinals' only loss has been to McCracken County.

Boone 3-hits Lakers for win

Anna Boone pitched a three-hit shutout as Crittenden County beat Calloway County 5-0 Saturday at Marion. The game was hastily scheduled (along with a makeup with Livingston) after Crittenden's spring break tournament in Clarksville was rained out Friday and Saturday.

Boone also led the Lady Rocket batters with two hits. Andrea Federico and Hannah Jent drove in two runs apiece on singles. Elliot Evans had a hit and scored twice and Elle McDaniel hit safely and scored once.

Trigg edges CCHS 1-0

Crittenden lost a heartbreaker in the last inning last week, falling to Fifth District foe Trigg County 1-0 at Marion.

Trigg plated the winning run in the seventh after the game had gone scoreless through six innings.

Anna Boone, Elle McDaniel, Hannah Jent and Taylor Guess each singled for CCHS.

Lady Rocket starter Elliot Evans pitched five innings and allowed four hits, struck out four and walked two. Boone relieved her in the sixth and worked the final two frames, striking out two and walking one.



BASEBALL

Rockets sweep Fort Campbell

Crittenden County swept a doubleheader from Fort Campbell Saturday at Gordon B. Guess Field in Marion. The Rockets beat the Falcons by identical scores, 17-2, in each game of the twin bill.

In the opener, CCHS opened up a wide margin with an 11-run fourth inning. The Rockets had nine hits and capitalized on four Fort Campbell errors.

Tyler Belt had three hits, scored three runs and drove in two while Jeremiah Foster knocked in four with a pair of doubles. Hunter Smith, Casey Cates, Quinn Summers and Case Gobin each had hits for CCHS. Summers and Gobin doubled.

Asa McCord pitched all four innings for the win. He struck out six and walked none.

In the second game, Evan Belt led the way with a pair of hits, including a double. Others who hit safely in the game were Tyler Belt, Jaxton Duncan, Smith, Summers, Gobin and Kaiden Travis. Duncan, Smith and Gobin drove in two runs apiece.

Gobin pitched all four innings for the victory. He fanned six and walked three.

Rockets one-hit by Trigg

Trigg County opened up a close game with a five-run fourth inning last Thursday at Crittenden County en route to a 9-1 Fifth District win for the Wildcats.

The Rockets managed just one hit against TCHS hurler Aaron Despain. Casey Cates had Crittenden's lone single.

Despain struck out a dozen Rockets en route to the victory while CCHS used three hurlers. Jeremiah Foster started the game and lasted through five innings, allowing seven hits, walking three and striking out six. He was touched for all nine runs, seven were earned. Asa McCord and Hunter Smith were used to close out the contest as CCHS fell to 0-2 in league action.

TRACK & FIELD

Saturday at Laker Invitational

Following are Crittenden County's top 25 perform-



The Lady Rockets split home games on Saturday, beating Calloway County and losing a district matchup against Livingston Central. Pictured above is Elliot Evans getting a jump off of third base in the Calloway County matchup. At left is Anna Boone making a backhand grab during the Livingston game.



PHOTO BY GREG PERRYMAN

Crittenden County relay runner Presley Potter sprints ahead after taking the baton from teammate Aubrey Grau in a recent track and field relay event.

ances at Saturday's Laker Invitational at Calloway County High School:

BOYS

Devon Carr 24th in 200 meters at 27.60.
Dawson Jones 9th in 110 hurdles at 25.46.
Sammy Impastato 15th in discus at 93-4.
Rowen Perkins 12th in long jump 17-5.25.
Rowen Perkins 14th in triple jump at 32-7.
Jordan Hardesty 23rd in 400 meters at 1:02.29.
Jordan Hardesty 21st in 800 meters at 2:32.58.
Devon Carr 21st in shot put at 24-11.25

GIRLS

Elizabeth Campbell 14th in 200 meters at 30.65.
Ella Geary 10th in 800 meters at 2:52.56.
Aubrey Grau 12th in 800 meters at 2:57.95.
Presley Potter 15th in 800 meters at 3:05.80.
Karsyn Poter 25th in 400

meters at 1:16.41.
Payton Maness 7th in high jump at 4-8.
Payton Hall 15th in high jump at 4-2.
Elizabeth Campbell 16th in high jump at 4-2.
Karsyn Potter 8th in shot put at 27-5.5.
Leauna West 17th in shot put at 24-2.25.
Karsyn Potter 13th in discus at 75-11.
Aubrey Grau 22nd in discus at 65-0.
Ella Geary 10th in long jump at 13-10.75.
Mary Martinez 7th in 1600 meters at 6:27.99.
Aubrey Grau 8th in 1600 meters at 6:32.83.
Ella Geary 12th in 1600 meters at 6:53.47.
Mary Martinez 6th in 3200 meters at 14:33.30.
Crittenden 9th in 4x400 relay at 5:20.19.
Crittenden 5th in 4x200 relay at 12:03.22.
Leauna West 24th in discus at 64-8.

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Vivian Workman's collection is quite extensive and includes thousands of pieces.

Quite Shaken

Workman collects salty memories

BY ALLISON EVANS
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It's unlikely you could find Paul Bunyan, Elvis Presley and Darth Vader together, except in Vivian Workman's living room amid her fascinating collection.

It might take her a minute, but the 86-year-old Workman will point each of them out to you among the neatly organized shelves of more than 1,000 sets of salt and pepper shakers.

It's a collection that started with one antique television set gifted from her grandmother and a couple more sets that were wedding shower gifts in 1956. Somewhere along the journey, it turned into a family hobby. Not only does Workman look for sets she doesn't own, her children and grandchildren pick them up on their travels, anxious to see them added to the glass shelves that fill five curio cabinets.

"I like to go to yard sales and I thought if I saw a set of salt and pepper shakers I'd pick it up for one of the kids. They are always doing things for me, you know how they do," she said, standing amid her unique, colorful collection. "Then I just kept collecting them.

It just gets in you."

There is a method to her organization. She has a shelf of wooden salt and pepper shakers, a shelf for 30 glass shakers, four shelves committed solely to Christmas and two sections just for cows. She has vegetables and fruit and four sets of cheeseburgers.

Portions of her collection are from travels to Oregon, California, Colorado and Arizona.

No two sets are alike, she's quick to point out. Workman has two Pepsi salt and pepper shakers, but they're not identical. Same goes for an Aunt Jemima.

"There's so many of them, they just have a story," she said, naming the giver of a pair of skunks, sticks of butter, cucumbers, eagles, a pot-bellied stove, Loretta Lynn and an antique car. She remembers them all.

Most she pays is about 10 cents or a quarter at yard sales, but she refuses to divulge the price given for the antique automotive shakers.

She also refuses to pick favorites.

"I'd have to say all of them, because it would hurt someone's feelings."

There are a couple that are mighty special, including a vintage sewing

machine with a top that lifts up to reveal the machine and shakers made into removable drawers. The sewing machine is perfect for Workman, because she has spent many years of her life as a seamstress and quilter.

"I could sit here and talk all day about them," she said. "Some are given to me from strangers like those giraffes. They were still in the box when someone gave them to me."

She points to Loretta Lynn, the Statue of Liberty, suitcases, boots, milk cans, deer antlers, chickens, turkeys, birds and vases. There is even a cat curled up in a chair and a rack holding two colorful hats and of course, containing salt and pepper.

Last Christmas, she was amazed that her grandson and his wife gave her a box of 43 sets they had purchased online – all unique and none duplicating anything in her existing collection.

If she ever receives a set she already has, Workman has someone she will give them to. Another collector.

So inquiring minds want to know: What kind of shaker does she use in her own kitchen?

Fohs presents adapted Broadway play 4 times

Beastly production back; tickets free, but necessary

An adventurous young girl and her hideous captor are at the center of an adapted Broadway musical coming to Fohs Hall later this month.

Community Arts Foundation is sponsoring the children's musical Beauty and the Beast Jr., featuring 18 Crittenden County students and a chorus of nearly a dozen.

Beauty and the Beast Jr tells the story of Belle and the Beast, who is actually a young prince trapped under a spell. In order to break the spell, the Beast must learn to love another and earn her love in return – before time runs out.

With the help of the castle's enchanted staff, including a loving teapot, a charming candelabra, and a nervous mantel clock, Belle and the Beast find a beautiful friendship and love that neither knew was possible.

Performances are 7 p.m., April 28 and 29 and May 5 and 6. Tickets are free, but required for entry and are available on eventbrite.com, with links found on the Community Arts Foundation Facebook page. More than half of the tickets available for the performances have already been reserved. The performances will likely be full.

The production is under the musical direction of Michelle Crider and the stage direction of Corey Crider and choreographer Trish Gage, a college theater major and veteran to the Fohs Hall stage.

The production is sponsored in part by the City of Marion Tourism Commission.

Beauty and the Beast JR features classic songs from the Academy Award®-winning film score such as "Be Our Guest" and "Belle," as well as original songs from the 1994 Tony®-nominated Broadway musical.



Cast & Crew

Here is as list of the student cast for Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.

Narrator - Ava Henry

Belle - Katie Beth James

Maurice - Zak Smith

Beast - Sam Eichelberger

Gaston - Trevor Eifler

LeFou - Abigail James

Les Filles:

Margot - Lacey Boone

Cosette - Nora Hollis

Eponine - Emily Adams

Fantine - Aria Kirk

Lumiere - Ali Hollis

Cogsworth - Paige McMackin

Mrs. Potts - Grier Crider

Babette - Holley Curnel

Madame De La Grand Bouche - Kari Laiben

Chip - Caroline James

Old Beggar Woman/Enchantress - Cheyenne Camp

Monsieur D'Arque - Russell Vince

Chorus: Harbour Camp, Gracie Clayton, Holt Crider, Fiona Miller, Raylee Millikan, Daisy Mireles, Lilly Newcom, Hannah Peek, Zane Smith

Director: Michelle Crider

Stage Director: Corey Crider

Choreographer: Trish Gage



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