FREE DUMP DAYS ARE THURSDAY TO SATURDAY

Free Dump Days at the Crittenden County Convenience Center Thursday and Friday, April 7-8 from 8 a.m., to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 9 from 8 a.m., to noon. Waste tires will be accepted, but no household trash, residential or agriculture chemicals nor paint unless dried with kitty litter. This is a residential event only with no trash accepted from commercial operators. This is for residents or property owners of Crittenden County only. Identification will be checked prior to dumping. For more information, call 270-969-1914.

SPRING BREAK ENDS

Spring Break ends Friday and students return to class Monday following this week's school vacation. Monday was originally scheduled as an in-service day for teachers, but now Monday is a regular school day.

CITY HALL CLOSED APRIL 14

Marion City Hall will be upgrading its nardware and soft ware next week and the administrative offices will be closed Thursday, April 14 for the conversion.

MORTGAGE RATES CLIMB

When the Federal Reserve increased interest rates last month, average home mortgage interest rates jumped from 3.85% to 4.16%, marking the first time rates have climbed above 4% in about three years, according to mortgage loan company Freddie Mac. Now, just two weeks later, the average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage is up to 4.67%. The Fed anticipates further rate hikes this year to combat inflation, which could send mortgage rates even higher.

HONKY TONKING FOHS

Tickets remain on sale now for Saturday night's show at Fohs Hall featuring Josh McMillen and The Honky Tonk Wranglers. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased online at TicketLeap.com. Tickets are also available by calling 270-969–1066. Show is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Dance floor will be open and concessions available. This event is being hosted by Classy and Grassy Productions.













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Running for the Law

Sheriff's brother among deputies & police sergeant seeking county post

STAFF REPORT

Local political junkies and roundtable coffee drinkers at various Marion hangouts have on the tip of their tongues one particular race in the coming May primary election, and that's the one for Crittenden County sheriff

It's been more than 20 years since there was a legitimate race for sheriff. Wayne Agent, first elected in 1998, says he will not run again after serving nearly 24 years as the county's top law-

One man running in a local magisterial race said that out campaigning door to door in the county he is finding it difficult to have a conversation about his



own race because, "everyone wants to talk about who's going to win sheriff," he said.

Another local voter told The Press it's going to be tough to pick one, "because I know and like them all."

So that's the contest shaping up for May 17. Six individuals want to be the county's next sheriff, replacing the one that has served longer than any other

in history. Three work together under the current sheriff as local deputies, one works as a deputy in a bordering county and one is a Marion police sergeant. All of those are running on the GOP ticket and that's where everyone's attention is focused right now. Candidates are local deputies Ray Agent, the current sheriff's brother; Chuck Hoover and George Foster; Caldwell County Deputy Evan Head and Heath Martin, a Marion police-

The winner of the primary will face the unopposed Democratic candidate Don Young, a former constable, in the 2022 general

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Crittenden County **Sheriff**

REPUBLICAN **Candidates**





Hoover





Bridges are failing inspections across the county, including this one on Chapel Hill Road was reduced from a 22-ton limit to just 3 tons, eliminating buses or large vehicles.

Fiscal Seeks Outside Funding

Multiple bridges failing in county

Revenue needed to repair or replace failing bridges in Crittenden County does not exist without help from state or federal funding.

Local leaders wrestling with major issues with the county's infrastructure, which is starting to create big problems for commuters, school buses and farmers.

"It's a really big problem," said Crittenden County School District Transportation Director Wayne Win-

"It's a problem for First Responders, too," said Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom.

Over the past few weeks, Crittenden County has closed one bridge on Mexico

weight limit on another. A bridge on Chapel Hill Road just out of town near the citv's water treatment plant has also seen its weight

limit reduced. On Wolf Creek Road in eastern Crittenden County, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has lowered the weight limit to 11 tons

on two bridges. Inspectors have ordered the lower limits because the bridges are showing superstructure deterioration. Typically, these bridges can handle vehicles heavier than 20 tons. Now, the limit is 3 tons on the two county roads, which eliminates nearly every vehicle other than passenger cars and

trucks. Even large SUVs with passengers, fuel and other potential payloads could exceed the 3-ton

limit, says Winters. "I don't even think the school's Expedition can cross (a 3 ton bridge) because they're 5,600 pounds dry, without any fuel, other fluids and passengers,"

Winters explains. bridge across Claylick Creek that closed a couple of weeks ago on Mexico Road is 90 feet long. Its weight limit had been reduced before inspectors ordered it shut down until repairs can be made or it can be completely replaced. It could be months before

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Champion is MCC's Student of Month

STAFF REPORT

Madisonville Community College has recognized Kalli Champion of Marion as the March Student of the Month.

Champion, 19, is a surgical technology major. She is a 2021 Crittenden County High School graduate.

Champion was nominated for the honor Professor Bidwell, surgical technology prom coordinator, and Aaron Morris, an MCC instructor.

Champion began attending classes at Madisonville during her 12th-grade year of high school as part of the Senior Academy pro-



Champion

gram. She is scheduled to graduate from MCC in May.

"My senior year, I honestly had no clue what I wanted to study in college and do for the rest of my life," she said. "I was planning on going to Western Kentucky University and would select major when I got there."

Champion had a passion for the medical field, but didn't think nursing would be a good fit.

"I started learning more about community college from teachers and advisors that came to talk at my school," she said, which prompted her to look further into MCC's medical programs.

"There, I found surgical technology. It was familiar to me because I new two surgical technologists and had people to answer my questions. I learned that I could jump right into the program because I had finished all prerequisite college classes while in high school."

She plans to work in an operating room and might further her education to become a certified surgical first assistant.

"I have also considered traveling with my job as well," she said.

"Kalli is an excellent student in the classroom and clinical setting. Her work ethic and great attitude set her apart as a student and will set her apart as well when she enters the surgical technology field as a healthcare professional," said Bidwell.

Campbell will lead Fredonia Valley Bank

STAFF REPORT

Jay N. Campbell, the new president and CEO of Fredonia Valley Bank, visited with customers and community leaders last week during a meet and great op-

portunity at the Fredonia branch. Campbell is former president of Dixon Bank in Webster County and has 20 years in community bank-

ing in this region.

Campbell is a 2008 graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He also has an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University and is a



Baron Guess, chairman of the bank's board of directors.

graduate of the School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Thomas Jones had been serving as the bank's president and will remain there as vice president. He is also

a member of the board of directors. Last week, Campbell also

met patrons during a similar reception earlier in the day on Friday at the Eddyville location.

Deaths

Travis

Mark Alan Travis, 63, of Marion, died April 2, 2022 at his home.

Surviving are his wife, Jennetta Travis of Marion; two sons, Jamie (Kayla) Travis and Cody (Lola) Travis, both of Marion; seven grandchildren, Dallas Haire, Mason Haire, Ally Newman, Carly Travis, Reece Travis, Natilee Travis and Jazzy Travis; two greatgrandchildren, Leeland and Lilith; two sisters, Ginger Skaggs of Princeton, Ind., and Gale Piper of Morganfield.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, April Travis; and his parents, James Carl and Edna Ruth Travis.

Services were Tuesday April 5 at Gilbert Funeral Home with burial in Mapleview Cemetery.

Cowell

Cary Lewis Cowell, 79, of Hampton, died Thursday, March 31, 2022 at his home.

He was a minister of the gospel for over 40 years, pastor of Riverview Full Gospel Church for 23 of those. He was a chaplin of Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services; and a teacher at Livingston County Senior Center.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Evadean (Hamblin) Cowell; three sons, Scott (Renee') Hawk of Smithland, Sebastian (Jennifer) Hawk of Smithland, Steve Hawk of Hampton; four daughters, Brigetta Thebeau of Cavalier, N.D., Elaine Hawk of Hamp-Denise (Lance) ton. Wooten of Ledbetter, Wendy (Lawrence) Chavez of Denver, Colo.; three brothers, Anthony (Barbara) Page of Corrigan, Texas, David (Julie) o w e 1 1 of Deepwater, Mo., Wesley (Pam) Lewis of Kountze, Texas; seven sisters, Shirley (Richard) Marino of Pueblo, Colo., Sandra Malolo of Belton, Mo., Sylvia Gammill of Timbo, Ark., Sharon (Troy) Smith of Cape Coral, Fla., Beverv McKee of Kountze. Texas, Susan McBride of Beaumont, Texas, Sharon (Alan) Estridge of Texas; 12 grandchildren, Amber (Brad) Docimo of Ledbetter, Autumn (Billy) Barnes of Burna, Trevor (Nicole) Hawk of Ledbetter, Kyle Hawk of Smithland, Tyler Hawk of Boaz, Darren (Domingue) Hawk of Hampton, Kaleb (Alex) Hawk of Ledbetter, Kevin Lee (Jessie) Thebeau of Cavalier, N.D., Jessica (Cody) Werven of Guam, Nickolas Thebeau of St. Jacob, Ill., Savannah Wooten and Raegan Wooten, both of Ledbetter; 13 great-grandchildren, Rebekah Docimo and Hannah Docim of Ledbetter, Liam Hawk and Onya Hawk, both of Hampton, Ariana Thebeau and Billy Thebeau, both of Cavalier, N.D., Lillian Thebeau of St. Jacob, Ill., Adrial Barnes, Evan Barnes and Ava Barnes, all of Burna, Liam Werven and Minnie Werven, both of Guam.

Cowell was preceded in death by his parents, Vern and Mildred Cowel; his biological father, Clarence Edward Lewis; a sister Shela Lee; two brothers, Danny Cowell and Eugene Cowell; and a son, Shannon Hawk.

Funeral services were Sunday, April 3 at Lola Pentecostal Church with Rev. Tim Fouts and Rev. Justin Rowland officiat-

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services were in charge of arrangements.

Howard

Robert Calvin Howard, 66, of Melber, died Monday, March 28, 2022, at his home.

He was born in Salem, Aug. 3, 1955 to Wilmer Calvin and Elouise Curnel Howard.

He was a member of Heartland Worship

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Surviving are a daughter, Kimberly (Jason) Holler of Shelburn, Ind.; a son, Jason (Jessica) Howard of Cape Coral, Fla.; two sisters, Charlotte (Russell) Hosick of Smithland and Darlene Crawford of Burna: a half-brother, Rodger Dale (Pauline) Howard of Calvert City; four grandchildren, Campbell Holler, Holler, Liberty Rvlee Lewis and Griffen Howard: and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation was chosen by the family and services will be held at a later

Noffsinger

Nancy Noffsinger, 73, of Princeton, died Monday, March 21, 2022 at her home.

She was born Oct. 20, 1948, to the late Charlie and Margaree Oates Noffsinger. Nancy was a Cal-County dwell High School graduate and was a member of the band. She started as an LPN at the Caldwell County Hospital ER before finding her passion for teaching. She loved helping children. She retired as a special education teacher after a lengthy tenure at both Crittenden County and Hopkinsville. After her retirement, she was a substitute teacher and tutor for the Brighter Future Learning Center. She was of the Baptist

Surviving are two sons, Michael Slaton of Bardstown and Bill Presler of Tennessee; a brother, Mike (Ann) Noffsinger; grandchildren, three Jack Slaton, Alexander Presler and Isabella and Presler; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded

in death by two brothers, Rick Noffsinger and Gary (Dennis Burnham) Noffsinger; and an aunt, Vio-

let Alfred. Memorial contributions may be made to Kentucky Organ Donor Association, (KODA), 10301 Linn Station Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40223.

No services are scheduled at this time. Morgan's Funeral Home in Princeton is in charge of arrangements.

Givens

Arla E. Givens, 89, of Carrsville, died Monday, April 4, 2022 at Livingston Hospital Healthcare Services.

Surviving are daughters, Donna (Allen) Baird of West Paducah, Milly (Doyce) Suits and Sally Shuecraft, both of Salem, Debbie (Roger) Ryburn and Cherrie Baker, both of Bloomington, Ill., Pam (Steve) Novel of Normal, Ill.; two sons, Roy (Laura) Givens of Burna and Billy (Tammy) Givens of Lola; 25 grandchildren, greatgrandchildren and greatgreat-grandchildren; and special neighbors Deana Jo Gerding and Joe My-

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Donald Wagoner; her second husband, Roy Givens; a son, Buddy Wagoner; and daughter Bobbi Jacobs; eight

sisters Leaffa Turner. Muriel Belt, Mina Mc-Daniel, Pearl Wagoner, Elizabeth Long, Reba Belt, Sarah Curnel and Gracie Belt; two brothers, George Curnel and Herbert Curnel; and grandsons, Joshua Baird and Jason Crutcher.

Services are at 1 p.m., Friday, April 8 in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors. Burial is in Deer Creek Cemetery. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, April 7.

Online Condolences myersfuneralhomeonline.com boydfuneraldirectors.com gilbertfunerals.com



6 qualify for FCCLA nationals

Six Crittenden County FCCLA members qualified for national competition while competing recently in state level STAR events. Emma Waters, Grace Driskill, Reagan Peak, Alyssa Bozeman, Hadlee Rich and Callie Brown qualified to participate in the July national competition. Alyssa Bozeman was the recipient of the Vaughn Williams scholarship. Additional participants were Leah Long, McKenzie Quertermous, Levi Piper, Nate Faith, Kaleb Nesbitt, Tia Stoner and Katie Perryman.



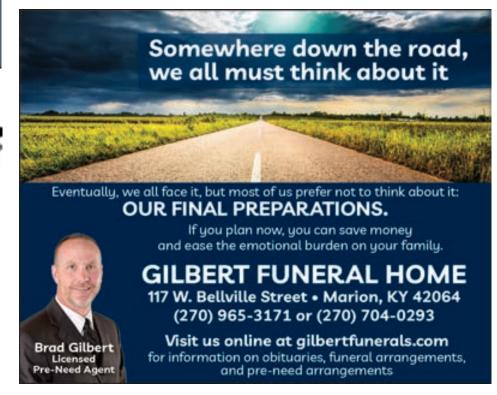
Word rewards

The Woman's Club of Marion announced results of its annual writing contest. From left are Jessica Ramsey, Alexa Ramsey, Ashlynn Ramsey, Caleb Combs and Abigail Ramsey. Level 1 winner was Jessica Ramsey for "The Runaway Chicken." Level 2 winner was Ashlynn Ramsey for "The Disguised Wolf." Level 3 winner was Caleb Combs for "The Bard and the Troll." Second place went to Alexa Ramsey for 'The Fox's Eye Ruby," and third Abigail Ramsey for "The Island of Doors."











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A large collection of vintage and rare Barbie dolls is on display at Marion Welcome Center next to city hall on Main Street. The collection belongs to Melissa Guill of Marion and will be showcased throughout the month. April is Backroads Tour month in Crittenden County, which attracts lots of tourists. In addition to dolls, there is a rolling video playing with old Barbie television commercials.

Backroads quilts needed for Homemakers show

TRAMBLE

Family & Consumer Science

Each year the Crittenden County Exten-Homemakers host a Backroad Quilt show the same weekend as the National quilt show in Paducah. Usually we have a featured quilter, who displays his/her quilts near the entrance of the show. But not this year. This year, our theme is "piecing together our past, present and future". We are looking for quilts from the pre-1900s to present for our quilt timeline which will be our featured quilt display. We know there a lot of beautiful quilts that have been passed

down from generation to generation. Please look through your cedar chest, trunks and in the at-

tics for these wonderful treasures and heirlooms. The quilts do not have to be a completed quilt. We will take unfinished quilts, quilts squares and blocks, We are etc. hoping to get quilts from

every decade. We are asking for the exhibitor to tell a little history about

know about the quilt the better. The timeline quilts will be for viewing only and

will not be judged. The backroads quilt show will be Saturday, April 30 at the Woman's club building, 126 East Carlisle Street. Quilts can be from entered 8:30 a.m. to **EXTENSION AGENT** 9:30 a.m. Quilts

will be open for

viewing from 10 a.m., to 3 p.m. Spectators vote for the show favorite. Quilts can be picked up from 3 -

We are also reorganizing our quilt club and invite anyone interested in quilting to attend the quilt club meeting on April 21 at 1 p.m., at the Extension annex. We will be making a nine-patch quilt block, or you can work on your own project.

For more information about the backroads quilt show or the quilt club or for the supply list for the nine-patch quilt block, call the Crittenden County Extension Office at 270-965-5236.

Marion native Cozart leads chapel at Campbellsville U.

Rev. David Cozart, director of the Fatherhood Initiative at the Lexington Leadership Foundation, president of Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families and member of the Campbellsville University Board of Trustees, was scheduled to speak Wednesday of this week at the university's chapel service.

Cozart, who is an associate minister at First Baptist Church Bracktown in Lexington, is a 1989 graduate of Crittenden County High School and 1993 Campbellsville graduate, earning a bachelor of science degree in psychology with a sociology minor. He earned his master's degree in theology in 2013 from Campbellsville Univer-

He played both baseball and football at Campbellsville and was a three-sport star at Crittenden County where he is a member of the school's athletics hall of fame.

According to the Lexington Leadership Foundation's website, the goal of its Fatherhood Initiative is to "educate fathers and communities on responsible fatherhood practices, healthy relationships, and economic stability among

The goal of the Commonwealth Center for Fathers and Families is "to establish and improve the father and child relationship so fathers can be the launching point for their children's success in life," according to its website.

In addition, Cozart has also worked with the Fayette County Public Schools Equity Council, Mayor's Commission of Racial Equality and several other community-based projects and board assignments. Over time he has coordinated multiple events, activities and



Rev. David Cozart

programs aimed at the restoration of the institution of fatherhood and raising awareness of the challenges related to father absence. Cozart had also worked as

the administrator of development at the Urban League of Lexington/Fayette County. He is one of the founding members of the Urban League Young Professionals, which was formed in 2002. He is a nationally certified Community Organizer in the Neighborhood Revitalization Training Institute.

Cozart is married to Nekesha Cozart. He is the father of three children: Zachary, Destiny and Dalen Cozart. He is the son of the late Charles and Eva Hill of Marion.

Chapel is designed to provide opportunities for corporate worship and exposure through a variety of informative speakers and presenta-

All chapels are open to the public free of charge and are televised live on WLCU (Comcast Cable channel 10 and digital channel 15) and are streamed live on the internet at wlcutv.com.

For information chapel, call the Office of Campus Ministries at (270) 789-

Continued from page 1 that happens. The closed between Frances Road and View Road in the southwest quadrant of the county. Just down the road less than two miles south is another of the bridges with a lower weight limit. Winters said a couple of school aged children live between the bridges so a school bus is having to make a big loop around to Frances and KY 855 to come in behind the bad bridges.

"It's adding more than 20 miles a day to the trip," he said.

families Two school children are affected on Chapel Hill Road. Winters said a bus could come in from the Crayne area, but there is nowhere to turn a 40foot rig around. So those families are having to transport their kids to school. A bus weighs almost 17 tons when loaded.

"Right now we cannot even find a contractor to give us an estimate," Judge Newcom said.

Construction companies are booked solid, the judge explains, and these projects require specialequipment skills.

bridge that's The

closed will cost about \$1 million or more. The other two together could fetch about the same

"As soon as we get an estimate, we can begin the process to get approved for assistance, advertise for bids then decide how to proceed. It takes a while," Newcom

Winters said a bridge nspector has told him that several others in the county are facing possible weight reduction, too. Problems keep piling up, and so far there's no prediction of how long it will take to affect changes.

Last week, the Kentucky General Assembly put several million dollars in its budget for Crit-County tenden transpiration projects, a good portion for bridges on state highways here. Allocated was \$3.43 million in 2022, \$5.57 million in 2023 and 906,000 in 2024

Following are projects that will be funded if approved by the governor:

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

•A bridge project on KY 120 crossing a slough of Tradewater River.

Budgeted is \$1.1 million in 2023 for design and construction. This is middle of three bridges at the Crittenden and Webster County Line.

•A bridge project on KY 135 across Hurricane Creek. Budgeted is al-\$1.2 million through 2023 for design and construction to replace the one-lane bridge less than a mile west of KY 91 North

•A bridge project on Ky 387 (Dam 50 Road) across Crooked Creek. Budgeted is \$2.46 million for design and construction through next

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

•To address deficiencies at a recently built bridge on Cotton Patch Road the state has budged \$850,000. This project will include an improvement to the approach road on the eastern side of the bridge at KY 654 North.

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

Mail-in absentee ballots available

The portal for requesting mail-in absentee ballots is now open. Visit GoVoteKy.com to request your ballot, though you must attest to being unable to vote any of the days of in-person voting due to age, disability, illness, absence from the county, etc.

Once you receive and complete your ballot, it can be deposited into the

secure drop box located inside the county clerk's courthouse office or mailed to the office. The voter will be responsible for postage, which will be \$1.16 (two First Class Forever stamps).

Please be sure to follow instructions very carefully to ensure your vote is counted, and allow plenty of time so any necessary cures to remedy



issues can be completed by the deadline. Ballots must be received by 6 p.m. May 17.

THE CAMPAIGN TO ELECT JUDGE EXECUTIVE

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All candidates for office at any level have been invited to attend. The purpose of these meetings is to give citizens an opportunity to meet the candidates, listen to their plans to serve us in the respective office if elected, and ask questions. Therefore, everyone is encouraged to attend any or all these meetings designed to ensure we all cast an informed vote.

Additional Events:

Thursday, April 28 - C.C. Lions Club All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and will end at 8 p.m.

This event is a public forum intended to allow all candidates an opportunity to address the voters of Crittenden County and is not an endorsement of any one candidate. Participation in these events is the choice of each candidate. These events are hosted by "The Campaign to Elect Perry Newcom, Crittenden County Judge Executive.

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A camper trailer burned last week in Crayne, injuring a young boy, who was taken to Vanderbilt via helicopter.

12-YEAR-OLD BURNED IN CRAYNE CAMPER FIRE

A 12-year-old Crittenden County boy was badly burned last week during a fire that destroyed a camper trailer he was living in.

First responders were called to the blaze about 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 29 in Crayne.

The boy suffered burns on his arms, face and chest. He was flown to Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville and reportedly is recovering.

Deputy Ray Agent said the boy reported that the fire started when a lighter he was using to burn a thread off of his jeans burst into flames.

The boy was the only person in the camper that he shared with his mother, Tamera Gibson, on private prop-

FISCAL COURT OKAYS FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

Crittenden County Fiscal Court approved assistance to the county's volunteer fire department to finance the purchase of a 2,000-gallon 2006 tanker truck.

Fire Chief Scott Hurley said the vehicle is re-

50 YEARS AGO

■ Barnett Stoval, adminis-

trative assistant and santi-

ment, retired after 22 years

■ The Crittenden County

Chapter of FFA held its an-

nual banquet at the Marion

Junior High School. Gary

Sophomore Record Book

Robertson received the

award, Michael Walker

won the Junior Record

Book award and Richard

Newcom won the Senior

Michael Walker received the Swine award. Joe

award. Howard Wheeler

won a scholarship award

and the Livestock award.

Star Farmer went to Larry

Workman, Gary Robert-

son, Joe Walker and

Record Book award.

Walker won the Beef

tarian at the Crittenden

County Health Depart-

April 6, 1972

on the job.

placing an older model that has been unsafe to drive and out of service for about three years.

The tanker will cost \$35,000 and was purchased from a fire department in South Carolina.

A financing program through the Kentucky **Association of Counties** will back the purchase with the county agreeing to the plan and fronting the fire department \$11,000 until the financing is complete. The fire department is using \$17,000 from its savings, and projected income will help it pay off the truck later this year, Hurley said.

ONLINE VEHICLE RENEWAL PORTAL **WORKING WELL**

Through the first quarter of this year, the county clerk's office has collected almost \$10,000 in motor vehicle registration renewals online from 42 customers, almost twice what was collected in the first three months of 2021, which was the first quarter the service was offered to Crittenden Countians.

In all of 2021, only \$14,000 in registrations was made through the online portal from

■ Samantha Hayes of

■ Shanna Moore was

at the Miss Louisville

Scholarship Pageant.

April 5, 2012

crowned "Miss Louisville"

10 YEARS AGO

■ Crittenden Fiscal Court

license and one-percent

to raise revenue for the

Marion's Food Giant pre-

sented awards of Easter

cookies and goodie bags

to the Crittenden County

Elementary students who

did the best job for Easter

by Food Giant and WMJL

coloring contest sponsored

county's general fund. ■ Jennifer Schenk from

introduced an occupational

occupational and net prof-

its tax as a possible means

the second term.

Marion was named to the

Dean's List at West Ken-

tucky Technical School for

THROW THURSDAY

OUR MEMORIES GO BACK TO 1879



79 customers.

"We are happy to see the uptick in use of the service," said Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor. "The whole idea of implementing online renewals was to offer convenience to customers, and it is apparent more people are learning of and taking advantage of the secure online portal.

"The amount collected only illustrates the impact of the service. The true measure is how many people it is serving."

GET GED IN APRIL TO BE IN \$500 DRAWING

Crittenden County Adult Education is a part of a GED Full-Court Press through the month of April.

Individuals who complete the GED process during this month will have their name placed in a drawing for \$500 cash. The GED testing process consists of four tests - math, reading and language, science and social studies.

Cindy Jenkins is the Marion coordinator at the adult education center inside the former National Guard Armory.

Many students have one or more tests already completed. Full-Court Press is an initiative meant to help provide some extra motivation to complete GED testing requirements.

Also, recently, a Crittenden County student started and completed GED instruction and testing in just a few days. Though this is not common, it does happen. Bill Allen, who works in promotion for WKEC said, "Wherever a person is in the process, we will do everything we can to tailor a program to help them succeed."

Completion of the GED results in an average annual income increase of between \$9,000-\$10,000.

GED enrollment. instruction and use of the center is free. Kentucky is still offering free testing through June of this year. The center also offers distance learning options for home, online study and internet instruction.

For more information, visit mywestkyged.com, crittendenged.com or call 270-965-9435.

The center is open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m., to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m., to 1 p.m.

BILL WILL REDUCE BENEFITS FOR SOME

A bill tightening rules for public assistance won final passage last week in the Kentucky legislature, but opponents who were unable to stop the measure expressed relief with changes they said eased some of their concerns about the restrictions, reports the Associated Press.

The bill adding new rules and restrictions to Kentucky's public benefits system cleared the Senate and House.

Supporters of the public-benefits bill said the goal is to steer more people into selfsufficiency while preserving assistance for Kentuckians in need of help. Opponents warned that the changes would hurt low-income Kentuckians, said the AP.

By passing the bill before the "veto period" begins, supporters retained their override power if Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear vetoes the measure. The Republican-led legislature will return to the statehouse in mid-April to finish its work for the 60-day session.

Supporters of the public-benefits bill offered assurances it wouldn't hurt people in need of help.

"The only way you can lose benefits is if you're doing something illegal or (you're) able-bodied with no dependents at home," said Republican Sen. Ralph Alvarado.

Sen. Morgan McGarvey pointed to statistics showing extremely low rates of fraud detected in the Supplemental **Nutrition Assistance** Program, or SNAP, formerly known as food stamps. And Kentucky has a high rate of investigating and charging people for abusing the program, he said.

A state agency recently told lawmakers that the bill's reporting and verification rules would dramatically drive up its administrative expenses.

"We are going to spend more money than we are going to save by taking food off of people's plates," said McGarvey, the Senate's top-ranking Democrat.

Meade said later in the House that the changes to the bill had scaled back the requirements for additional verification checks by the agency.

CATTLE PRICES

LIVINGSTON COUNTY MARKET

From last week's sale at Livingston Co. Livestock Market - Ledbetter, Ky. Kentucky Dept of Ag Mrkt News. Head 692: Feeder 512. Slaughter 102. Replacement 78. Last reported sale the prior week there were 527 head, including Feeder Cattle 380, Slaughter 58, Replacement Cattle 89. This time last year there were 438 cattle at the market. This sale compared to the previous week: Feeder cattle traded sharply higher with very strong demand for light weight calves. Slaughter cows and bulls traded 2.00-4.00 higher with quality not as attractive as last week. Supply included: 74% Feeder Cattle (38% Steers, 43% Heifers, 18% Bulls); 15% Slaughter Cattle (84% Cows, 16% Bulls); 11% Replacement Cattle (41% Bred Cows, 25% Bred Heifers, 31% Cow-Calf Pairs, 3% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 11%. Groups: Steers: 21 head 498 lbs 184.00 blk.

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price

2 232 232 185.00 185.00 4 260-297 280 193.00-202.50 195.71 7 345 345 212.00 212.00 13 350-392 384 185.00-205.00 195.70 19 405-431 427 180.00-205.00 199.07 25 455-498 495 171.00-184.00 182.11 8 517-542 530 170.00-181.00 176.01

7 500 500 187.00 187.00 Value Added 23 553-588 560 163.00-180.00 174.43 3 602-620 608 154.00-156.00 155.32 4 738 738 142.00 142.00

3 790 790 136.00 136.00 1 670 670 136.00 136.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

1 225 225 155.00 155.00 5 255-290 263 162.00-171.00 166.14 8 302-345 326 167.00-179.00 173.76 8 330-348 344 191.00-199.00 192.92 Fancy 20 350-395 378 170.00-179.00 176.41 38 400-447 437 166.00-177.00 172.35 13 418 418 189.00 189.00 Fancy 18 465-497 481 165.00-173.00 169.63 7 520-545 535 152.00-164.00 155.10 5 515 515 168.00 168.00 Fancy 6 550-595 583 144.00-155.00 150.61 9 551 551 160.00 160.00 Fancy 1 610 610 143.00 143.00 2 650 650 138.00 138.00 9 728-740 729 123.00-130.00 129.21

4 836 836 122.00 122.00 **HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)** 1 250 250 150.00 150.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 6 300-337 326 180.00-205.00 198.02 6 351-375 361 180.00-197.00 186.72 6 410-430 422 181.00-191.00 186.67 19 455-492 487 171.00-180.00 176.77

1 470 470 132.00 132.00

1 735 735 114.00 114.00

3 502-525 510 169.00-180.00 172.78 2 615 615 156.00 156.00 5 670-683 680 136.00-148.00 138.36 2 730 730 120.00 120.00 4 820-835 824 110.00-112.00 111.49 2 1035 1035 110.00 110.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 5 432-436 434 171.00-176.00 172.99

1 490 490 160.00 160.00 1 525 525 167.00 167.00 2 552 552 140.00 140.00

BULLS - Small 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 2 480 480 125.00 125.00 **SLAUGHTER CATTLE**

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing 8 1300-1800 1529 72.00-86.00 79.27 Average

1 1700 1700 91.00 91.00 High 1 1610 1610 69.00 69.00 Low

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 3 1015-1295 1172 80.00-86.00 82.79 Average 1 1250 1250 93.00 93.00 High

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) 26 885-1425 1096 66.00-80.00 72.68 Average 1 1070 1070 90.00 90.00 High

25 815-1325 1015 57.00-67.00 63.09 Low **BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)** Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price Dressing 4 1335-1725 1583 105.00-114.00 108.77 Average

9 940-1800 1232 95.00-104.00 98.55 Low REPLACEMENT CATTLE

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt) Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price 2-4 T1 1 1055 1055 900.00 900.00 2-4 T2 1 1120 1120 990.00 990.00

2-4 T3 1 920 920 860.00 860.00 5-8 T1 1 1010 1010 970.00 970.00

5-8 T2 7 965-1370 1151 870.00-1150.00 1030.89 5-8 T3 1 1130 1130 1225.00 1225.00

>8 T2 1 1300 1300 915.00 915.00 BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)

Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price <2 T1 1 945 945 940.00 940.00 <2 T2 1 990 990 1050.00 1050.00

<2 T3 4 860-1111 978 900.00-1075.00 981.82 2-4 T1 1 1100 1100 1060.00 1060.00

2-4 T2 1 860 860 975.00 975.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/<150 lbs calf (Per Family / Actual Wt) 2-4 O 4 800-1050 933 800.00-1075.00 939.28 5-8 O 2 1050-1260 1155 1160.00-1400.00 1269.09 >8 O 1 1050 1050 1075.00 1075.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf 2-4 O 1 1250 1250 1375.00 1375.00

5-8 O 1 1100 1100 1035.00 1035.00 >8 O 1 1035 1035 910.00 910.00 BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Head / Actual Wt)

Age Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range Avg Price <2 1 1265 1265 1320.00 1320.00

Crittenden County District 6 Magistrate May 17, 2022 Primary Election Paid for by Van Hunt, candidate

25 YEARS AGO

April 10, 1997 ■ The Crittenden County Board of Education planned a meeting to decide whether or not the closing of the Tolu and Frances schools would be necessary.

Howard Wheeler. Farm 102.7 radio station. Win-Mechanics award was also ning the treats were Mrs. presented to Joe Walker. Fitch's/Taylor's second-The Home Improvement grader Samantha Tinsley; award went to Larry Mrs. James' first-grader Hearell. The corn and hay Hanna Collins; and Mrs. award went to Richard Bruns' kindergartener Newcom. Brandon Lynch.

> ■ After serving 47-plus years, Joe Ann Asbridge, vice president of The People's Bank, retired. ■ Marion resident Cather-

ine H. Hughes was named to the Dean's List at Berea College.

■ Cory Dodds, a junior from Smithland, was elected Student Government Association president at WKU.

ELECTION NOTICE PRIMARY EXCUSED ABSENTEE BALLOT Crittenden County Clerk's Office Crittenden County Courthouse 107 S. Main St., Ste. 203, Marion, Kentucky

Crittenden County Board of Elections will offer one drop box for deposit of excused mail-in absentee ballots for the May Primary for voters choosing to not mail their ballot back to Crittenden County Clerk's Office. It is located inside the front entrance to Crittenden County Courthouse and will be available during regular business hours, weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. As required by statute, the drop box will be under camera surveillance 24/7. The metallic drop box is dearly marked as such and is the same issued to the county during the 2020 election cycle.

This notice is given pursuant to Kentucky statutes



Classy & Grassy Productions presents:

Joshua McMillen & The Honky Tonk Wranglers

April 9th at Fohs Hall

7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. - Dance Floor Open



Religion The Crittenden Press



The language of deflection

world would look like, or feel like, if we all said what we were thinking. It would be even more interesting or dangerous if we acted on even half of those thoughts. Any reaction to this at all demonstrates how far away we

are from goodness and purity. Maybe your reaction was self-convicting, or maybe it was judging how might others behave.

Societies have ways of down slowing thoughts and reactions SO that the world doesn't fly apart completely due to a lack of self-control. This is the role that manners, formalities and

language plays. It is also why attitudes of forgiveness, gratitude and patience are so important for cultures to function well.

Sean

NIESTRATH

Columnist

Faith-based columnist

When things are ordered well enough in a society, we can use language to deflect the full force of an event or a harsh comment. We use language to help each other when we struggle, and to pull each other together. However, when we can't agree on manners and formalities, things begin to break down in other ways. We lose the ability to talk and be heard by each other. When the context is not

the tools have self-centered (or worse) motives, the language of deflection becomes a weapon as well as a tool of manipulation and deceit.

One of my favorite manipulations begins with, "I'm sure you will agree

with me that..." Here's a warning...if ever I am in a meeting and such is directed at me, I will respond "You with, don't speak for me, I do". This manipulation is a trick used position people in the room on one side of an issue or another, or to gain assent and then go in to close a sale.

I was

on

a road trip during the recent Supreme Court hearings. What I heard was the language of deflection being used by everyone in the room. I understand those hearings are to confirm the experience and suitability of the nominee. What I heard was senators testing whether the nominee made judgements that agreed with their politics – both sides have been guilty of this for years now. What we have witnessed during the last few confirmations has been a shift from confirming professional qualification to a moral quagmire driven by identity politics.

times deflect is to answer for someone else. This is usually a result of anxiety. I see it all the time with parents of younger children. Answers are fed to the kids before they have a chance to answer. It happens with married couples, especially if there is tension about the subject and one fears the other may say the truth. It happens with children of older parents who are fearful of seeing a decline. This deflection is to prevent the one interrupting from dealing with awkward feelings or situations. Sometimes answering for another is the best and kindest thing to do, but not always. Wisdom is required.

Then there are faux apologies. You know, "I'm sorry if I offended you", implying I didn't do anything wrong, but you misunderstood or can't handle life. True apologies are a form of repentance. They are not written statements (which is different than a written apology). They are not produced by publicists. They are genuine expressions of grief at having hurt another person, followed by a change of behavior toward them. Our culture is so rife with faux apologies that we cannot tell the difference anymore - they have become sufficient to save a reputation but do nothing to heal the relational damage.

There are all kinds of language tricks we use to dimmish our responsibility when things go wrong,

language which "criminal talk." pened to be in his hand.

happens to truth-tellers".

Dr. Sean Niestrath is a

or when asked a question we do not want to answer. We see it easily when we hear a party-political answer that begins, "Well, the Democrats...", or "The Republicans..." It is another form of speaking for someone else when one should be speaking for themselves. We make excuses, blame or simply There is also passive

lie (or tell a half-truth). I call There is a chapter in the book "Life at the Bottom" by Theodore Dalrymple that is titled, "The Knife Went In." It is a quote from an inmate describing how he stabbed someone. It was as though the knife did the crime because it hap-

I wonder what a world would look like if, within the rules and manners of a civilized society, we could learn to say what we mean and own it. Of course, that requires enough maturity on the part of all of us to hear what others mean without crucifying them, which is what sometimes

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WELCOME

Walking Track

87 Freedom Church Rd., Marion

(about 1 mi. from Marion off Ky. 91)

Community Events & News

■ West Kentucky Regional Blood Center will host a community blood drive at Crittenden Community Hospital April 11. The bloodmobile will be in the front parking lot from noon-6 p.m.

■ Virgil Jones VFW will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 14 at the VFW building, 412 N. College St.

■ There will be an Extension District Board meeting at noon, Wednesday, April 27 at the Extension Annex.

■ Virgil Jones VFW will host a Craft Bazaar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 30 at 412 N. College St. The public is invited.

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

■ Fredonia Unity Baptist Church's clothes closet is open from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturday of every month.

First Baptist Church of Fredonia food pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in

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

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

■ 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.

Does your group have something planned? Let us know. We post notes here at no charge. Email to thepress@the-press.com call (270) 965-3191.





Crittenden County Board of Elections shall offer no-excuse, in-person Early Voting for the May Primary in the law library on the main floor of Crittenden County Courthouse between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday, May 12-14. Signs will mark the location.

This notice is given pursuant to Kentucky statutes

Truly, Jesus is King of a vast kingdom

Question: I've heard church people say, "Jesus is the King of kings!" How can that be? He lived and died in poverty. He never wore a royal robe or ruled over people. Wasn't he arrested and crucified on a cross by Roman soldiers?

Answer: Granted our first thoughts of a king is of a wealthy man in a palace ruling over many people. His soldiers and servants do whatever he commands. A ruler's kingdom is physical while Jesus' kingdom is a spiritual one. That kingdom's members willingly become a part of it by choosing to live for Jesus freely.





established a new kingdom. His style of leadership was that of a loving, caring shepherd. His kingdom is one of peace. During his life on earth 2,000 years ago, he willingly gave his life as a sacrifice on a cross to pay the sin-debt of His follow-

Jesus pointed forward to the day when He would return to earth after His death and resurrection. On a day

that is clearly marked on God, the Father's calendar, Jesus will establish His eternal kingdom. Then, He will reign over His kingdom. "On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16).

When we surrender our lives to Jesus, we receive the incredible privilege of joining Him in His kingdom for all eternity. To enter His spiritual kingdom, admit to God you are a sinner and ask Him to forgive you. Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and

Send your questions to: bob@bobhardison.com



9am to 3pm Monday thru Friday

Gymna/ivm

PLEASANT GROVE GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH Revival

April 11-15 7 nightly

Bro. Steve Stone, **Evangelist** The Stone Family will be singing nightly.

Bro. Trae Gandee and congregation invite everyone to attend.

The church is located on Ky. 723, 4 miles north of Salem

EMMAUS BAPTIST CHURCH



Pastor: Tim Burdon

Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.

Sunday Worship Services: 10 a.m., 7 p.m.

Sunday Discipleship Training: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Worship Service: 7 p.m.

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Mexico Baptist Church



175 Mexico Rd (270) 965-4059

College & Depot streets, Marion • (270) 965-5232

CHURCH TIMES: Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 6 p.m.

Freedom General Baptist Church Pastor Ross Atmet

Alarion Baptist Church 🙅 Pastor: Bro. Aaron Brown . Children's & Youth Pastor: Bro. Shawn Holeman SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., ONLINE 11 a.m., SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:05 a.m. WEDNESDAY: BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER 6 p.m., AWANA FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS 6 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE: 6:45 p.m., PRAISE TEAM: 7:30 p.m.

Cumberland Presbyterian 585 Sugar Grove Church Rd., Marion, Ky. (270) 704-2455 Pastor Jesse Thornton (618) 200-0884 Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Sun. Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. DEELU

SEVEN SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 219 Seven Springs Rd., Marion, Ky. 42064

Sun. School for all ages: 10 a.m. Sun. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.

Bro. Austin Weist, pastor We are an Independent Baptist Church seeking to know@birist and to make Him known to the community around us. Crayne Community

Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Marion United Methodist Church

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors. The People of the United Methodist Church WED.: Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Sun. School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 p.m.

CUMBERLAND

PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

South College St.

Ky. 506 | Marlon, K

Frances Community Church Bro. Butch Gray Wed. night prayer meeting Crayne Cemetery Road, Crayne, Ky & youth service: Bro. James Driver, Interim Pastor

DEER CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH Whalever Il Takes Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. & 6 p. Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. Approx. 5 miles from the it versection of Hwy. 60 & Hwy. 29? Phone: (270) 965-2220





The People of The United Methodist Church Sunday School 10 a.m. • Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Youth 6:30 p.m.

Barnett Chapel General Baptist

Sunday School: 10 a.m. Barnett Chapel Rd., Marion, Ky. Sunday Worship: II a.m. Bro. Ken Suits, pastor

Barnett Chapel...where everyone is welcome.



Marion Church of God 334 Fords Ferry Road, Marion, Ky.

FIRST CUMBERLAND

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

224 W. Bellville St., Marion, Ky.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

Sun. School 10 a.m. • Morning Service 11 a.m. Sun. Evening 6 p.m. • Wed. Evening 6 p.m.

Where salvation makes you a member."



Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.



Sunday school: ..

Worship service:...

Hurrican Hurricane Church Rd. off Ky. 135 West 🖥 Pastor: Bro. Danny Hinchee Sun. School, 10 am. · Worship, 11 a.m.

Unity General Baptist Church 4691 Mott City Rd. • Marion, Ky.

6:30 p.m.

. 10 a.m.

11 a.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.



546 West Elm Street • (270) 965-9450 The end of your search for a friendly church -



Weston busy river-port town in the 1880s

County's early history was focused on the little communities that were located along the Ohio and Cumberland rivers, as this was where the travel, trading and commerce ports were located. Sometimes it's hard for us to realize just how busy these docks really were and how important they were to our county.

Weston was one of these early busy, bustling towns on the Ohio. From the archives of the old Crittenden Presses and gleaned from the Weston community items, we can get a

glimpse just how busy this nearly-forgotten river town used to be. Timber, produce and livestock shipped were from this port and in return many items for the stores in Marion were received here at the Weston river landing. Hotels, saloons, a tobacco factory and several places of business graced Weston's main street.

Brenda

Underdown

County Historian

Forgotten

Passages

The beautiful Ohio river was heavily traveled night and day by the many flatboats, steamers, paddlewheelers and even a river taxi or two that shuttled people to the nearby towns in Union County, southern Illinois as well as Tolu, Clementsburg and Fords Ferry. As you read the news items listed below you will see that the locals were well traveled and made trips up and down the river.

Weston Items March 1880

Sam Haynes went to Fords Ferry last week and said that the Rose Rain was a nice running skiff.

The Pittsburgh from St. Louis laid up at our port nearly all Saturday and put off Cave-in-Rock freight here because of the wind. Captain Walt Cook arrived here Friday night on the boat Oil City bringing a barge loaded with to-

Expectations made for the recovery of the bodies of Marsh Dyer and Bill Ames are not vet abandoned but are still well searched for. The Casyeville boys attempted to blow the river up with powder Wednesday but without success.

The Belle secured 3,000 feet of lumber from Clements & Ellis Wednesday evening.

The Virgie Lee from Memphis secured 18 hhds tobacco from Lamb and



Even though the town of Weston was flooded in this 1913 photo, you can still get a good picture of the layout of the town. Numbered in the picture are: 1.Tobacco factory, 2. The Lodge Hall, 3. Presbyterian Church, 4. Brewer's Store, 5. Town Barber Shop, 6. The Sturgeon home and 7. The Lamb house.

Cook, 20 hhds from Harry Haynes and a miscel-

laneous lot of lumber yester-

George Rankin from Orleans New returned home last week. S. Murphy is building another new house in town.

May 12, 1880

The steamer Gaff secured at Clementsburg 375 barrels of potatoes and at this port 8,000 feet of lumber.

The town trustees met and organized with James H. Lamb as chairman and Robert I. Nunn as clerk. The board will meet the first Monday evening of each month.

Bill Lambeth has purchased lots and proposes to build a dwelling house upon them. Robert E. Fowler has charge of the Hughes saloon, and George Roberts has taken charge of the Wallingford saloon. Otho Nunn and son talk of building a new business house.

The Memphis and Ohio River Packet company will carry passengers from now until after the Democratic convention to Cincinnati and return for \$10.

Wood and Wood have control of the Clement tobacco factory for the season. Dr. Straker is their bookkeeper. R. C. Hill shipped 8,000 barrels of potatoes to St. Louis. C. T. Davis is our excellent barber. John Heath, I hear, is going to build a clothing store.

John Nunn and Co., have built plank walks by the side of their property. If every man in town could do this we would have a Saloon to Joseph nice town.

May 1881 - Lamb & Cook shipped for G. R. Jenkins & Co. last week, 4,000 feet of walnut lum-

ber to Evansville. The Shady Grove boys are frequently seen haul-

tobacco from that

place to Weston for shipment.

Joseph W. Hughes is the fish catching champion; he caught 190 fish in three days last week.

The following citizens from Weston were present at the wedding of Mr. John J. Nunn and Miss Leora Black: Robert J. Nunn, Dr. W. H. Nunn, S. C. Haynes, J. S. Heath and Miss Hattie Nunn. Long days of happiness and prosperity may the parties live to enjoy.

Mar 2, 1881

The John V. Throop secured several sacks of freight from Lamb & Co., yesterday, after which she dropped down to Lou Cooks corn pen for a number of sacks of corn.

The good Steamer Idlewide has been sold by the Evansville Packet Co., to John D. Adams and others for \$20,000 cash. She will run no more on our river.

The John K. Speed landed last night to put off some Thoroughbred stock for A. D. McFee. Messrs Sliger, Underdown and L. E. Cook shipped stock to Cincinnati last week on the Buckeye State. The Gertie Pool was loading its barge with ties at this place on Saturday.

A party composed of Misses Nellie and Mary Wilson, Mattie and Fannie Blue, Cora Pierce and Mr. John W. Blue and Mr. George Crider will start to New Orleans in a few days. They will take a steamer and will be gone three

Our young physician W. H. Nunn returned from Nashville yesterday where he had been studying. He will be one of our leading physicians soon.

Rose Wallingford has sold the American House Brantley have sold the saw mill to G. R. Johnson. The mill will remain where it is. Hughes will apply for licenses to run the hotel and saloon. Robert K. Fowler will have charge of the saloon.

Our grist mill was put in flouring progress on Friday and Saturday, and proved a success of making fine species of flour and meal. It can't be beat.

Weston is on the improve, five new houses are being built and one is being contracted for.

Dec. 1893

Messrs Hill & Heath handle general merchandise, they carry a good stock and have hosts of friends.

George L. Rankin, in addition to being a popular postmaster, has a large stock of general merchandise. His business card reads this way, George L. Rankin, dealer in dry goods, notions, boots, shoes, hats, caps, groceries, hardware, stoves, tinware, glassware, queensware, plows, cultivators, wagons, buggies and is a forwarding, receiving and commission merchant for Adams Express Company, a steam boat agent.

Hence it will be seen that G. Luther is not without business. He is the oldest merchant here, and his honesty industry politeness and good qualities generally make him a mighty good man to have in town. Dr. Walter Asher has a pretty drugstore and does business according to the rules and regulation of all well regulated pill makers. He is always pleasant and polite and is punctual and popular. The town is full of Evansville drummers this week.

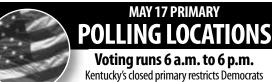
Dr. W. F. Truitt is our flourishing young doctor; he has a large practice and is rightfully accounted a safe and successful physi-

J. L. Hughes has for years run the hotel here and he knows how to please the public. You may find bigger hotels than his house, but you find none better.

Weston was indeed a busy and important landing port on the Ohio. Today Weston is a tiny peaceful community with but a few families living there. The people that once rememdays are all gone now, just a part of our forgotten passages of time.

Brenda Underdown is chair of Crittenden County Historical Society and County Genealogical Society. Much more local history can be found at OurForgotten Passages.blogspot.

ELECTION NOTICE



and Republicans to vote for their own party only **Crittenden County polling locations** have changed for many voters

Countywide Voting Center (new) ★

Any Crittenden Countian eligible to vote in the Primary may cast their ballot at the voting center at Marion Baptist Church Family Life Center at 131 E. Depot St., Marion

Precinct C101 Marion #1 (new) ★

Crittenden County Courthouse 107 S. Main St., Marion

2022 LOCATION (VOTING CENTER) **Marion Baptist Church** 131 E. Depot St., Marion

Precinct A101 Marion #2 (new) ★

2022 LOCATION (VOTING CENTER) PREVIOUSLY Emmanuel Baptist Church

107 Hillcrest Dr., Marion

Marion Baptist Church

Precinct F101 Marion #3 (unchanged)

2022 LOCATION (VOTING CENTER) **PREVIOUSLY** Marion Baptist Church **Marion Baptist Church**

131 E. Depot St., Marion 131 E. Depot St., Marion Precinct D101 Marion #4 (new) ★

PREVIOUSLY Marion Ed-Tech Center 200 Industrial Dr., Marion 2022 LOCATION (VOTING CENTER) **Marion Baptist Church** 131 E. Depot St., Marion

Precinct C102 Fords Ferry #5 (new) ★

2022 LOCATION (VOTING CENTER) Crittenden County Public Library **Marion Baptist Church** 131 E. Depot St., Marion

Precinct E102 Marion #6 (new) ★ **PREVIOUSLY** 2022 LOCATION (VOTING CENTER)

St. William Catholic Church 860 S. Main St., Marion

Marion Baptist Church 131 E. Depot St., Marion

Precinct E101 Frances #7 (unchanged) PREVIOUSLY Mexico Baptist Church

2022 LOCATION (CONSOLIDATED) **Mexico Baptist Church** 175 Mexico Road, Marion

175 Mexico Road, Marion Precinct D102 Frances #8 (new) ★

PREVIOUSLY Grace Baptist Church

2022 LOCATION (CONSOLIDATED) **Mexico Baptist Church** 175 Mexico Road, Marion

4324 SR 70, Marion **Precinct B101 Sheridan #9** (unchanged)

PREVIOUSLY Deer Creek Baptist Church

2022 LOCATION (CONSOLIDATED) **Deer Creek Baptist Chuch**

167 Deer Creek Church Road, Marion 167 Deer Creek Church Road, Marion

Precinct B102 Tolu #10 (new) ★ 2022 LOCATION (CONSOLIDATED)

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Precinct A102 Rosebud #11 (unchanged)

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Daughter's walk with Jesus, tragic death inspires mother to tell story in book form

BY ALEXA TABOR

SPECIAL TO THE PRESS Local author Christy Shackleford is no different than every mother, she believes her children

are special.

Her daughter, Jonna, was academically intelligent, athletic, musically inclined, artistic and ensured that she touched the lives of everyone she encountered.

However, Jonna passed away tragically in a car accident in 2001, altering her mother's life forever. In her honor, Christian author Shackleford has just released a debut work titled "Earthbound Angel."

The book details her daughter's spiritual walk with Jesus from an early and mysterious events surrounding her life, leading all who knew her to feel she was an angel in their midst.

Earthbound Angel is a through testimony Shackleford's eyes and understanding, newly released by the renowned spiritually-based publisher WIPF and Stock.

"Jonna lived for Jesus, but even at that, she experienced the trials of being a teenager," Shackleford said. "To those who read Earthbound Angel, it is my belief that the emotions she felt and the daily trials she faced will inspire them as they face the same events of life with God by their

Shackleford, a mother of two, has worked as a public school teacher at Crab Orchard School in Marion, Ill., taught music appreciation summer classes at the Southeastern Illinois College, and then moved onto Equal-Christian Center School. Shackleford also



Christy Shackleford of Marion has written a faithbased book about her daughter's life.

graduated from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor of music degree and a concentration in classical piano. She now resides in Crittenden County with her husband Jon and worked at the Crittenden County Animal Clinic for five vears.

Writing has come naturally since childhood, utilizing her talents at an early age to overcome her trouble with speech. Shackleford has no other books planned, but is open to the idea of reaching Christian mothers across the country through her works and insights - all with her daughter in mind.

In Earthbound Angel, Shackleford takes the reader on her own personal journey of overcoming grief and enlightening revelations, as well as the many lives her touched by following the path of Jesus Christ and the miraculous events that unfolded.

While on earth, Jonna made it her life's mission to bring all that cross her path to Jesus and show them His light, even aspiring to work and rescue abused children. Shackexamines the meaning behind her daughter's "light" that so many others visually saw, too.

"I believe that for mothers who have had to say goodbye to a child or anyone who had ever traveled down that road, this book will show that all things are possible to those who love the Lord, and that through Him we are much stronger than dreamed," Shackleford said.

Through her mysterious gifts and many academic accomplishments, Jonna helped heal peers spiritually, predicted events, deflected bullying with kindness and illustrated a profoundly deep relationship with God. From a loving Christian perspective, mother's Shackleford discusses Jonna's birth and rebirth in this beautiful recounting of forging sorrow into strength, darkness into light, and traversing from the valley into heaven where Jonna now resides. It is a very raw, heartbreaking and uplifting story of Jonna's legacy as she still continues to influence people in a positive manner on earth.

The book is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and various other retailers online and in stores. Shackleford has many upcoming events; book signings, monies, etc. Further details can be found on her Facebook page at Christy Shackleford - Author. She is available for booking at seminars, events, conventions and may be doing a small book tour in the summer of 2022.

Get to know the people in our community...

SPECIALIST

Amanda

A native of Denton. Texas, Davenport says she fell in love with Kentucky as a student at Murray State University. Her love of horses made the commonwealth particularly appealing. She has a master's degree from Texas Woman's University. Davenport has a background in local government. In 2014, she began working in economic development in Texas and in May 2018 she returned to the commonwealth to lead the Lake Barkley Partnership, an economic development consortium that includes Crittenden, Livingston, Lyon and Caldwell counties. She has taken a leadership role in the Kentucky Association of Economic Development, serving as its secretary. Davenport lives on what she describes as "a very small farm with my husband, Joe Duncan, and daughter, Cora. We have one fat horse, two dogs, two cats and too many

What does an economic development director do and why is that work

houseplants."

sometimes so secretive? A: Economic Development works with local government, utilities, elected officials and businesses to increase jobs and investment in the community. We serve as the catch all for helping businesses navigate development standards, incentive options and workforce programs. Our primary focus is supporting our existing industries, assisting busi-



nesses opening in the region, attracting industry that fits our region, and working with government to make sure it all runs smoothly. We typically keep projects quiet because talking about them prematurely can end the project before it begins. Our industry is very competitive and most companies don't want it known they are looking for a new location so we respect the company's wishes by not talking specifics about proj-

What are some ways economic development has changed, and stayed the same, over the past 20 years?

A: Economic development used to be focused on attracting very large projects to very large sites. Now, we are much more involved in the ecosystem of business development including policy advocacy, utility expansion, site preparation, job fulfilment, real estate marketing, public relations, and quality of life programs. We can be much more precise in our business development efforts through using research and data to find multiple smaller projects that add up to more investment and more job creation than just one large project. We are also much more focused on growing and supporting existing industry instead of just attracting new projects.

What attractive assets does this area have for industry and/or business?

A: Our region has lots of land, excess utilities, a lower cost of living, plus access to transportation infrastructure with interstates, river, and railroads makes our region a great fit for business expansion. We have good education systems in place at the local level and regionally through the Kentucky Community and Technical College System for workforce training and skill development.

What are the challenges you face in recruiting and retaining jobs in this market?

A: Finding people to fill job openings is the biggest challenge we face in economic development right now. There are several reasons we are having issues with filling jobs, those include an increase in retirement, lack of child care, lack of transportation, and stimulus payments due to COVID.

What are some recent projects or ones you're working on right now that can be revealed publicly?

A: In early March I was incited to present to the governor and Cabinet for Economic Development to discuss industrial sites in the region and the type of improvements they need. I am also very involved with KAED and passing House Bill 745 that will continue a grant program for industrial site development. We are in the middle of a video project to showcase the great things about our region. The videos can be seen at facebook.com/thinkruralky.

Just the Numbers

CRITTENDEN COUNTY CASES APRIL 2020 THROUGH MARCH 2022											
COVID		GENDER		AGE RANGE OF CASES IN COUNTY							
Month	Cases	Female	e Male	0-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
APRIL 21	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
MAY 21	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
JUNE 21	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
JULY 21	18	10	8	3	1	2	1	4	6	1	0
AUGUST 21	38	20	18	5	0	7	10	6	5	4	1
SEPTEMBER 21	63	35	28	10	8	7	13	10	5	7	3
OCTOBER 21	52	22	30	7	10	7	7	9	7	4	1
NOVEMBER 2 1	98	59	39	12	14	7	18	24	14	6	2
DECEMBER 21	141	75	66	21	9	10	14	28	17	26	16
JANUARY 21	134	71	63	15	15	22	15	17	11	21	17
FEBRUARY 21	46	23	26	7	2	14	10	8	5	1	1
MARCH 21	51	25	26	12	6	8	11	8	2	0	0
APRIL 21	45	28	17	12	2	6	7	9	3	4	2
MAY 21	9	3	6	2	1	1	4	1	0	0	0
JUNE 21	22	13	9	3	0	3	3	7	3	1	2
JULY 21	74	42	32	12	14	11	14	11	5	1	2
AUGUST 21	235	127	108	80	36	34	29	15	24	11	5
SEPTEMBER 21	230	117	113	73	29	36	24	27	20	12	8
OCTOBER 21	109	62	47	52	15	10	13	7	8	4	0
NOVEMBER 21	63	38	24	16	7	13	9	8	5	4	1
DECEMBER 21	141	78	63	31	19	19	16	16	20	12	8
JANUARY 22	292	151	140	128	24	38	30	37	16	13	5
FEBRUARY 22	153	87	66	37	13	19	24	21	16	13	9
MARCH 22	410	224	186	63	61	61	60	65	57	27	16
TOTAL	2449	1237	1116	601	286	336	333	340	251	175	99

Press will stop chronicling monthly COVID numbers

Age, gender and/or date of diagnosis unknown for some cases, which explains why rows do not reconcile

Source Kentucky Department of Public I Health Pennyrile District Health Department

STAFF REPORT

For two years, The Crittenden Press has chronicled the pandemic

through numbers. March will be the final month that the newspaper will track and publish the number of COVID-19 cases reported here. Data gath-

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ering has become more difficult after 24 months of charting the county's virus figures. The chart above shows 410 cases in March, but by all accounts that is not accurate. Many of the cases were late reports from cases in January and February.

There have been 47 COVID-related deaths here since April 1, 2020 and more than 2,500 cases of the virus.

Crittenden County Superintendent **Screening Committee**

3rd Meeting April 14, 2022 @ 4:00 p.m. Rocket Arena Conference Room

- Call to Order
- II. Review of Superintendent Applications Motion for executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810, Section F.
- III. Motion to return to Open Session
- IV. Next meeting April 18, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Rocket Arena Conference Room
- V. Adjournment



Rocket Way Employees

Crittenden County Schools' food service department was recognized by the board of education March 22 as the district's Rocket Way employees of the month. Pictured (front from left) are Food Services director Bailey Guess, Shelly Roberts, Jane Rich, Marie Young, Amanda Jackson, Sandra Herrin, (back) Michelle Roberts, Sheila Miniard, Tammy Lemon, Cindy Keister, Claudia Gabriel, Mandy McConnell, Tina Damron, Caryl Robinson, and certified staff Rocket Way employee of the month De-Lois Paddock.

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SPRING SPORTS

Upcoming Games THURSDAY

Rocket baseball at Bowling Green Tournament vs Owen Co., 4:30pm Rocket baseball at Bowling Green Tournament vs South Warren, 7pm

FRIDAY

Rocket baseball at Bowling Green Tourn. vs Southwestern, 3:30pm CCHS softball at Murray Tournament vs Murray High, 4pm

CCHS softball at Murray Tournament vs Edmonson County, 6pm

SATURDAY

CCHS softball at Murray Tournament vs Russellville 2 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Kansas rallies for title

After trailing by 15 points at halftime, No. 1 seed Kansas came back in the second half to beat No. 8 seed North Carolina 72-69 Monday for the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament championship. To open the Final Four on Saturday, North Carolina ousted Duke 81-77, ending the Blue Devils' legendary coach Mike Krzyzewski's career that began in 1980. Kansas beat Villanova 81-65 in the other semifinal game.

South Carolina champ

South Carolina beat UConn 64-49 Sunday for the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament national championship. Destanni Henderson scored a career-high 26 points and Aliyah Boston added 11 points and 16 rebounds as the Gamecocks handed the Huskies their first loss in 12 NCAA title games. A year ago, South Carolina lost in the Final Four.

Youth league officiating

Crittenden County Dugout Club is looking for individuals interested in umpiring baseball and softball games this summer at Marion-Crittenden County Park. These are paid positions. Fore more information, contact Lafe Riggs at (270) 564-5000.

OUTDOORS Hunting Seasons

Here are some of the key hunting

opportunities currently in season or coming up:

Spring Youth Wild Turkey April 2-3 Spring Wild Turkey April 16 - May 8 LBL Turkey Hunt April 16 - May 8 Coyote Year Round Groundhog Year Round **Turtles** Year Round

FOOTBALL MSU to join MoValley

Murray State University is expected to formally announce on Friday its intention to leave the Ohio Valley Conference in football and join the Missouri Valley Conference. The Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) Presidents Council voted late last week to extend an offer of membership to Murray State Friday, establishing the Racers Football program as the 12th member the conference. which compete in the Division I Football Championship Series (FCS), formerly Division 1-AA. Other teams in the conference are North Dakota State, Missouri State, South Dakota State, Southern Illinois, South Dakota, Northern Iowa, Indiana State, North Dakota, Illinois State, Youngstown State and Western Illinois. The Racers are also moving the majority of their non-football programs, including basketball, from the OVC to the Missouri Valley Conference. Though they share a name and similar logo, the Missouri Valley Conference and Missouri Valley Football Conference are separate organiza-

RUNNING

Sugar Grove 2.5K

Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church is kicking off spring with a short fun run and walk April 9 at the church on Sugar Grove Church Road east of Marion. The run and walk will be 2.5K, which is about 1.5 miles. Registration is a 9:30 a.m., and the race is at 10. Proceeds will benefit the church's cemetery association. Cost is \$10. For information, call Tiffany Roberts at 270-704-1360.

Rockets take 2-game win streak into break at Bowling Green

THE CRITTENDEN PRESS

The Rocket baseball boys got back to .500 with two wins late last week, one on the road at University Heights and another at home against Fort Campbell.

Crittenden County will play Owen County and South Warren Thursday at the Bowling Green Invitational and then face Southwestern out of Somerset on

Last Friday, the Rockets (4-4) beat the Army base's Falcons (1-7) 11-1 at Gordon B. Guess Stadium in Marion.

Eight of the nine Rocket starters had hits in the contest.

CCHS led 6-0 going into the fifth inning when Evan Belt and Seth Guess got on base. Casey Cates knocked in both runs to cap off a four-RBI game for the catcher, who had been struggling a bit at the plate early in the season. He went 2for-3 at the plate.

Senior Tanner Beverly capped off the inning with a game-sealing hit to bring in Case Gobin and walking it off by virtue of the 10-run mercy rule. Beverly had three hits in the contest, as did Maddox Carlson. Ben Evans, Logan Bailey and Chase Conyer also had two hits



Rockets Casey Cates, Coach Devin Belt, Chase Conyer and Maddox Carlson celebrate after winning a game last week.

apiece.

In his first start of the season, Tanner Beverly pitched three innings. Junior Case Gobin pitched two innings. They gave up one hit and four walks between them.

Rockets 10-run UHA

On Thursday, the Rockets went to University Heights in Hopkinsville and

snapped a two-game losing streak with a 15-2 win over the Blazers, who came into the contest at 4-3.

Senior Logan Bailey was the star of this show, leading off for the Rockets at the top of the batting order and going 4for-5 at the plate. Bailey has been hitting at an ultra-hot .600 clip over the first eight games this season.

Senior Maddox Carlson has been just

as impressive. He's hitting .500 and went 1-for-2 with two intentional walks at UHA. Tanner Beverly kept up his strong start to the season going 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

Jeremiah Foster got his opportunity at the second spot in the lineup and showed out with a 2-for-5 performance and two RBIs. Evan Belt saw his first start at second base and went 2-for-4 with 3 RBIs

CCHS scored eight runs in the fifth inning to seal the win.

Foster was steady on the mound for the Rockets. He got the complete-game win. The sophomore has started six games this season and has a 3-1 record. He struck out three, walked one and allowed five hits.





At left, Crittenden County Lady Rockets softball coach Stephen Smith talks to his baserunner, who just happens to be his daughter, sophomore Riley Smith, during a recent game. Above, six Lady Rockets get an out in a rundown play.

Lady Rockets beat McLean, but PT & HCHS too much

BY ALEX KIRBY

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Crittenden County went into spring break riding a high from a 10-run blowout win over McLean. The girls have taken the first part of Break Week off, but will be back in action Friday and Saturday at a tournament in Murray. There, the Lady Rockets play a threegame set starting with a third contest this season against the host Lady Tigers at 4 p.m., Friday. Crittenden has won both previous games with MHS. CCHS will play Edmonson County at 6 p.m., Friday and Russellville at 2 p.m., Satur-

After starting out last week with two losses, the Lady Rockets (5-6) cruised past winless McLean County (0-8) in five

innings 11-1. The Lady Rockets scored in every inning, starting off on an error by McLean. In the second, Brylee Conyer hit a line drive single to score Callie Brown and Anna Boone.

The Lady Rockets squared up at the plate during this game, getting 11 hits. Boone, Andrea Federico, Hannah Jent and Elliot Evans all had two hits apiece. Aubre Conyer doubled and Evans tripled in the game. Hadlee Rich knocked in two

Boone pitched a four-hit complete game with 10 strikeouts.

Girls swamped by Henderson

The Lady Rockets had their work cut out for them as they faced Henderson County (6-0) last Friday. CCHS lost 16-0 in five innings against the Lady Colonels, ranked No. 2 in Kentucky by

CCHS pitcher Elliot Evans was able to keep Henderson off balance for a time, but HCHS scored four in the fourth and nine in the fifth, including three home

runs. Evans allowed four earned runs. At the plate, CCHS had just one hit, and that came off of the bat of seventhgrader Hannah Jent. The Rocket girls struck out 11 times.

Lady Rockets lose at Tilghman

Lady Rockets traveled to Paducah Tilghman (5-4) last Thursday and fell short 5-3. This game was a battle from start to finish. Tilghman was strong in the second inning, scoring off some lackluster defense from the Lady Rockets and some opportunistic hitting.

Hadlee Rich led the Lady Rockets in hitting going 2-for-3. Anna Boone was responsible for two of the runs in the third, hitting a double to score Rich and Andrea Federico.

Boone pitched with her battery partner Riley Smith. Boone gave up three earned runs and struck out five in the game.

Off the Box

Almost 100 professional and amateur disc golfers participated in last weekend's third annual Marion Open PDGA B-Tier Tournament at Marion-Crittenden County Park. The weather was a bit cool early, but the day warmed up as players were making their final round. Pictured here is one of the few local competitors, Kevin Maxfield, teeing off one of the creekside holes. The event drew players from several



Track and Field Results | Crittenden & Livingston Central at Marion Tri Meet

Crittenden County girls' and boys' track teams placed first in a quad meet in Marion March 31. Participating schools and their points in the girls competition are as follows: Crittenden 91; Union 55; Livingston 13; Lyon 12. Boys results were Crittenden 100.5; Union 67.5; Livingston 19; and Lyon 9.

Here are results for Crittenden and Livingston county athletes: Girls 100 meters 1. Elizabeth Campbell

CCHS 13.82, 3. Payton Maness CCHS 14.66, 7. Bella Freeman LCHS 16.23 and 10. Susana Suggs CCHS 17:38. Girls 200 meters

1:27.

2. Ella Geary CCHS 3:05, 5. Aubrey Grau CCHS 3:21, Presley Potter CCHS 3:29. Girls 1600 m meters

4. Laycee Lynn CCHS Girls 800 meters

2. Mary Martinez CCHS Girls 300 hurdles

1. Elizabeth Campbell CCHS 1:01.37, 2. Susana Suggs CCHS 1:16.90

Girls 4x100 relay

1. Crittenden (K. Potter, Lynn, Maness, Campbell) 58.74.

Girls 4x200 relay 1. Crittenden (Geary, P.

Potter, Grau, Martinez). Girls 800 meter relay 1. Crittenden (Geary, P. Potter, Grau, Martinez)

Girls high jump 1. Payton Maness CCHS, 4-10

Girls shot put

1. Karsyn Potter CCHS 24-11, 2. Angelene Michonski LCHS 20-11, 3. Leuana West CCHS 20-07.25, 5. Emily Mattingly CCHS 19-03.25, 9. Madison Anderson

LCHS 15-02. Girls discus 1. Leuana West CCHS

66-0, 2. Angelene Michonski LCHS 65-05, 3. Madison Anderson LCHS 45-05, 4. Emily Mattingly CCHS 41-07. Boys 100 meters

2. Tristan Davidson CCHS

11.69, 6. Talon Sanchez

LCHS 12.21, 9. Kekoa Kuamoo CCHS 13.15, 10. Isaac James CCHS 13.42, 12. Devon Carr CCHS 13.71, 16. Jaycee Baker CCHS 14.892, 17. David Abshire CCHS 18.42, 18. River Rogers CCHS 18.80.

Boys 200 meters 1. Tristan Davidson CCHS 23.30, 4. River Rogers CCHS 26.99, 11. **Devon Carr CCHS** 30.02, 12. Demetrius Taraskiewicz LCHS

30.08, 13. Eli Eichelberger LCHS 32.11. Boys 400 meters 2. Kaleb Nesbitt CCHS 57.52, 3. Jordan Hardesty

CCHS 1:03, 5. Carter Belcher LCHS 1:14, 6. Jaycee Baker CCHS 1:16, 7. David Abshire CCHS 1:26, 8. River Rogers CCHS 1:34. Boys 800 meters

5. Jaxon Cartwright CCHS 2:46, 6. Jordan Hardesty CCHS 2:53, 7. Ethan Long CCHS 2:53.50, 8. Jonathan Stewart LCHS 2:54, 10.

Carter Belcher LCHS

3:04, 11. Colt Belt CCHS

3:06, 12. Dane West CCHS 3:07, 13. Coby West CCHS 3:12. Boys 1600 meters

4. Jordan Hardesty CCHS 6:00, 5. Ethan Long CCHS 6:04, 7. Jonathan Stewart LCHS 6:12, 8. Colt Belt CCHS 7:01, 9. Dane West CCHS 7:02, 10. Coby West CCHS 7:11. Boys 3200 meters

2. Nate Faith CCHS 14:25 Boys 110 hurdles

2. Ryder Watson LCHS 21:10. Boys 300 hurdles

1. Rower Perkins CCHS 52.30, 2. Ethan Long CCHS 1:03.77. Boys 4x100 relay

1. Crittenden (Perkins, Kuamoo, Nesbitt, Davidson) 49.83. 2. Livingston (Sanchez, Watson, Taraskiewicz, Eichelberger) 58.21. 3. Crittenden (James, Hazel, Abshire, Baker) 1:05. Boys 4x200 relay

1. Crittenden (James, Faith, Cartwright, Rivers) 1:51.24, 2. Livingston (Belcher, Sanchez,

Schrump Taraskiewicz)

Boys 4x400 relay 1. Crittenden (Kuamoo, Cartwright, Hardesty, Faith) 4:56, 2. Crittenden (Long, Hazel, Baker, Ab-

shire) 5:29. Boys 4x800 relay 1. Crittenden (Belt, Cartwright, Long, C. West) 11:51.11. Boys high jump

1. Tristan Davidson CCHS 5-08, 3. Nate Faith CCHS 5-04. **Boys shot put**

1. Isaac Sarles CCHS 29-03.50, 2. Lane West CCHS 28-08.00, 3. Demetrius Taraskiewicz LCHS 25-01, 4. Phoenix Clayton CCHS 23-02.25, 5. Eli Eichelberger LCHS

15-02.50. **Boys discus** 1. Sammy Impastato

CCHS 87-10, 2. Lane West CCHS 79-01, 3. Isaac Sarles CCHS 57-03, 4. Demetrius Taraskiewicz LCHS 56-08, 5. Phoenix Clayton CCHS 53-07.50, 6. Jorden Schrump LCHS 51-02.50, 7. Eli Eichelberger LCHS 36-02.

SHERIFF

Continued from page 1 election in November.

Beginning with this issue, The Crittenden Press will be profiling this and other contested races that will appear on the primary ballot

the primary ballot. The sheriff's younger brother, Ray Agent, 54, has been a deputy for the entire term of the outgoing peace officer. He has lived in the county his entire life and worked in an area rock quarry, manufacturing facility and in local retail between his graduation from Crittenden County High School in 1985 and 1999 when he first became a deputy. Agent attended technical school in Paducah where he earned an EMT certification and also took classes at Madisonville Community College.

Agent says that if elected he will operate the department much the same as his brother has for more than two decades with an aim to act as a mediator when possible. Agent says there are times when issues can be resolved without someone being arrested or involving the court system.

"I think things can be worked out a whole lot of the time," he said.

When it comes to illegal drugs, Agent knows there is an issue in the county and pledges to work closely with outside agencies such as the Pennyrile Area Narcotics Task Force and state police to continue combating the issue.

"As far as running the office, it would be like Wayne has done it," Agent said. "There would be an open door policy. That's the way we do things now."

Foster, 41, is a Crittenden County graduate and has an engineering degree from Murray State University. He formerly served as the City of Marion's code enforcement officer and in 2007 became a city patrolman. In 2019, Foster joined the county sheriff's department as a deputy. He has worked mostly night shifts for the last 15 years, which he says has helped improve problemsolving techniques in a variety of situations.

As sheriff, Foster says he will have an opendoor policy "for anyone that needed the sheriff, wanted to just speak to or lodge a complaint with the sheriff or even just to stop in and see the sheriff to see how his day is."

Drugs and proactively engaging the public are among the talking points Foster is using on the campaign trail. He pledges to "work hard to both eliminate drugs from the street, but also educate the public as to the drug activity in their community."

Foster explains that he plans to seek input from the community on how better to deal the with illegal drug problems here. He also pledges to engage the public on a variety of other matters.

"I want to have more interaction with the public, to see what they want me to do... (and) to see what is occurring in their neighborhood."

Head, 33, is a deputy in Caldwell County and chief at the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department, which is the community in which he resides. He is Crittenden County High School graduate and has two degrees from Madisonville Community College, including one in criminal justice. Head has also worked for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Princeton Police Department. His law enforcement career began in 2016. As a police officer in Princeton, he was recognized three straight years with the Governor's Award for Impaired Driving Enforcement. He has led the volunteer fire department in his community for 11

years.

Head has been outspoken about Second
Amendment and other
Constitutional rights



Beyond a lawman

In Kentucky, a sheriff is not only the head law enforcement agent in the county, but also responsible for bailiff services in the courtroom, collecting taxes, inspecting vehicles, transporting defendants, serving criminal and civil processes and providing security for elections and other events. A term is 4 years.

while campaigning.

"The Office of the Sheriff is a constitutional position. A mandate or executive order is not constitutional and will not be enforced by me or my deputies. I will always stand up for the citizens and their rights. You have the right to worship when, where and how you choose. A business owner has the right to open and run their business how they want, without being harassed by government overreaching. I will never infringe upon legal gun owners' rights to keep and bear firearms. I have been a proud member and supporter of the NRA for many years," he said.

Head believes there is a drug problem in the county and has seen its effects.

"I will utilize every means at my disposal to include outside state and federal agencies to help combat these issues. You cannot arrest your way out of our current drug problems but you can combat the current issues," he said.

He touts a plan to foster community interaction in order to know more about what's going on in neighborhoods throughout the county."

"I have never been a member of the good ole boy club and will never operate my office in that manner. You cannot do this job based on someone's social, economic, political or racial status," "Family Head said. names or connections will never affect how I perform my job duties nor how my deputies do. No one is above the law and no one is below the law. I will be a working sheriff taking calls and responding with my deputies."

Hoover, 44, came to Crittenden County with his parents in 1979. His father, Stan Hoover, served for a time as the county's economic development director.

An honor graduate from Crittenden County High School in 1996, Hoover also has a bachelor's degree in business and criminal justice. His first law enforcement job was a four-year stint with the Cobb County Police Department in the Atlanta metropolitan area, where Hoover graduated first in his training academy. After living for a time in Georgia, Hoover and his wife came back to Crittenden County in 2004 to start a family, and he took a position as patrolman with the City of Marion. Hoover was hired as a county deputy in 2014 and has served under Sheriff Wayne Agent for the past eight years.

With other work experience in farming, manufacturing, logistics and construction, Hoover believe he has credentials to be sheriff.

"I have been fortunate in my life to have worked in many different jobs. Working on my farm helped me develop a strong work ethic. In college, I learned the value of a dollar working two jobs to make ends meet. In Georgia, I learned to interact with people from all walks of life. We dealt with people living in trailer parks and baseball players living in multi-million-dollar homes," he said. "Treating them equally and respectfully, regardless of their background, helped me hone my skills and learn that the people were what mattered, not their status.'

Martin, 43, like others, is a lifelong Crittenden

Countian. He is a CCHS graduate and earned a degree from Oakland City University in southern Indiana. He graduated from the Criminal Justice Training Academy in 2014.

Martin worked at Crittenden Farm Supply as a young man then joined the Kentucky Department of Highways where he rose to the rank of superintendent of the local maintenance crew. He has also been pastor of Cave Springs General Baptist Church since 2004.

Martin became a city patrolman in 2014 and worked his way up to police sergeant. His responsibilities with the city police department have included being the evidence technician. He has been president of the local Emergency Planning Committee, president of the Fraternal Order of Police and currently serves as the City of Marion Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator. He was formerly the city's code enforcement officer and planning coordinator.

Martin is a certified EMT and has served with Crittenden EMS, local

volunteer fire departments and the rescue squad.

Expanding the role of the school resource officer using tax revenue from the legal sale of alcohol is among his priorities for the community.

"Expanding this program is a big investment in our children. You can not go wrong investing in them," Martin said.

If elected he would like to add additional road deputies which he says would provide greater coverage and security and boost morale within the department. He thinks grants and other programs could help offset the cost to taxpayers.

Martin also wants to enhance relationships with outside agencies and improve communication and transparency at the department.

"I have built relationships with both state and federal agencies that I want to bring to the Crittenden County Sheriff's office. Those relationships can help us in many ways," he said, including drug interdiction, advanced investigative tools and manpower.

The primary election is on Tuesday, May 17.



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Dylan Craptree 10 mde



In times of distress, Dylan Crabtree wants to be the first man on

As a volunteer with four local first responder agencies, he has that chance, and can't imagine life without a police radio attached

Crabtree's 11-year involvement with Crittenden County emergency response agencies landed him The Crittenden Press's 10 Under 40 selection as community volunteer.

Crabtree is assistant chief of the Crittenden County Fire Department, a member of Crittenden County Rescue Squad, captain of Salem Fire Department and a member of Marion Fire Department. Only through the Marion department do members receive any sort of monetary

compensation, albeit \$39 per run regardless of time spent on scene. Obviously financial reward is not a motivating factor; instead, it's his desire to help others

ing house on the hottest of days.

that gets him up

Hours are unpredictable, pay virtually nonexistent and situations range from tragic to life-threatening. Still, this young husband and father of one, does it willingly for the sake of care and compassion for his

"To save a life or someone's property – or save as much as we can, like pictures, books, Bibles - is the goal. It is to provide some sort of service to the family,"

Crabtree's interest in fire fighting developed as a toddler. He grew up listening to his father Mike Crabtree's pager. When he was old enough, the younger Crabtree was eager to tag along to trainings and parades. If he was lucky, there might even be an invite to some of the action, sitting in a fire truck or standing by the pumper panel while others went about their fire fighting.

"I grew up around the fire department, always been around it. It's just part of me," he said. "I would get in trouble when I was little because I would get dad's pager when he wasn't home and I heard it talking. Any time the tones would drop for whichever department he was on, I wanted to go with him.

"I remember going to fire training and watching videos at the old fire station, riding in the trucks and throwing out candy at parades."

At age 16, Crabtree began responding to fires and accidents when he joined the Marion Fire Department as a junior fireman. At age 18, he became a certified firefighter and has since accumulated nearly 1,000 hours of fireman training. He also inspired his wife Taylor, a registered nurse, to join the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department. Yet, her involvement has been reduced

since the couple had their first child, Kayson, almost two years ago. Crabtree is a 2013 graduate of Crittenden County High School. He attended Vincennes University, studying in the John Deere heavy diesel program, which he completed in 2017. It was that same year he became assistant fire chief of the Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department. He is employed by Hutson, Inc., in

Morganfield as a field service technician. Though he grew up in town, Crabtree was involved in FFA in high school and was inspired by former educator Larry Duvall. He worked for local farmers and landowners, including Van Hunt and Robert Kirby, and began following his interests to a career in heavy equipment repair.

When he isn't repairing a sprayer in rural western Kentucky,

Crabtree, is on call for emergencies. His hand-held pager/radio is close by, and he stands willing to leave his family at a moment's notice.

He names 50-year Marion City Fire Chief Red Howton, Billy Arflack and the late Gary Armstrong as mentors who taught him to care about his community and how to be a fireman. A fireman's job can call round the clock, and it often does.

"I have personally witnessed him being paged to a fire or wreck in the middle of the night and then report to work the next morning," explains his mother. Cindy.

"You have to have it in your heart to show up on calls, because most times

someone is having the worst day of their life when we show up. You have to be passionate," Crabtree said. "I don't want to see anybody's house burn, but if it does catch

fire, I want to be there to help put it out. I don't know what it would do to me if I couldn't ever not do this any more. When somebody needs help, I want to be the one to show up and help them." The role of a volunteer firefighter requires 20 hours of annual

training. Instructional events are typically held at local fire departments or can be obtained during weekend events across the state. He and his wife recently fulfilled a large portion of their 20 hours during a two-day firefighter training in Elizabethtown. Crabtree said perhaps the biggest need of local departments is

volunteers. Each of the four departments he works for has between 20-35 members, and about a dozen are needed for a structure fire. Because of work schedules, it can be difficult to have enough volunteer manpower at a fire scene. "Dylan is constantly looking at ways to improve equipment and

tactics so that the agencies he serves can better respond to emergencies across Marion and Crittenden County," said Crittenden County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Scott Hurley. As assistant fire chief, Crabtree is responsible for fire scene op-

erations. As head of interior attack for the city fire department,

Crabtree is among the first into a burning building. He has greater aspirations. He'd like to be a fire chief at some point. Meantime, he will continue to serve and do his part to recruit new members, which means more volunteer hours attending public events, giving tours to the youngest members of the community and sometimes encouraging parents to consider serving on a vol-

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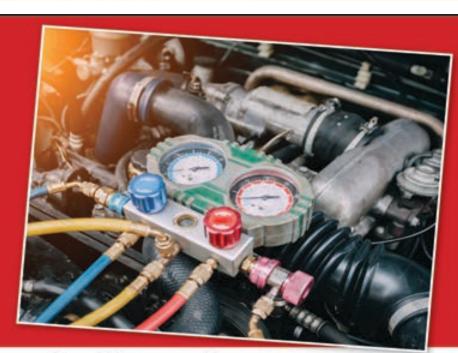






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